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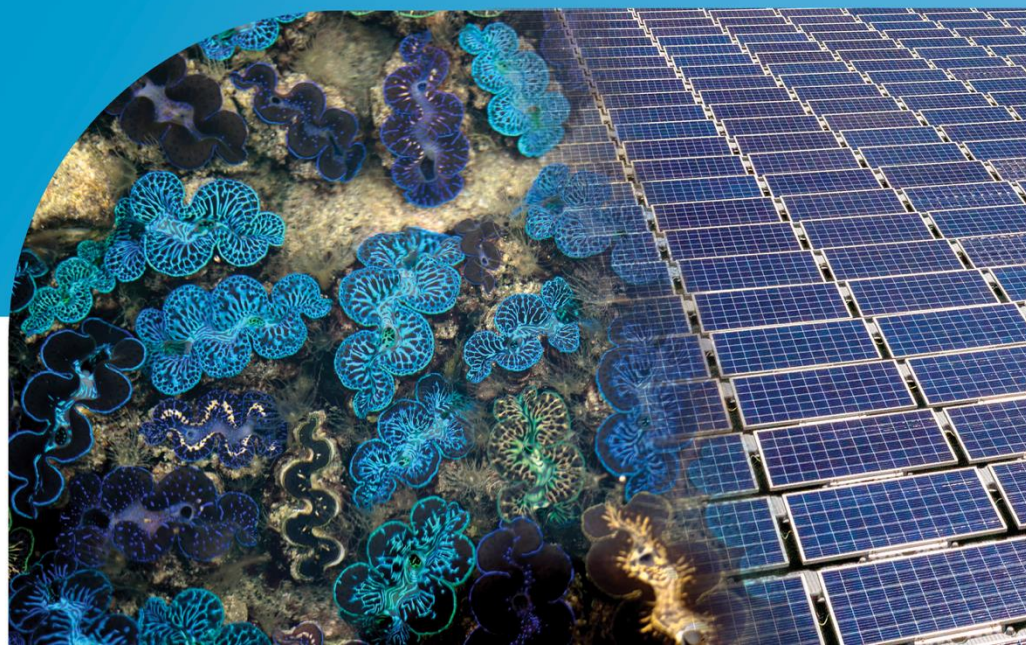
Harnessing Technology to Power the Sustainable Blue Economy

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- What types of Blue Economy projects?

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- **Focus Area A: Ecosystem and Natural Resource Management**

- Ecosystem management and restoration
- Sustainable fisheries
- Sustainable aquaculture

- **Focus Area B: Pollution control**

- Solid waste management
- Waste water management
- Resource efficiency and circular economy
- Non-point source pollution control

- **Focus Area C: Sustainable coastal and marine development**

- Coastal resilience for ecosystems and/or livelihoods
- Coastal and marine tourism
- Ports and shipping
- Marine renewable energy

- **Focus Area D: Ocean Finance**

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- What resources and instruments available?

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- **Technical Assistance**

- Policy advice and strategy formulation (e.g., RCI initiatives)
- Knowledge generation and dissemination (e.g., research and analytical work, training, and capacity building)
- Project development and implementation support

- **Lending and Grants (sovereign and non-sovereign)**

- Project lending
- Policy-based lending
- Result-based lending
- Multi-trench financing facility
- Sector development program
- Financial intermediation lending
- Disaster and emergency assistance

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What are the basic criteria?

- Driven by country demand
- Supporting national development plans
- Aligned with CPS priorities
- Aligned with regional/global strategies/agreements
- Generating regional economic benefits

How project emerge?

- **Ideas** initiated
 - ✓ policy dialogue (e.g., CPS discussions, sub-regional meetings)
 - ✓ up/mid-stream TA knowledge work
- Ideas → **Concepts**
 - ✓ developed jointly by country and ADB Team
 - ✓ TA support available (e.g., TASF Set-Aside for RCI)
- Concept → **Pipeline**
 - ✓ Consultation with RMs and ADB Team
 - ✓ Obtaining buy-in from MOF or Ministry of Economy/Planning
 - ✓ Inclusion in country programming and ADB's Strategic Business Outlook)
- **Processing**
 - ✓ Preparation support (TA, Asia Pacific Project Preparation Facility, Project Readiness Financing, etc.)
 - ✓ Various funding sources, including ADF Grant for RCI/RPG projects

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- Project examples

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- **Circular Pacific via Regional Recycling Network**

- Regional negotiations leading to a regional agreement
- Aligned with country/regional priority and Pacific Approach
- Included in PARD pipeline
- ADF Thematic Window and TASF RCI Set-Aside allocated

- **Gulf of Thailand Blue Economy Adaptation Investment Plan**

- GoT as a critical lifeline for SEA but under threat
- ADB TA supported regional dialogues, leading to a consensus for joint action
- Further ADB TA provided for preparing investment plan
- Pipeline for THA in 2027
- Pipeline for VIE and CAM being developed

- **Regional Flyway Initiative**

- RFI launched in 2021 supported by TA (RCIF)
- Pilot projects in CAM & PHI supported by GEF
- PRC South Dongting Lake Wetland Restoration (\$150 m) approved in 2024
- SOL Wetland Preservation and Sustainable Tourism project under processing
- TASF RCI Set-Aside allocated for further pipeline development

Your project proposals?

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