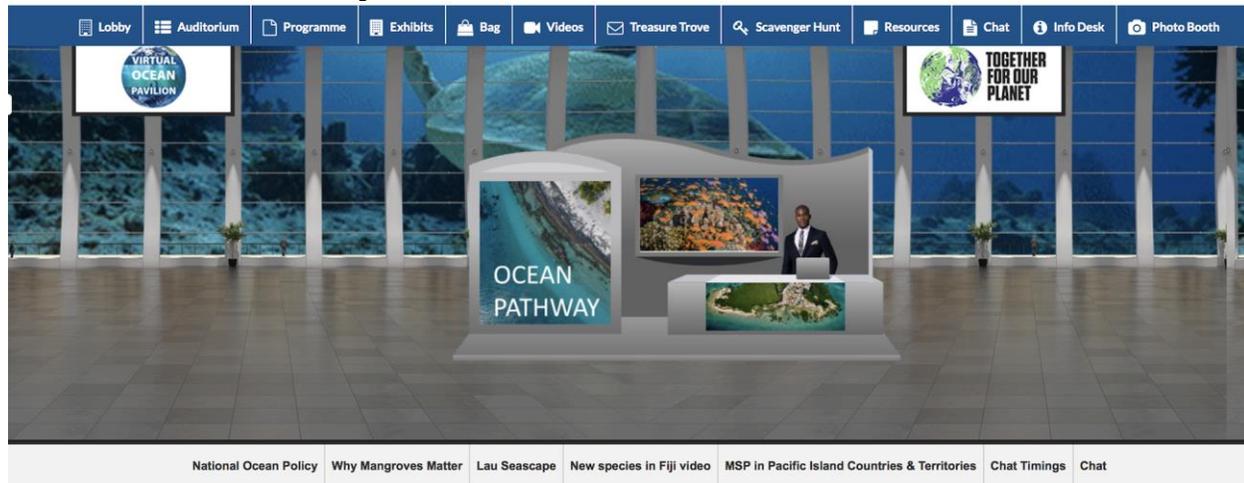


COP26 VIRTUAL OCEAN PAVILION EXHIBITS

Ocean Pathway



Description

The ocean is a pivotal part of what makes Fiji and its people unique. It is functioned as the cornerstone of Fiji tradition and customs and has shaped lives and livelihoods since time immemorial. The ocean functions as a vital carbon sink, sequestering more than a quarter of the earth's carbon emissions each year however the ability of the ocean to sequester carbon has been severely hampered due to rapid industrialisation catalysing and increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide levels. The annually increasing carbon dioxide and the decreased potential of the ocean to function as a carbon sink has ultimately led to increased sequestered carbon in the seas, causing ocean acidification, leading to the bleaching and eventual death of coral reef ecosystems causing a domino effect across multiple trophic levels. In the next 30 years or so, the people of Pacific, very often called the people of the sea will have a more literal sense than it ever had before. According to the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), shorelines in the Pacific are estimated (in high confidence) to recede by more than 40m. By 2050, it is projected that 800 communities around the coastal region of Fiji will have to relocate because of sea level rise. This booth hopes to showcase the progress that Fiji is making in ensuring the protection and sustainability of our 'blue' resources for Fijians today and yet to come.

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Why Mangroves Matter: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cFwE5CAt9I>

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