



The Commonwealth  
Blue Charter

## International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem

# Mapping mangrove ecosystems using satellite technology

Monday 26 July 2021, 13:00 – 14:00 BST

Between 30-50% of mangroves have been lost over the past 50 years. New approaches to restoration of mangroves are emerging, benefiting from low-cost technologies, which can help build back the resilience of local communities through empowered engagement and innovative funding.

On this the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem, recognising the importance of mangrove ecosystems as “a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem,” we will be promoting solutions for their management, conservation and sustainable use. The webinar in partnership with the satellite company *Planet* will demonstrate how satellite images can help paint a comprehensive picture of global mangrove coverage, aiding national planning and conservation.

33 of the 54 Commonwealth countries hold mangrove ecosystems representing 22% of the global whole. Sri Lanka champions the Mangrove Ecosystems and Livelihoods Action Group under the [Commonwealth Blue Charter](#).

### Speakers



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