

A Blue Plan

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What is a Blue Plan?

The Blue Plan should be the marine equivalent of the Green Plan. It could be a separate plan or be embedded in the Green Plan. It should spell out the legal and regulatory requirements including enforcement for the protection, management and restoration of coastal and marine habitats in Singapore.

Important marine habitats should be identified and action programmes should be put in place to safeguard their existence. The programmes should include educational activities and public participation.

The Blue Plan should be in line with international conventions and laws that Singapore has signed and ratified.



Why do we need one?

Our coastal and marine habitats, such as natural rocky beaches, mangroves, intertidal sandy mudflats and coral reefs, are highly threatened. Current and future land reclamation together with the secondary impacts of sedimentation are major threats to our marine habitats. There is only 1% of original mangrove left in Singapore and at least 60% of the coral reef have been lost as a result land reclamation.

There is no marine park or reserve in Singapore. The current Singapore Green Plan is predominantly land-based and no action has been taken so far to conserve marine habitats.

There is no single coordinating government agency that looks after marine habitats. At present a 'divide and rule' approach prevails over the management of marine areas.



Singapore is an island and we still have our marine heritage!