

## Indian Ocean Regional Decade Conference 2024

**“Bridging Billions to Barcelona”**

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**Organised by:** Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)

The **Indian Ocean Regional Decade Conference 2024 (IORDC-2024)** was organized as an **official prelude to the Ocean Decade Conference 2024**, under the framework of the **UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030)**.

As part of the Ocean Decade process, the **Decade Collaborative Centre for the Indian Ocean Region (DCC-IOR)**—proposed by INCOIS—was endorsed by the **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO**. In parallel, the **Government of India**, through the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)**, constituted the **National Decade Coordination Committee (NDCC)** to coordinate Ocean Decade Actions at the national level.

The conference served as a key regional platform to:

- Provide **scientific coordination and planning** for Ocean Decade Actions
- Identify **collaboration opportunities** across the Indian Ocean Region
- Promote **awareness, stakeholder engagement, and capacity development**
- Strengthen interaction with the **Ocean Decade Coordination Unit at IOC-UNESCO**

Through this conference, DCC-IOR reaffirmed its commitment to enabling coordinated regional contributions to the Ocean Decade and amplifying the Indian Ocean voice within the global ocean science community.