



# Mangrove Breakthrough Impact Report 2025

# THE MANGROVE BREAKTHROUGH

The Mangrove Breakthrough is pioneering how we, as a global network, **protect nature to build resilient communities**. It is a global movement to **value, finance, and safeguard mangroves**. The ambition is to **mobilize USD 4 billion to protect and restore 15 million hectares of mangroves by 2030**, through radical collaboration, advancing science-based financial and regulatory decisions, and investing in local leadership.

**50% of mangrove forests are at risk of collapse**. This poses a direct threat to **2.1 million people** on the frontlines of the climate crisis.



Halt loss



Restore  
half



Double  
Protection



Sustainable,  
long-term  
financing

**48 national and subnational governments** have endorsed the Breakthrough covering over **60% of the world's mangroves** or 5.9 million hectares, alongside **48 financial institutions** and **over 100 CSOs**.



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# Establishing the Foundations for Implementation at Scale



# BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIES THROUGH 3 PILLARS

## TRANSFORMATIVE COLLABORATION



Uniting governments, local communities, NGOs, and private sector behind a shared vision.

## SCIENCE-BASED & DATA-DRIVEN TOOLS



The Global Intelligence Platform co-designed with **Restor**.

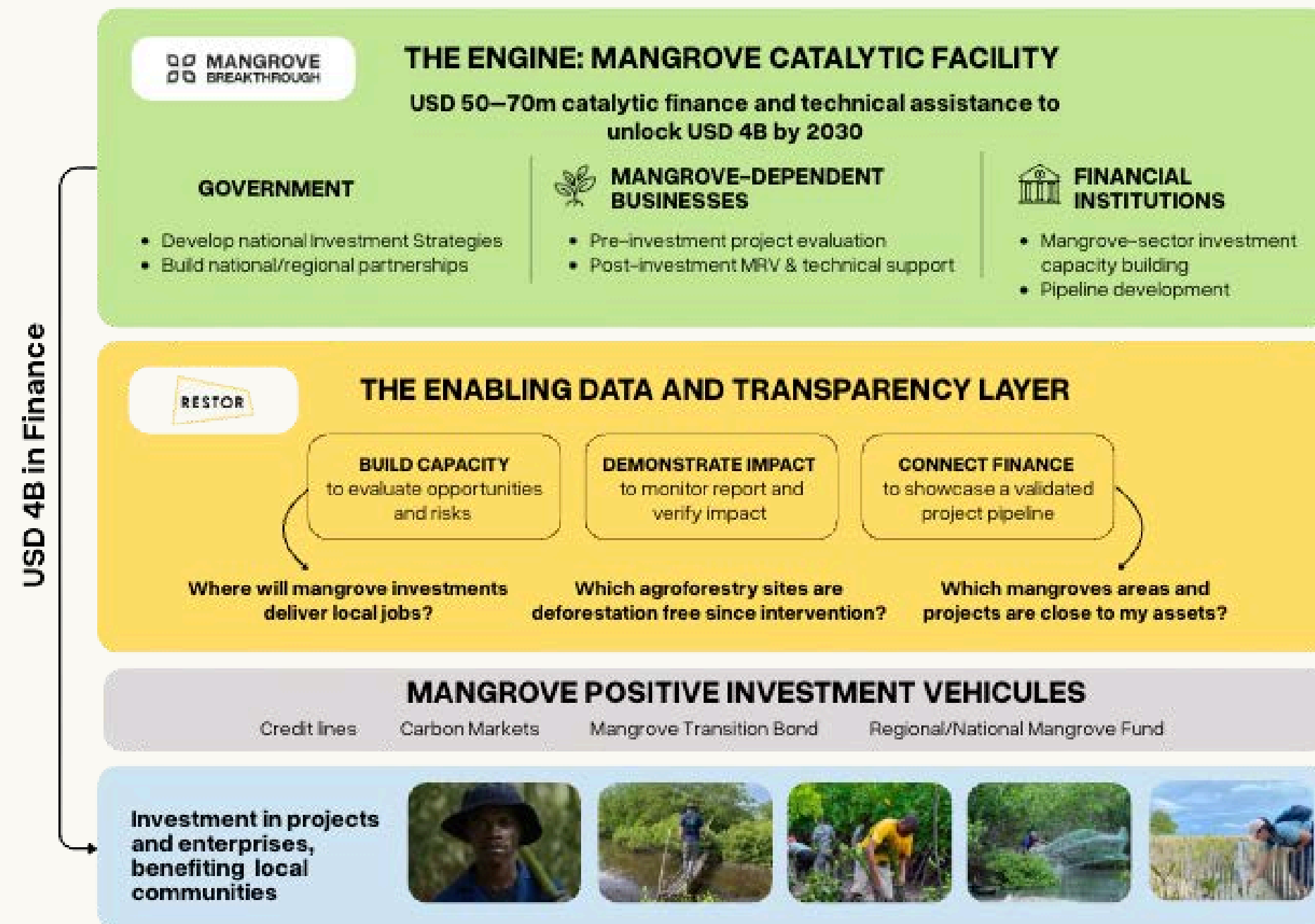
## SUSTAINABLE FINANCE & MARKET ENGAGEMENT



Mobilizing financial institutions and corporations to **integrate mangrove value into investment decisions** for mangrove-adjacent businesses (infrastructure, ports, coastal agriculture, aquaculture).

# THE ARCHITECTURE BEING SET UP FOR ACTION

Supporting governments, financial institutions, local communities and mangrove-dependent businesses.





# Finance





# MANGROVE FINANCE HANDBOOKS



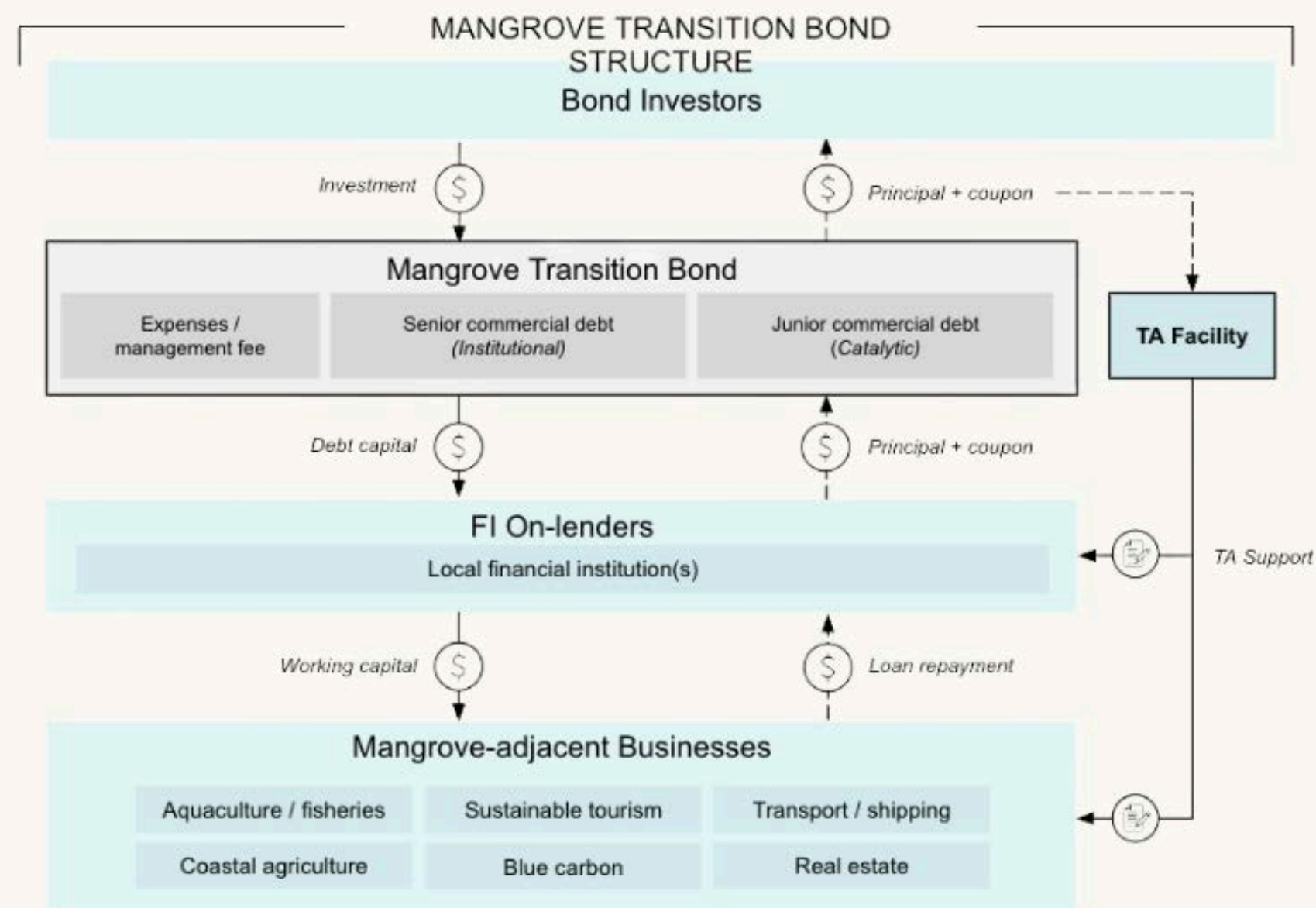
In December, the Mangrove Breakthrough, in partnership with Magnitude Global Finance, published a series of practical **Mangrove Finance Handbooks** designed to help **financial institutions, microfinance organizations, and project developers unlock the full potential of mangrove-positive investment.**

These how-to guides distill months of research, fieldwork, and insights gathered through workshops in **Colombia, the Philippines, and Senegal**, and are complemented by real-world Mangrove-Positive Lending Case Studies. Together, they offer a clear, accessible roadmap for scaling finance toward the protection, restoration, and sustainable use of mangrove ecosystems.

We also published *Strengthening Financial Pathways in Mangrove Conservation*, which argues for **mangrove-positive microfinance** and its alignment with the Mangrove Breakthrough's goals. This new brief explores what makes businesses mangrove-positive, why microfinance is a suitable tool, and the challenges microfinance providers face—structural, operational, and strategic.



# MANGROVE TRANSITION BOND SERIES



The **Mangrove Transition Bond Series** is a **regional series of thematic bonds that channel capital to local and regional financial institutions, which on-lend to businesses in mangrove-adjacent sectors**, such as aquaculture, agriculture, tourism, and coastal infrastructure, transitioning toward mangrove-positive practices.

A rigorous screening framework will align underlying loans with the Mangrove Breakthrough's definition of mangrove transition finance and its global objectives to halt loss and restore mangroves.

# SETTING DEFINITIONS AND KPIS TO GUIDE INVESTMENT DECISIONS

**MANGROVE-POSITIVE** is a global goal to **halt and reverse mangrove loss**, measured from a baseline in 2020, by increasing mangrove protection, restoration, and sustainable management, and **transforming systems to address the underlying drivers of mangrove loss**. By 2030, mangrove forests should be visibly and measurably on the path to recovery. By 2050, mangrove ecosystems must be fully restored, delivering meaningful benefits to nature, people, and the economy.

## A **MANGROVE-POSITIVE BUSINESS CONTRIBUTOR**:

One that sustainably **derives value from, depends on, and/or benefits from** mangrove ecosystems, and **that channels finance and/or business practices toward their conservation, restoration, and/or addresses underlying threats to the ecosystem**. These businesses include, but are not limited to, those in coastal agriculture and aquaculture, sustainable resource use, blue carbon projects, infrastructure, hospitality and tourism, as well as other downstream corporate actors.

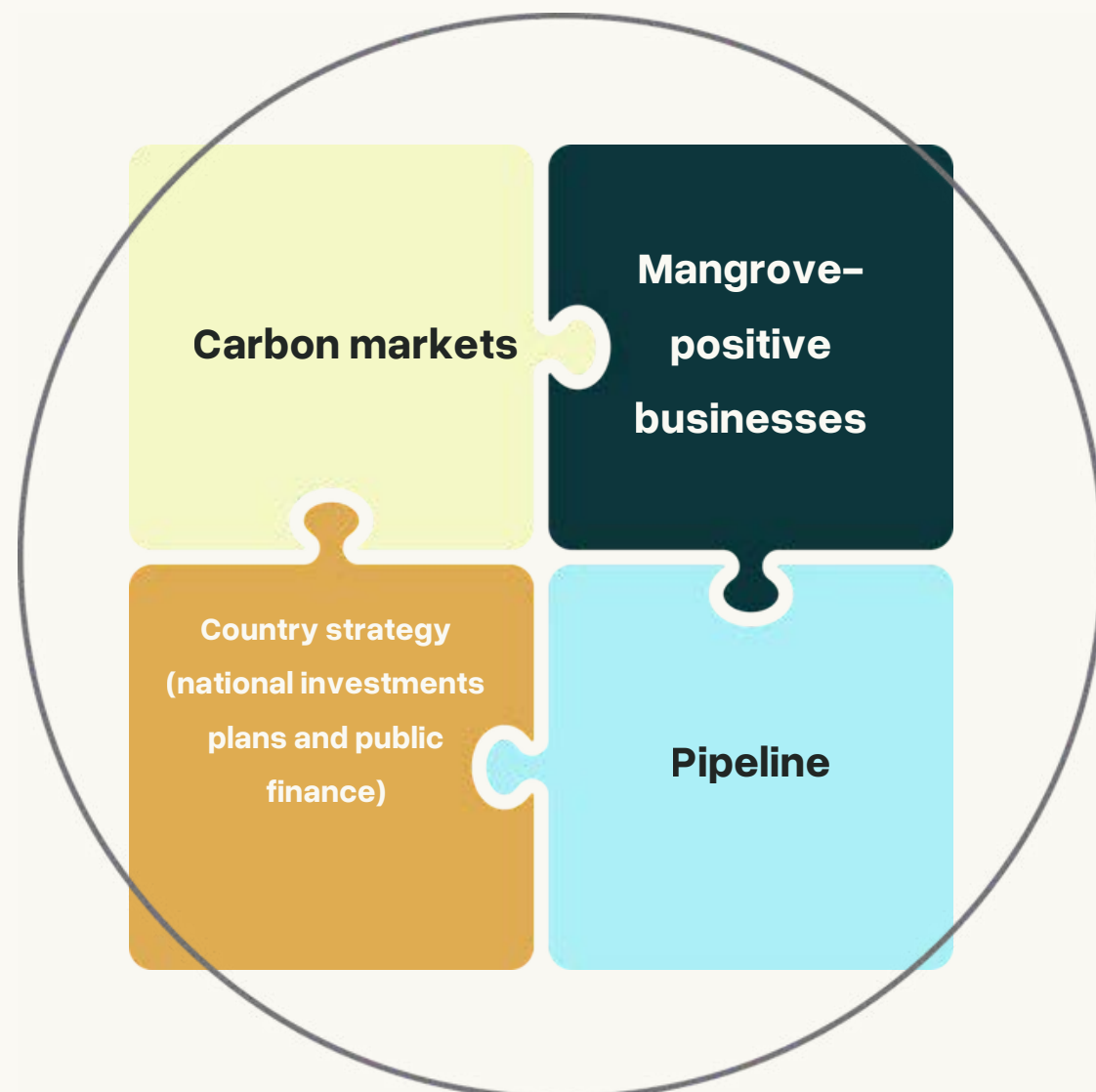
## INDICATING KPIS FOR IMPACT REPORTING TO GUIDE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

IMPACT REPORTING – ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY, TO BE ALIGNED WITH FINAL KPI FRAMEWORK

	METRIC
CORE AREA METRICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hectares protected from mangrove conversion;</li><li>• Hectares in which mangrove-degrading activities / land management practices have been transitioned;</li><li>• Hectares upon which measures to mitigate natural drivers of mangrove loss have been implemented; or</li><li>• Hectares of mangroves restored</li></ul>
STATE OF MANGROVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hectares with measured improvement in recruitment (i.e. presence of seedlings) and / or species diversity; or # mangrove seedlings planted;</li><li>• % in area covered by mangroves (m/ha2); and</li><li>• % change in height of mangroves</li></ul>
CARBON METRICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e/year sequestered and avoided as result of halting mangrove loss; or</li><li>• Tonnes of co2/e sequestered as result of restoring mangroves</li></ul>
BIODIVERSITY METRICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hectares where interventions have resulted in a measurable positive change in state of nature metrics in mangrove ecosystems, including ecosystem function; and</li><li>• Hectares of mangrove interventions financed in Key Biodiversity Areas and/or IUCN Red List of Ecosystems</li></ul>
SOCIAL METRICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # people engaged in mangrove-related education and capacity building</li></ul>
ECONOMIC METRICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• # jobs created or transitioned to mangrove-aligned practices; or</li><li>• #jobs created through mangrove restoration practices</li></ul>



# MANGROVE CATALYTIC FACILITY (MCF)



*Mangrove Catalytic Facility*

The **Mangrove Catalytic Facility (MCF)** was designed in 2025 to **align project preparation with investors**, providing **early-stage catalytic capital**, **strengthening enabling conditions**, and **coordinating delivery through existing regional accelerators**. The goal is to derisk and advance high-potential projects in close partnership with future financiers, ensuring a clear and efficient pathway toward blended and commercial investment in mangrove conservation, restoration, and nature-positive coastal transitions. It operates through **four integrated workstreams**:

- 1. Carbon & Ecosystem Conservation Projects**
- 2. Mangrove-Adjacent Businesses in Transition**
- 3. Local Financial Institutions & Green/Blue Lending**
- 4. National Mangrove Investment Strategies**

# INVESTOR ROADSHOW



Over a six-month period, the Mangrove Breakthrough led a global investor roadshow across **New York, London, Bogotá, Cali, Mexico City, Singapore, and Manila** to accelerate mangrove-positive investment and build the financial architecture for scale.

We mobilized partners around:

- The **Mangrove Transition Bond Series**, using structured bond issuances and local financial institutions to channel capital to mangrove-linked businesses.
- Role of the **Mangrove Catalytic Facility (MCF)** to enable deals issuances.
- A new **digital partnership with Restor** for real-time mapping, tracking, and communication across the global portfolio.
- Innovative **platforms connecting investors with high-quality mangrove projects**, including **Capital for Climate**.





# ENGAGEMENT WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**The Mangrove Breakthrough convenes a large group of committed public and private financial institutions** including CAF, Howden, HSBC, UBS, FSD Africa Investments, Société Générale, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Bank of America, BNP Paribas, Standard Chartered, and IDB Invest, among others.

Ahead of COP30, the Breakthrough signed a Memorandum of Understanding with investment-management firm **Regia Capital** to advance investment in **nature-based solutions in Brazil**. This agreement paves the way for collaboration on impact funds focusing on mangroves as a key nature-based solution for resilient coastal communities.

A group of four professionals, two men and two women, are gathered around a document. The man on the far left is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt. The woman next to him is wearing a green vest over a black top and glasses. The woman next to her is wearing a grey blazer over a white shirt and a pearl necklace. The woman on the far right is wearing a red top and a colorful patterned shawl. They are all smiling and looking at the document. In the background, a United Nations flag is visible.

# Policy



# ENDORSEMENTS

In 2025, the Mangrove Breakthrough welcomed **12 new endorsements** across national, state, and municipal levels, including three national governments (**Brazil, Mexico, Papua New Guinea**), one Mexican state (Campeche), **six Brazilian states** (Pará, Sergipe, Pernambuco, Maranhão, Amapá, Bahia), and two Brazilian municipalities (Aracaju and Barra de São Miguel).

In January 2026, **Indonesia**, the country with 23% of the world's mangroves, endorsed the Breakthrough.

To date, **48 national and subnational governments** have endorsed the Mangrove Breakthrough. Endorsing countries collectively represent **more than 60% of the world's mangrove extent**, highlighting the initiative's growing global reach and political momentum.



# POLICY GUIDANCE FOR INCLUDING MANGROVES IN NDCs



The **Mangrove Breakthrough NDC Task Force** developed four new policy guidance resources that provided practical and concise guidance for governments seeking to recognize the benefits of mangroves in their revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which were due at the end of 2025. These resources are available in English and Spanish.

## **The Mangrove Breakthrough NDC Task Force's Policy Resources include:**

[Reasons for Governments to Include Mangroves in NDCs](#)

[Examples of Mangroves in NDCs](#)

[Template Language for Including Mangroves in NDCs](#)

[The Case for Mangrove-Related Indicators under the Global Goal on Adaptation](#)



# NDC TASK FORCE WEBINAR SERIES



In 2025, the NDC Task Force launched a **three-part webinar series** to support countries in strengthening the inclusion of mangroves in their revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The recorded webinars included:

**Best Policy Practices for Mangroves in NDCs** offers policymakers science-based guidance aligned with the Mangrove Breakthrough's goals, showcases real-world examples of successful NDC integration, and highlights opportunities to align climate targets with biodiversity strategies.

**New Guidance for Recognizing Mangroves in NDCs** unpacks four new policy resources that support countries in developing science-based, measurable, and actionable NDC targets for mangrove conservation, restoration, sustainable management, and financing—paving the way toward UNFCCC COP30.

**Opportunities for Including Mangrove Data in NDCs** introduces a suite of cutting-edge data platforms and research tools designed to inform and enhance mangrove targets in NDCs.





# NDCS AND ENDORSING GOVERNMENTS

**11 NDCs** that Mangrove Breakthrough Endorsing Countries submitted to the UNFCCC in 2025 include targets and/or references to mangroves: Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Jamaica, Liberia, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, UAE, Sierra Leone.

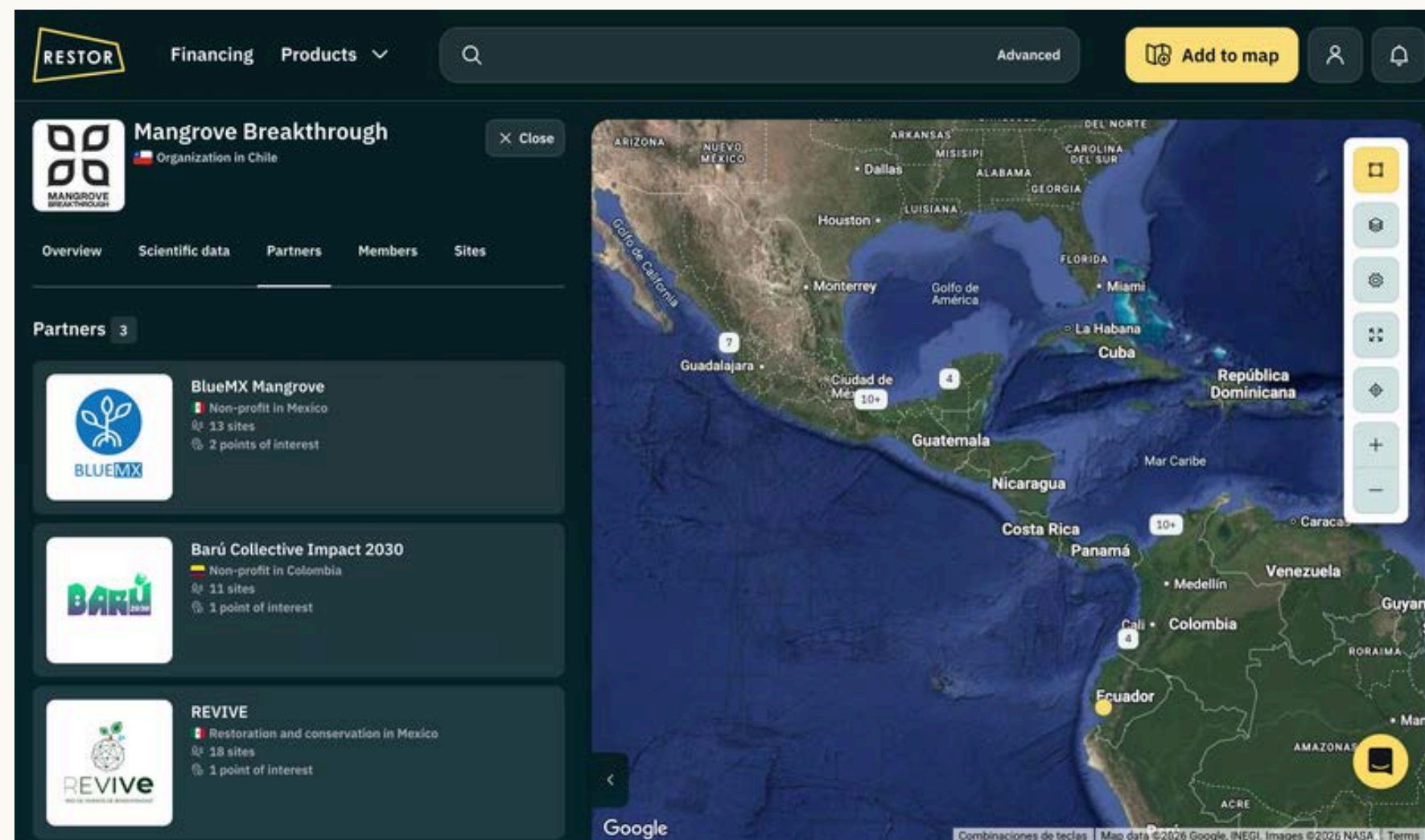
**Jamaica's** NDC 3.0 highlights its role as a signatory of the Mangrove Breakthrough, recognizing the initiative's “**unprecedented and ambitious**” efforts to protect and restore mangroves.

In its Nature Pledge, **Panama** announced several key targets that include **restoring and conserving** 2,500 hectares of mangroves by 2035, **expanding protected areas** to 40% of land and 60% of marine and inland waters, and implementing the **Marine—Coastal Adaptation Plan** by 2030 to address sea-level rise, erosion, mangrove loss, and saltwater intrusion.



# Pipeline

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



In 2025, the Mangrove Breakthrough launched a **pilot** and first cohort call to **identify, connect, and partner with projects** that support the Mangrove Breakthrough's goals.

The pilot call received 133 applications, and 120 projects were selected.

**The selected projects from the pilot call were also showcased at COP 30 in Belém.**



# RESTOR PARTNERSHIP



RESTOR

In June, **Restor and the Mangrove Breakthrough announced a strategic partnership.**

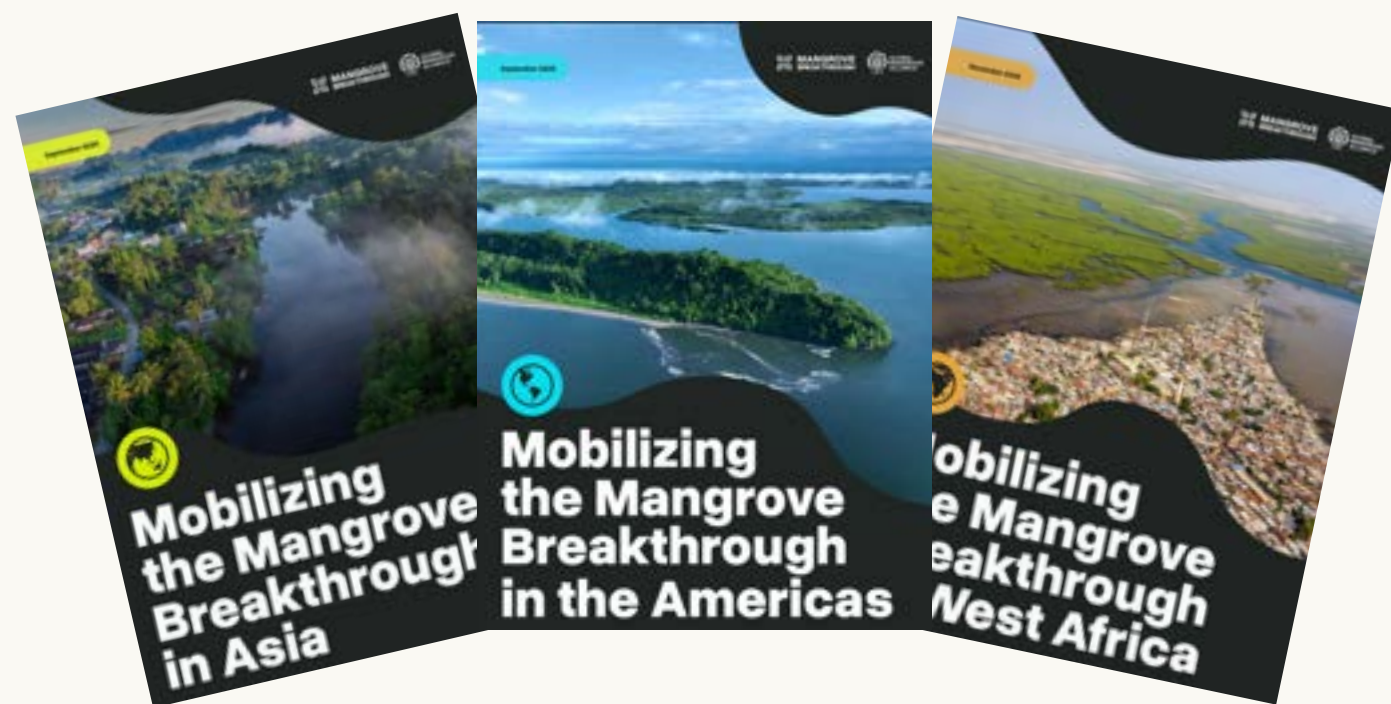
**Restor** will map all mangrove projects from the Mangrove Breakthrough community, grounding the network in science-based impact tracking across a range of indicators, including biodiversity, carbon, water, mangrove extent & change.

The **first cohort call** was launched in partnership with Restor. To date, we have received 217 applications.

**Projects selected may gain early visibility and engagement opportunities**, including:

- Showcasing on the Restor platform
- **Visibility** at global events such as COP, New York Climate Week, and regional climate finance summits
- Consideration for curated deal rooms, roundtables, and thematic showcases
- Joint communication efforts and project promotion
- Connection with aligned funders and investors
- Inclusion in **pipeline development initiatives** for Nature-based Solutions

# MOBILIZING THE MANGROVE BREAKTHROUGH REPORTS



The **Mangrove Breakthrough Regional Readiness Reports** are strategic tools developed by global and regional experts to accelerate targeted mangrove action.

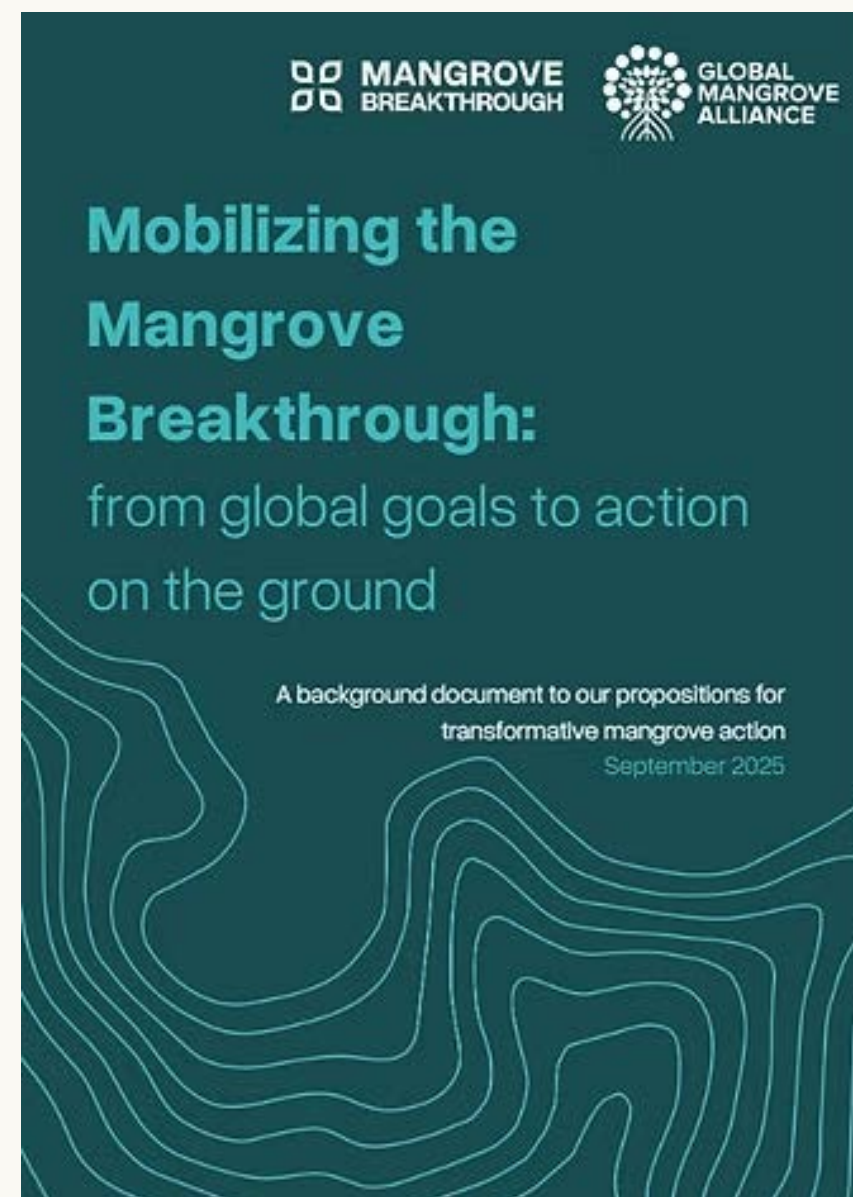
These reports **provide governments, donors, financial institutions, and NGOs with clear region-specific pathways to scale up efforts in support of the Mangrove Breakthrough's goals.**

They offer insights into how countries in **Asia**, the **Americas**, and **West Africa** can halt mangrove loss and deliver tangible benefits for people and nature.

The reports are accompanied by country summaries, with more detailed insights into country-specific enabling conditions and priorities for mangrove action.



# MOBILIZING THE MANGROVE BREAKTHROUGH: COUNTRY PROPOSITIONS



Local partners of the **Global Mangrove Alliance**, working with the Mangrove Breakthrough Hub, are **developing national program propositions to mobilize blended public and private finance for large-scale mangrove action** in priority countries.

These propositions combine conservation, restoration, and mangrove-positive economic development to strengthen livelihoods for local and Indigenous communities.

**Developed:** Mexico, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia

**In progress:** Kenya, Philippines, India





# Communications

# MEDIA MENTIONS AND OP-EDS



**Media Citations:** In 2025, the Mangrove Breakthrough was cited 148 times across leading outlets in Mexico, Brazil, Indonesia, Colombia, and the Philippines.



**Op-Eds:** Published 9 op-eds to date that have been featured in the World Economic Forum, Valor Econômico, Latinoamérica 21, and ImpactAlpha.

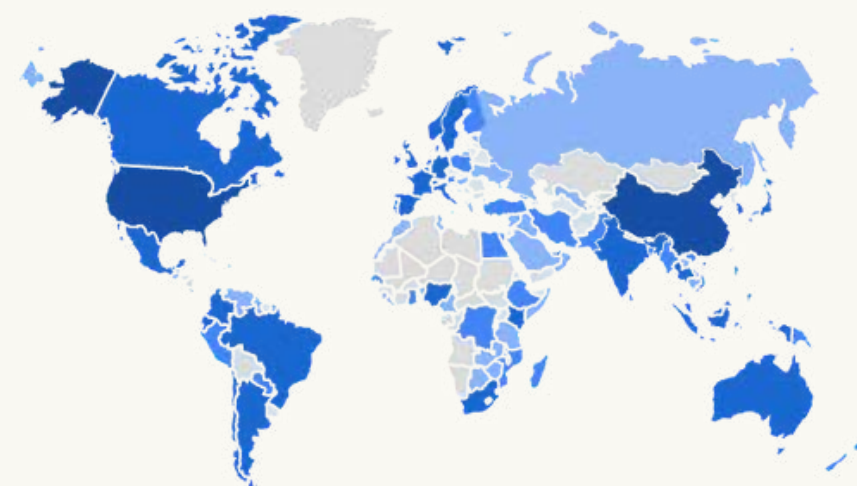
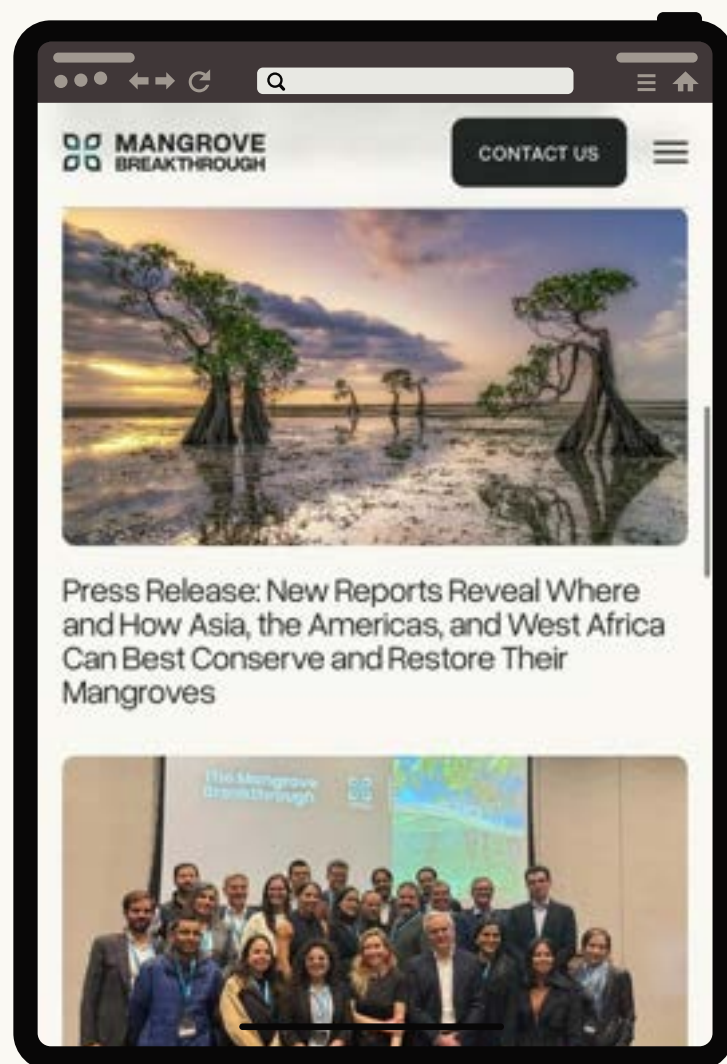


**Press Releases:** The governments of Brazil, Mexico, and Pará, and the COP30 Presidency issued official releases on key endorsements. The Breakthrough has also issued 6 press releases to date.

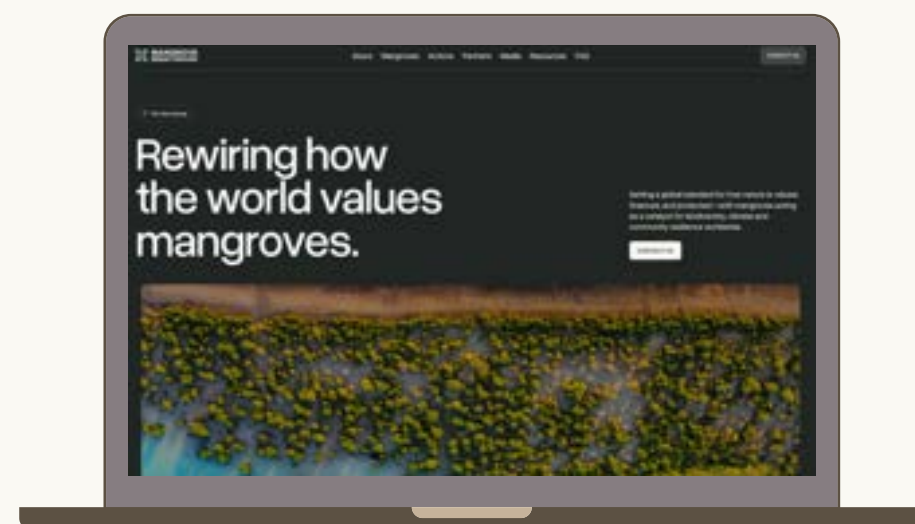




# | WEBSITE



Website users by country



- **Full Website Launched:** July 25
- **Active Users:** 6,018
- **Total Page Views:** 10,903
- **Week 1 of COP:** 2,657 active users
- **Top User Locations:** USA, China, Singapore, Netherlands, UK, Brazil

*Analytics began being calculated in mid-September 2025*

# | SOCIAL MEDIA



## LinkedIn

**Handle:** company/mangrove-breakthrough/

**Followers:** 4 313

**Launched:** May 2025

**Impressions:** 193,760



## Instagram

**Handle:** @mangrove\_breakthrough

**Followers:** 673

**Launched:** May 2025



## YouTube

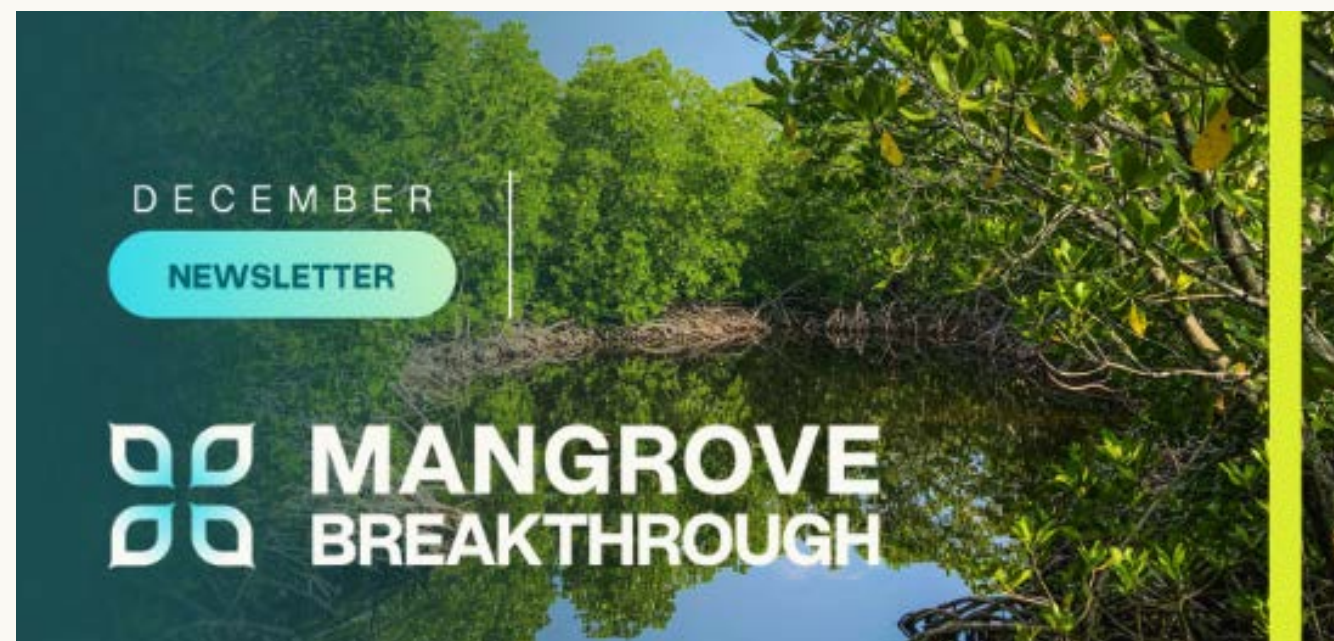
**Handle:** @MangroveBreakthrough

**Followers:** 35

**Launched:** May 2025



# NEWSLETTER AND DOCUMENTARY



## LinkedIn Newsletter

1,667 subscribers

3 editions (May, August, December)



Initial filming for the first Mangrove Breakthrough documentary began in December 2025 on Colombia's Pacific Coast.







# Convenings



January 2025

# MEXICO WORKSHOP



- In January, the Mangrove Breakthrough co-hosted an in-person workshop alongside the **Global Mangrove Alliance** (GMA), the **GMA Mexico Chapter**, and **AMERE**, bringing together government representatives, researchers, NGOs, the private sector, and financial institutions. The workshop convened diverse stakeholders from across Mexico and around the world to chart a clear path for mobilizing vital finance to build a mangrove-positive project pipeline in Mexico and beyond. Throughout the discussions, the **resilience of local communities** was placed at the heart of mangrove restoration, conservation, and finance.
- At the opening of the workshop, the **Government of Mexico formally endorsed the Mangrove Breakthrough**.

**April 2025**

# INDONESIA WORKSHOP

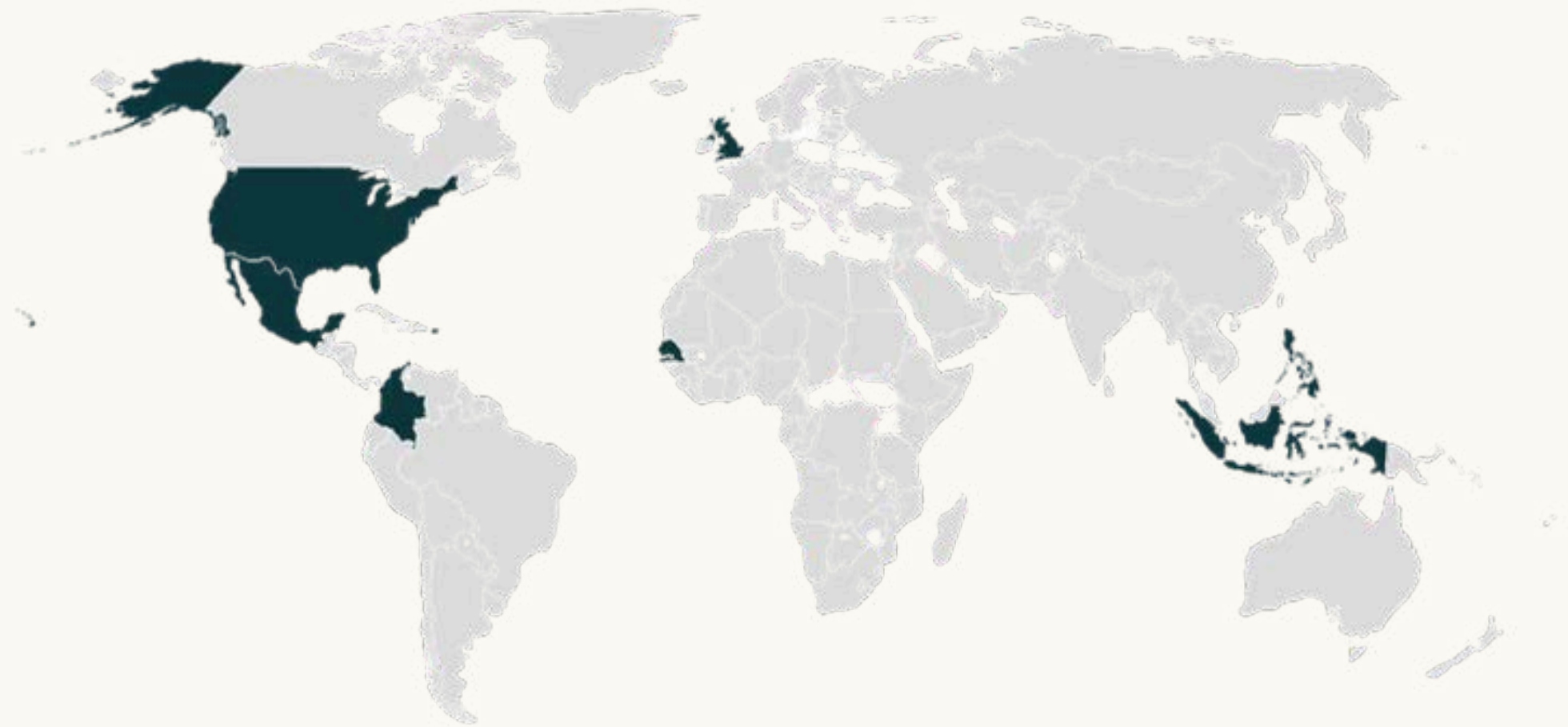
- Held on April 16–17, 2025, in **Jakarta**, the workshop was organized by the Global Mangrove Alliance Indonesia Chapter—comprising **Wetlands International Indonesia**, **Yayasan Konservasi Alam Nusantara** (YKAN), **Konservasi Indonesia** (KI), and **WWF Indonesia**.
- The event focused on “**Mobilizing the Mangrove Breakthrough in Indonesia: A shared compass for partnerships and scaling up finance.**”





# INVESTOR ROADSHOW AND REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

**June to September**



Investor roadshows and regional workshops were hosted across **nine** cities in eight countries, including **Colombia, Indonesia, Mexico, the Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States.**



# UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE

**June 2025**

At the UNOC in Nice, France, The Mangrove Breakthrough:

- Hosted the flagship event **Uniting for Impact: Building Strategic Partnerships to Achieve the Mangrove Breakthrough's Goals**.
- Convened **Mobilizing the Mangrove Breakthrough** in partnership with the Governments of Spain and the UK, the **Blue Carbon Action Partnership**, **Salesforce**, the **Global Mangrove Alliance**, and **CAF**.
- Hosted a Mobilizing the Mangrove Breakthrough **Champions Funders Dinner** in partnership with **Wetlands International**.
- Led a dedicated session on mangrove finance facilities and country propositions at the **Blue Economy and Finance Forum**, in the lead-up to UNOC.
- Led the Mangrove Breakthrough Council meeting on the margins of the conference.



**September 2025**

# TEAM RETREAT

- Members of the Mangrove Breakthrough Hub, together with Council Chair Jennifer Howard, met in Suesca, Colombia in September 2025 to develop a coordinated strategy for the period leading up to COP30 and beyond.
- The meeting defined the Mangrove Breakthrough's raison d'être and set out departmental plans across key pillars for 2025–2026, alongside a shared **Strategy** (2027), **Vision** (2030), and **long-term Purpose** (2035).

# RAMSAR COP15

**July 2025**

- At **Ramsar COP15** in Zimbabwe, **Wetlands International** highlighted the Mangrove Breakthrough as a game-changing initiative for mangrove conservation. CEO Coenraad Krijger joined a high-level side event hosted by the **International Mangrove Center** (China) and the **Mangrove Alliance for Climate** (UAE), underscoring the importance of international collaboration and alignment to accelerate global mangrove action.
- At another COP15 side event on **Innovative Financing for Wetlands**, hosted by BirdLife International, Mexico's Commission of Natural Protected Areas demonstrated how the Mangrove Breakthrough is supporting national mangrove targets through innovative financial instruments.
- The **Global Mangrove Alliance** also launched a policy brief showing how the Global Mangrove Watch Platform is helping Ramsar Parties deliver on their commitments. Together, these engagements mark an important step in aligning Ramsar's wetlands mandate with the Mangrove Breakthrough to unlock partnerships, science, and finance for mangroves worldwide.



# NEW YORK CLIMATE WEEK

September 2025

- During New York Climate Week, the Mangrove Breakthrough hosted & participated in four high-impact events:
  - Turning Collaboration into Impact: The Mangrove Breakthrough Implementation Agenda
  - Catalyzing Impact: Philanthropy's Role in Mobilizing the Mangrove Breakthrough
  - Finance Roundtable: Investing in Mangrove-Positive Businesses
  - From New York to Belém: Advancing Mangrove & Coral Reef Action through Policy
- These events **highlighted our collective progress, strengthened the Breakthrough's financial initiatives, and deepened collaboration between governments, financial institutions, and philanthropic organizations.**

# COP30

**November 2025**

- The Mangrove Breakthrough launched its work in Belém with its flagship Ministerial Event, “**Mobilizing Global Leadership and Large-Scale Finance**,” convening leaders from government, business, and civil society.
- During COP30, the Brazilian states of **Maranhão**, **Amapá**, and **Bahia** formally endorsed the Mangrove Breakthrough, alongside **CONFREM**, Brazil’s National Commission for Strengthening Coastal and Marine Extractive Reserves, which represents traditional fishing communities and promotes sustainable management of mangrove territories.
- Global Ambassador Carlos Correa spoke at **TED Countdown** on “Scaling Up Solutions: Big Bets for Climate, Nature, and Land,” alongside partners advancing large-scale climate and nature finance.
- **Rare Brasil** and **CI-Brasil** co-hosted a high-level Governor’s Dinner and Reception, “Amazon Welcomes the Mangrove Breakthrough.”





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