

Agenda Item 10.1

Consideration of the annual work plan and budget of the IMC: Work plan of the International Mangrove Center for 2026

The Council is invited to:

1. Consider and adopt the *Work plan of the International Mangrove Center for 2026*.

Note

1. Pursuant to paragraph 2.c of Article VI of the Establishment Agreement, the Council shall approve the annual work plan of the IMC.
2. The work plan has been prepared in alignment with the four objectives of the IMC and takes into account the needs of institutional development and operation during the early stage of the IMC's establishment. It consists of five sections and 17 specific activities, covering knowledge sharing and joint research; technology transfer, scientific and technical cooperation and training; mechanisms for education, information, communication and public awareness; capacity building and pilot projects; and institutional development of the IMC. The work plan also specifies the expected outcomes, indicators and means of verification for each activity, and its links to other global environmental conventions, frameworks and agreements. The work plan shall be implemented upon approval by the Council.

Work plan of the International Mangrove Center for 2026

Objective	Specific Activity	Expected Outcomes	Indicators/means of verification	Links to other global environmental conventions, frameworks and agreements
1. Promote knowledge sharing and strengthen joint research cooperation on mangrove conservation, restoration, and wise and sustainable use	1.1 Organize relevant activities with partners	1.1.1 Relevant activities will be organized with partners in the context of major global environmental agendas, including the Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on Wetlands, the 31st Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP31), the 28th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO28), the 17th Conference of the Parties to the CBD (COP17), the Sixth APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Forestry, the 7th International Mangrove, Macrobenthos, and Management Meeting (MMM7), and the 5th Wetland City Mayors' Roundtable, among others; 1.1.2 Side events, exhibitions and other activities related to mangrove and coastal wetlands conservation will be co-organized with partners to present the work and achievements of the IMC and promote knowledge sharing and exchange of experience on global mangrove and wetland conservation.	Number of side events/exhibitions; number of participants	KMGBF: Targets 14, 20, 21, 22 SDG: 13, 14, 15, 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.5) UNFCCC

	1.2 Promote the Global Wetland Outlook 2025 (GWO 2025)	1.2.1 Key messages from the <i>Global Wetland Outlook 2025</i> will be synthesized and promoted through relevant activities to support their wider application.	Number of reports	KMGBF: Targets 14, 20, 21 SDG: 4, 13, 14, 15, 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.2, 4.5) UNFCCC UNCCD CMS: Target 2.1
	1.3 Compile best practices in global mangrove conservation and restoration	1.3.1 Successful experiences and best practices in mangrove conservation and restoration worldwide will be collected, documented and analyzed. A systematic review and compilation will be conducted, replicable and scalable models will be identified, and a portfolio of best-practice case studies will be developed, including 10 cases on mangrove conservation and restoration and 6 CEPA cases; 1.3.2 The Research Report on Global Best Practices in Mangrove Conservation and Restoration and International Best Practices in CEPA for Global Mangrove and Wetland Education and the IMC's Implementation Pathways will be published and disseminated to provide references for the Member States and signatory States of the IMC.	Number of publications	KMGBF: Targets 14, 20, 21 SDG: 13, 14, 15, 17 Ramsar: Goal 2 (2.1, 2.2), Goal 4 (4.5) UNFCCC UNCCD

	1.4 Study blue carbon trading mechanisms for mangrove ecosystems	1.4.1 Analyze global blue carbon trading mechanisms for mangroves; 1.4.2 Produce recommendation reports, including the Research Report on Blue Carbon Trading Mechanisms for Mangrove Ecosystems and the Top-level Design Report on the Blue Carbon Trading Market for Mangrove Ecosystems, to provide references for States in developing blue carbon projects and trading mechanisms.	Number of reports	KMGBF: Targets 20, 21, 22 SDG: 4, 13, 14, 15, 17 Ramsar: Goal 2 (2.1, 2.2), Goal 4 (4.2) UNFCCC
	1.5 Organize the International Mangrove and Wetland Lecture Series	1.5.1 Organize the International Mangrove and Wetland Lecture Series on a regular basis, inviting renowned experts from China and other countries in the fields of mangrove and wetland conservation, restoration and international cooperation to deliver lectures, and make live-streaming links and recorded materials available on the IMC website.	Number of lectures; number of participants	KMGBF: Targets 20, 21, 22 SDG: 4, 13, 14, 15, 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.2)
2. Enhance technology transfer, scientific and technical cooperation, and training on mangrove conservation, restoration, and wise and sustainable use	2.1 Monitor and assess the status of mangrove conservation and management in States and globally using remote-sensing technologies	2.1.1 Prepare the Global Mangrove Status Report; 2.1.2 Launch a global AI-based monitoring platform for mangrove conservation.	Number of reports/ platforms	KMGBF: Targets 20, 21 SDG: 13, 14, 15, 17 Ramsar: Goal 2 (2.1, 2.2), Goal 4 (4.2) UNFCCC UNCCD CMS: Target 2.1
3. Develop education, information, communication,	3.1 Conduct outreach and awareness-	3.1.1 Organize outreach and awareness-raising activities around key occasions such as World	Number of activities; number of	KMGBF: Targets 21, 22

and public awareness mechanisms on mangroves and adjacent wetlands	raising activities	Wetlands Day and the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem, in collaboration with States and partners. Jointly design and disseminate communication materials through the official websites, email networks, social media platforms and other channels of the IMC, States and partners, with a view to promoting the importance of mangrove and wetland conservation and enhancing public awareness of the value of mangroves and wetlands.	participating countries; number of participants; number of press releases	SDG: 4, 13, 14, 15, 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.2) CMS: Target 6.1
	3.2 Operate the IMC's social media accounts	3.2.1 Publish information on the IMC's activities, achievements, international cooperation updates and mangrove-related content in a timely manner through the official website, social media platforms and other channels, and engage audiences through multiple channels to enhance public awareness.	Number of press releases	KMGBF: Targets 21, 22 SDG: 4, 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.2)
	3.3 Develop communication materials	3.3.1 Design, update and produce communication materials for international meetings, cooperation and exchange activities, and public outreach, including annual reports, brochures, posters and other outreach products, to present major achievements and support the external communication work of the IMC.	Number and types of communication materials	KMGBF: Targets 21, 22 SDG: 4, 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.2)
4. Build and/or enhance capacity, and conduct pilot projects on priorities for mangrove conservation,	4.1 Organize international workshops on mangrove	4.1.1 Organize the 2026 International Workshops on Mangrove Conservation and Restoration, inviting officials and researchers from States, as well as representatives of partner organizations, to	Number of international workshops; number of	KMGBF: Targets 2, 20, 21, 22 SDG: 4, 13, 14, 15, 17

restoration, and wise and sustainable use	conservation and restoration	participate in training and exchanges on the application of technologies and sharing of practices in mangrove conservation and restoration, with a view to enhancing the capacity of States in mangrove conservation, restoration and sustainable management.	participants; number of participating countries	Ramsar: Goal 2 (2.1, 2.2), Goal 4 (4.2, 4.5) UNFCCC
	4.2 Study funding measures for small-scale demonstration projects of the International Mangrove Center	4.2.1 Develop the Funding Measures for Small-scale Demonstration Projects of the International Mangrove Center to provide an institutional basis for supporting Member States in carrying out demonstration projects on mangrove conservation, restoration and sustainable use.	Number of documents	KMGBF: Targets 19, 20, 22 SDG: 13, 14, 15, 17 Ramsar: Goal 2 (2.3), Goal 4 (4.2, 4.7) UNFCCC UNCCD
5. Institutional Development	5.1 Prepare for and organize the first meeting of the Council of the IMC	5.1.1 Organize the first meeting of the Council of the IMC; 5.1.2 Support the implementation of decisions adopted at the first meeting of the Council.	Number of participants; number of participating States; number of draft documents	KMGBF: Targets 14, 20, 21, 22 SDG: 13, 14, 15, 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.5)
	5.2 Expand the partnership network	5.2.1 Actively engage various entities that are involved in, or have a significant impact on, the conservation, restoration, and wise and sustainable use of mangroves and adjacent wetlands, including intergovernmental organizations, Ramsar Regional Initiatives, non-governmental organizations, academic and research institutions, private-sector entities, as well as Indigenous Peoples and local communities, with a view to exploring cooperation	Number of dialogues; number of new observers; number of observer statuses obtained; number of cooperation agreements	KMGBF: Targets 14, 20, 21, 22 SDG: 13, 14, 15, 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.5) UNFCCC UNCCD

		opportunities, and sign cooperation agreements; 5.2.2 Submit applications for observer status to relevant international organizations and processes, including the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), and Ramsar Regional Initiatives, and participate in relevant meetings and activities.		CMS
	5.3 Establish the institutional structure of the IMC	5.3.1 Formally establish the IMC Secretariat; 5.3.2 Initiate the process for establishing the Scientific and Technical Subgroup (STG) and nominate its members; 5.3.3 Initiate preparations for the establishment of the Special Fund Management Committee.	Number of Secretariat staff; number of STG member nominations	KMGBF: Targets 14, 19, 20, 21 SDG: 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.5)
	5.4 Expand membership	5.4.1 Actively engage prospective Member States and invite interested countries to sign the <i>Establishment Agreement of the International Mangrove Center</i> . Support signatory States in advancing their domestic procedures for ratification, acceptance or approval, so as to enable them to become formal Member States of the IMC and participate fully in the decision-making of the Council.	Number of new signatory States	KMGBF: Targets 20, 22 SDG: 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.5)
	5.5 Maintain and upgrade the IMC	5.5.1 Continuously maintain and update the IMC official website; regularly publish news, achievements, work progress and multimedia	Number of new pages; number of	KMGBF: Targets 21, 22 SDG: 4, 17

	official website	resources; and further optimize the website structure and visual design to enhance user experience and develop the website into a platform for information dissemination, knowledge sharing, and international exchange.	press releases	Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.2)
	5.6 Develop policies and procedures for the establishment of other IMC offices	5.6.1 Study the office models of other environmental convention organizations, and draft the policy framework, eligibility criteria and procedures for the establishment of other IMC offices.	Number of documents	KMGBF: Targets 14, 20, 22 SDG: 17 Ramsar: Goal 4 (4.5)