

Meridian Oceans

Collaborative Solutions to Ocean and Coastal Problems

There has never been a greater need to work together to address ocean and coastal problems.

Oceans are undergoing a period of unprecedented change. Global stressors such as sea level rise, ocean acidification, and plastic pollution present formidable challenges for coastal communities and marine ecosystems. In addition, multiple uses like wild-capture fisheries, aquaculture, offshore energy, marine transportation, and coastal tourism are expanding to meet growing global demand. As the Number of ocean uses and pressures on marine ecosystems increase, so too does competition for limited resources. These dynamics have made sustainable, equitable management of ocean and coastal resources increasingly complex. Collaboration is often the best and only path forward.

Meridian Institute has a rich history of forging consensus solutions and a passion for bringing people together to solve complex problems facing our oceans, coasts, and the communities that depend on them. In both domestic and international settings, Meridian brings people together to develop culturally and economically viable solutions that safeguard ocean environments. In doing so, we leverage a breadth of experience across multiple scales, contexts, and issues to deliver results that work for diverse stakeholder groups that we know and understand.



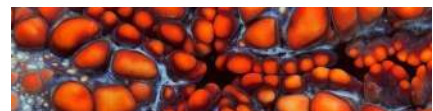
Promote Good Governance

We facilitate collaborative governance processes. Examples include regional planning bodies in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast U.S., which enhance coordination, engage stakeholders, and leverage data to improve decision making.



Support Ocean Forums

We help to design and support major international ocean forums, including the Economist World Ocean Summit and the Our Ocean Conference, to catalyze action and position participants for maximum impact.



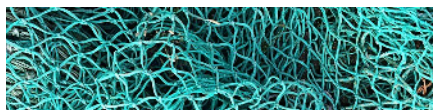
Provide Strategic Guidance

We organize and facilitate strategic planning efforts to help partners maximize their potential. Examples include coordination of funders and grantees working on sustainable fisheries and marine conservation in Indonesia and Mexico.



Build Coalitions

We convene and facilitate coalitions of diverse interests to align messaging around specific policy goals. Examples include the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative, a bipartisan group of ocean leaders, and the National Ocean Protection Coalition.



Catalyze Change

We work with diverse stakeholders to develop policy recommendations for key decision makers. A recent example is the digital 2017 report, the *Ocean Action Agenda*, which communicates coastal concerns to policy makers in D.C.



Ensure Progress

We defend ocean policies and funding for ocean and coastal programs and provide visibility to ocean issues by engaging decision makers as a respected, impartial voice.