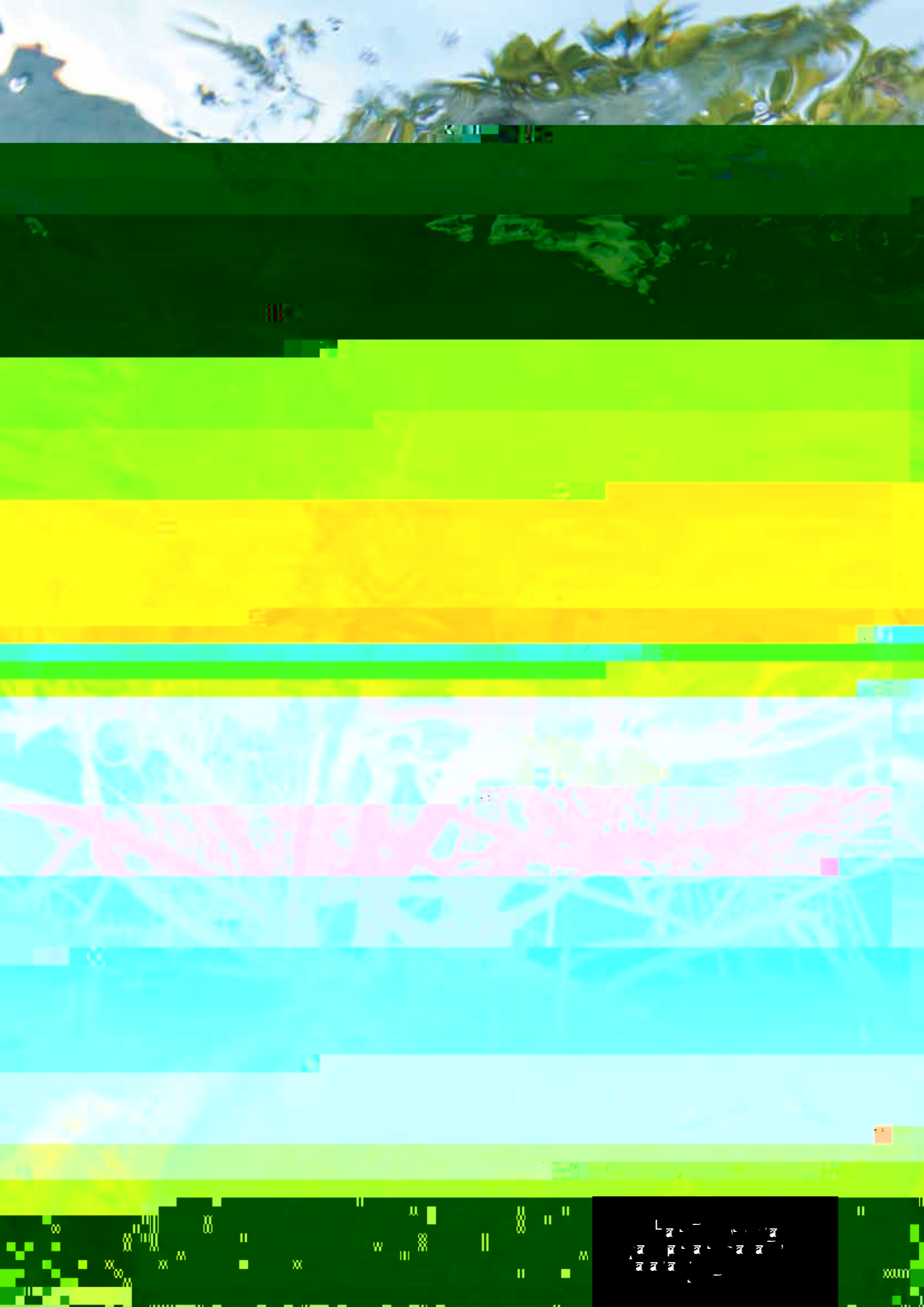


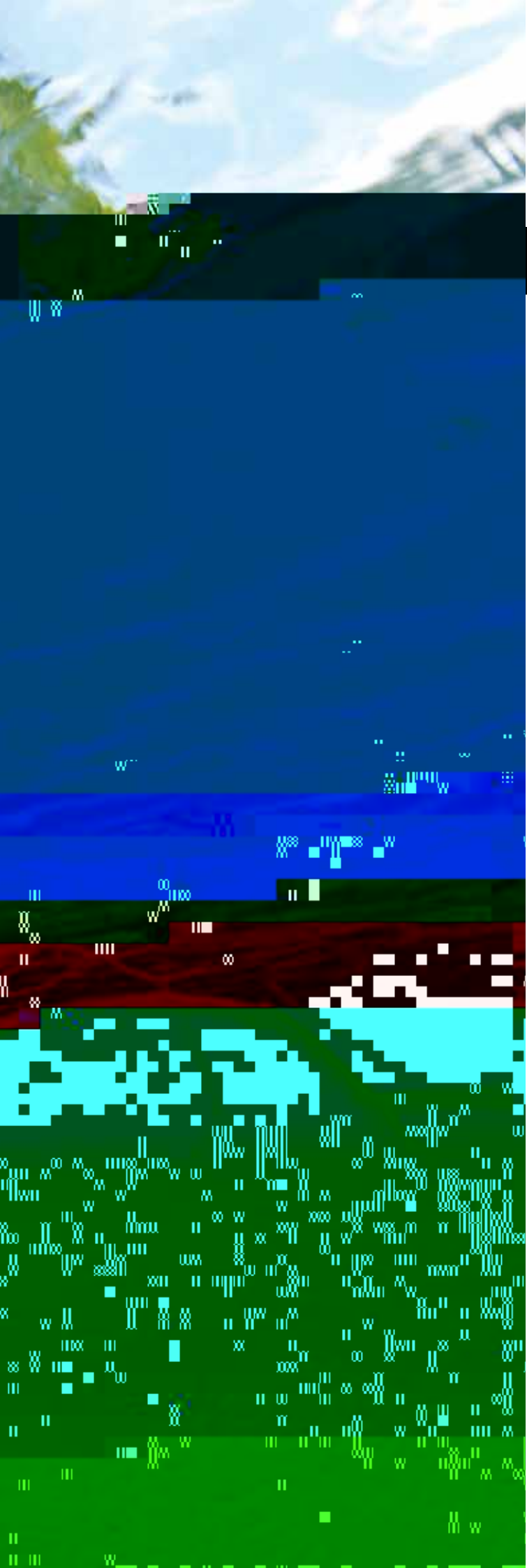
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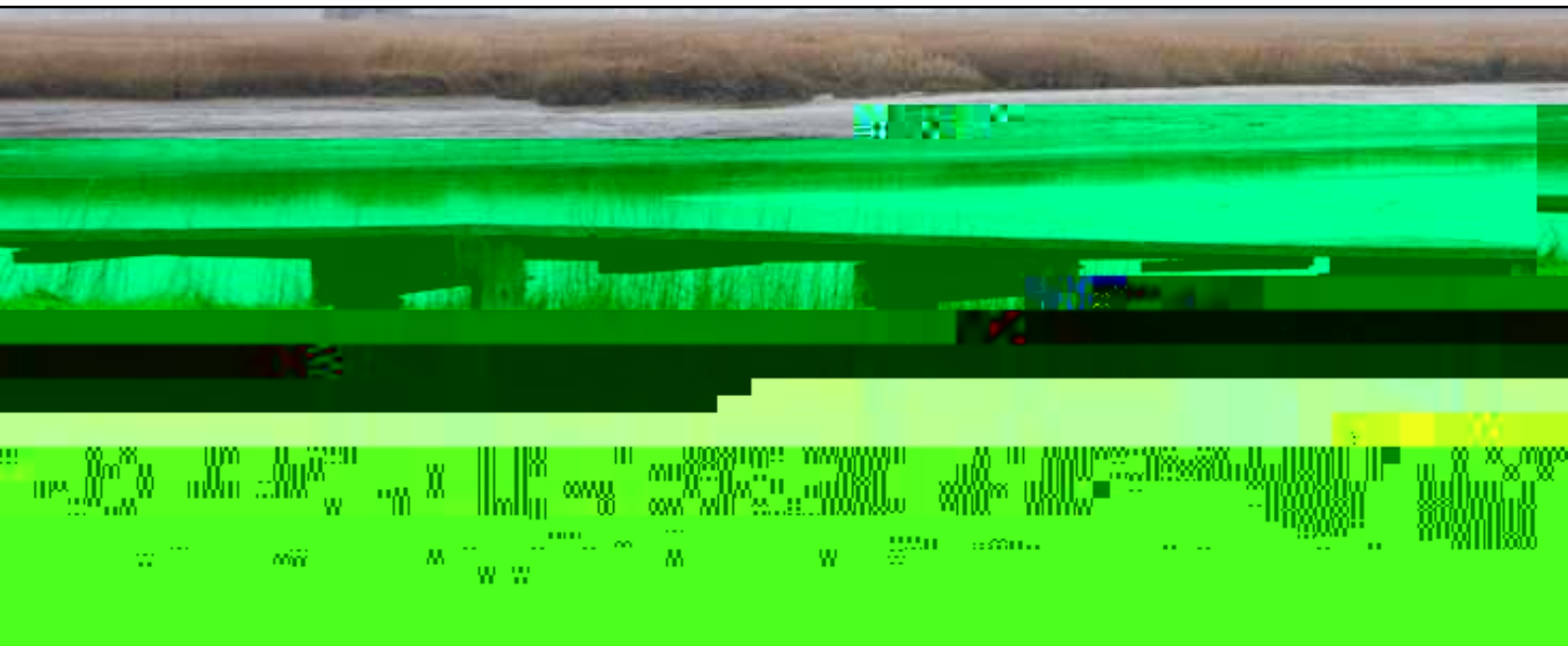


BLUE CARBON POLICY OBJECTIVES








Five policy objectives have been identified as priorities to supporting climate change mitigation through the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of coastal ecosystems:

1. **Conservation of coastal ecosystems**
To maintain and enhance the natural capacity of coastal ecosystems to store and sequester carbon, and to provide other ecosystem services.
2. **Restoration of degraded coastal ecosystems**
To restore degraded coastal ecosystems to their natural state, and to enhance their capacity to store and sequester carbon, and to provide other ecosystem services.
3. **Sustainable use of coastal ecosystems**
To ensure that coastal ecosystems are used in a way that does not compromise their ability to store and sequester carbon, and to provide other ecosystem services.
4. **Integration of coastal ecosystems into national climate change mitigation strategies**
To ensure that coastal ecosystems are integrated into national climate change mitigation strategies, and that their potential for carbon storage and sequestration is fully recognized.
5. **Capacity building for coastal ecosystem management**
To build the capacity of coastal communities and governments to manage coastal ecosystems sustainably, and to integrate them into national climate change mitigation strategies.

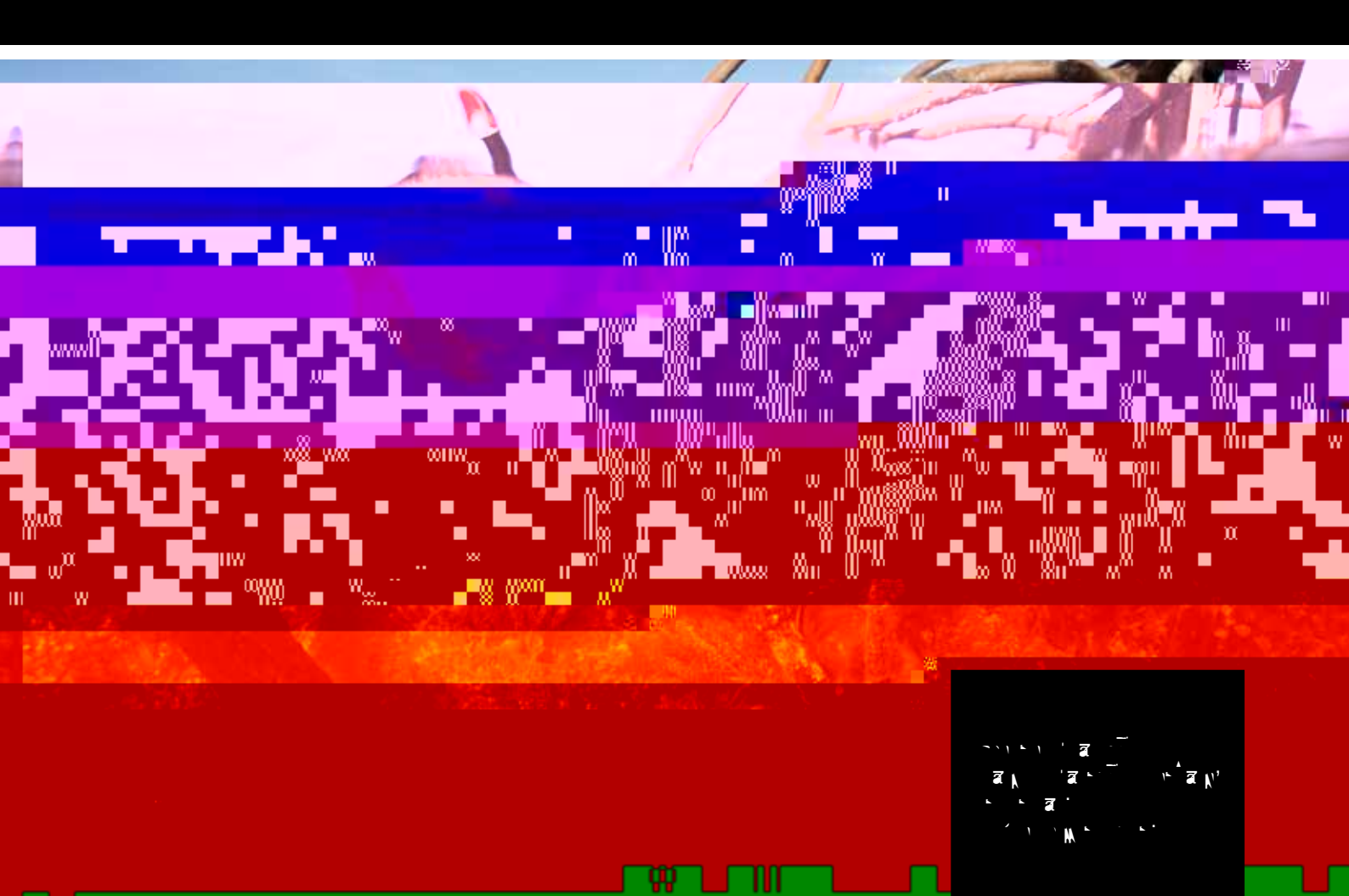
Coastal ecosystems are vital for climate change mitigation, as they store and sequester carbon. However, these ecosystems are under threat from a range of factors, including land-use change, over-exploitation, and climate change itself. This document outlines five policy objectives to support climate change mitigation through the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of coastal ecosystems.



4. Integrate Blue Carbon into other international, regional and national frameworks and policies, including coastal and marine frameworks and policies

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5. Facilitate the inclusion of the carbon value of coastal ecosystems in the accounting



THE BLUE CARBON POLICY WORKING GROUP

The Blue Carbon Policy Working Group (BCPWG) is a multi-stakeholder group of experts from government, academia, and the private sector. It was established in 2011 to provide guidance to governments on the management of coastal and marine ecosystems for carbon sequestration. The group has produced several reports and guidelines, including the 'Guidance for the Assessment and Monitoring of Blue Carbon Ecosystems' and the 'Guidance for the Assessment and Monitoring of Blue Carbon Ecosystems: A Technical Manual'.

THE BLUE CARBON INITIATIVE

The Blue Carbon Initiative (BCI) is a global partnership of governments, scientists, and practitioners working to protect and restore coastal and marine ecosystems for their ability to sequester carbon. The initiative was launched in 2012 and has since grown to include over 50 member organizations. The BCI has been instrumental in the development of the 'Guidance for the Assessment and Monitoring of Blue Carbon Ecosystems' and the 'Guidance for the Assessment and Monitoring of Blue Carbon Ecosystems: A Technical Manual'.

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