

2026 World Seagrass Conference and 16th International Seagrass Biology Workshop – Abu Dhabi

Marine Assessment and Conservation Section - TMBS

Call for sponsors





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Join Us in Advancing Global Seagrass Conservation

We invite you to be part of a prestigious global event—2026 World Seagrass Conference and the 16th International Seagrass Biology Workshop (ISBW16), to be held in Abu Dhabi in 2026.

This biennial gathering of leading scientists, students, and coastal environment managers offers a unique opportunity to support and engage with cutting-edge seagrass research, conservation, and advocacy.

An underwater photograph showing a dense field of green seagrass on the ocean floor. Numerous small, silver fish with yellowish-orange tails are swimming among the seagrass blades. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering down from the surface, creating a bright and vibrant scene. A white curved line separates the image from the text area on the right.

What are seagrasses ?

- Seagrasses are marine flowering plants
- They live entirely underwater and need sunlight to survive
- Think of them as the rainforests of the sea!

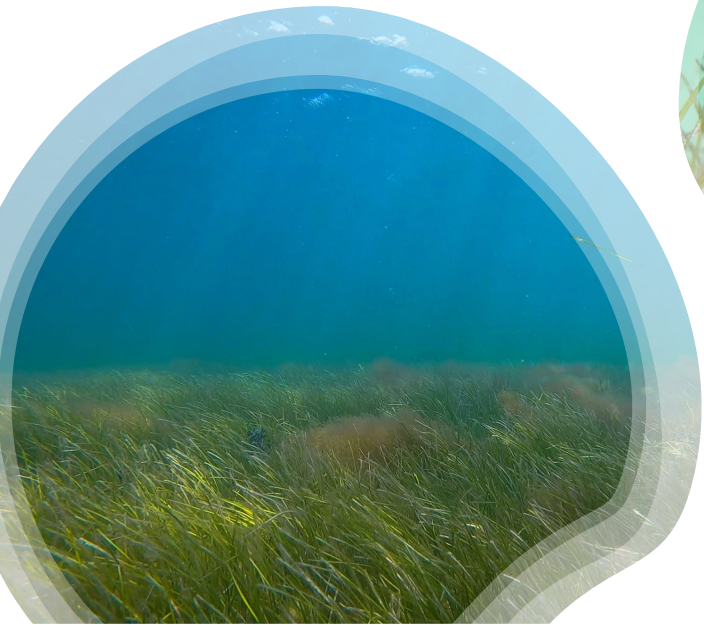
Why are seagrasses important ?

Seagrass is a critical habitat because of the ecosystem services it provides to fish species, but also as the main food source for Dugongs (*Dugong dugon*) and sea turtles.

Seagrass is also considered a “Blue Carbon” habitat type it is able to sequester and store carbon.

Threats include;

- Coastal Development
- Decreased Marine Water Quality
- Dredging and Landfilling
- Climate Change



About ISBW

The International Seagrass Biology Workshop (ISBW) is an esteemed global platform organized by the World Seagrass Association (WSA) and the IUCN-SSC Seagrass Specialist Group.

The workshop fosters discussions on seagrass conservation, ecosystem services, and management strategies, contributing to global marine sustainability efforts.

For more information please visit <https://wsa.seagrassonline.org/>



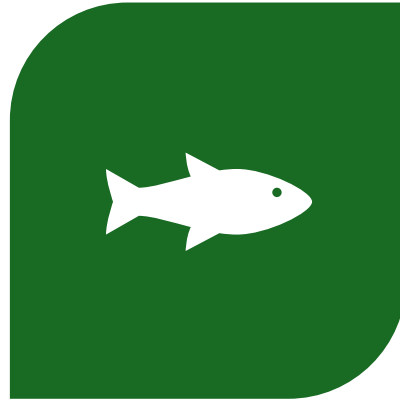
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Conference Theme

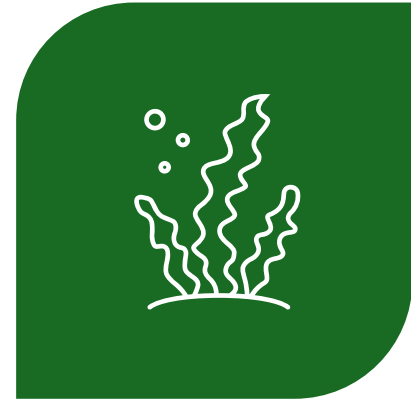
Seagrass Resilience: Protecting Biodiversity, Securing Our Future



I. SEAGRASS RESILIENCE IN A
CHANGING CLIMATE



II. BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM
FUNCTIONING



III. SEAGRASS RESTORATION AND
REHABILITATION



Event Highlights

5-day conference:

- Two days of research and conservation presentations
- Two days of interactive workshops
- One day of field visits to showcase Abu Dhabi's unique marine ecosystems

Networking opportunities with world-renowned experts, policymakers, and environmental organizations.

Focus on 2030 Seagrass Breakthrough, aligning with the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and Abu Dhabi's leadership in marine conservation.

Why Sponsor 2026 WSC & ISBW16?

Sponsoring ISBW16 offers an unparalleled opportunity to:

- **Elevate Abu Dhabi's profile** as a hub for marine research and sustainability.
- **Enhance brand visibility** among global environmental leaders, policymakers, and conservation organizations.
- **Showcase your commitment** to environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility.
- **Support international collaboration** in coastal and marine conservation, particularly in the Middle East.
- **Engage with influential stakeholders** from government, academia, and industry.



Sponsorship Opportunities

We are seeking **financial and in-kind sponsorships** to help cover key event expenses, including:

- Venue rental and catering
- Accommodation and travel support for organizing committee members, keynote speakers and students from developing countries
- Field trips and gala dinner
- Expansion of pioneering seagrass restoration project
- Our estimated funding need is **3.2 million AED**. Sponsors will receive recognition through various platforms, including event branding, media exposure, speaking opportunities, and customized engagement options.

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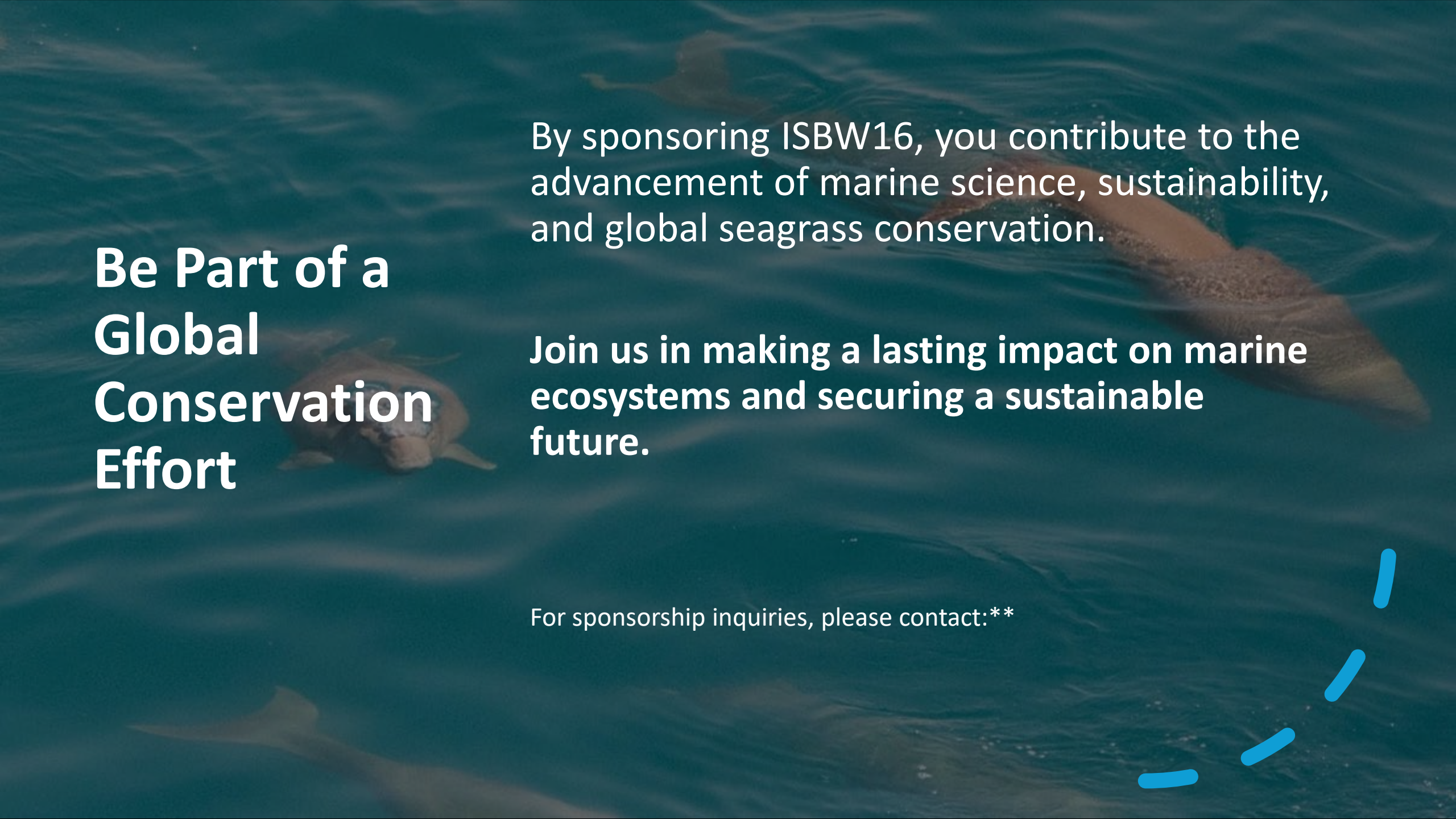
Minimum AED 300,000
Logo on website
Minimum 1 Media mention
Free registration for 2 staff members

GOLD

Minimum AED 600,000
Logo on website and main event collaterals
Minimum 2 media mentions
Free registration for up to 4 staff members

PLATINUM

Minimum AED 1,200,000
Logo on website, all event collaterals, main stage and flags
Mention in all media releases
Spokesperson interview
Free registration for up to 6 staff members



Be Part of a Global Conservation Effort

By sponsoring ISBW16, you contribute to the advancement of marine science, sustainability, and global seagrass conservation.

Join us in making a lasting impact on marine ecosystems and securing a sustainable future.

For sponsorship inquiries, please contact:**