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March 6, 2026, marks a historic day in the cleanup of Ogoniland, as the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands designated the Ogoniland Wetlands as a Ramsar Site. Recall the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report (2011) on the Environmental Assessment of Ogoniland, which recommends that the Ogoniland wetland be designated a Ramsar Site.

Ramsar Sites are internationally significant for their rich biodiversity, including endemic and endangered species, and for supporting local livelihoods. Also, recall that the Federal Government, under the current administration's Renewed Hope Agenda, prioritises accelerating the cleanup of Ogoniland. Consequently, the Project Coordination Office (PCO) of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) decided to implement all UNEP-recommended actions and other

activities outlined in the gazette establishing the Project simultaneously. These include land and shoreline remediation, mangrove restoration, strengthening the public health system, provision of potable water, construction of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration, the restoration of livelihoods, and capacity building in sustainable environmental management.

The objectives of HYPREP also encompass promoting peacebuilding and security, as well as transparency and accountability. We have recorded significant progress in implementing all these HYPREP mandates. Similarly, we have made good headway in other value-added initiatives of the Ogoni cleanup, such as the Ogoni Power Project, innovative research, efforts to reintroduce the bloody cockle into the Ogoni creeks and fostering sustainable partnerships through enhanced project visibility.

Getting the Ogoniland Wetland designated as a Ramsar Site involves many painstaking processes. I prefer not to burden our stakeholders and other readers of this newsletter with all the details of the steps we have taken since 2024 to achieve the designation, including the back-and-forth application, field assessment, data validation, and the ministerial support letter. As it is commonly said in the local parlance, "it is done and dusted." It is a loud testimony to HYPREP's work in the field and a significant achievement and legacy that all Ogoni and cleanup stakeholders can be proud of. It is a

moral boost for the HYPREP team and thousands of community workers on the project. It inspires renewed hope and reassures us that every step we take to support nature has a sustainable reward. We are encouraged.

The Ogoni wetlands are among the most ecologically significant mangrove and estuarine systems in the Niger Delta, supporting high biodiversity, vital nursery habitats, and essential ecosystem services that sustain local livelihoods. Covering approximately 31,700 hectares of mangrove ecosystems, the Ogoni mangrove wetlands include islands, tidal creeks, mudflats, and mangrove forests that host a variety of common and rare species. The wetland provides crucial ecosystem services such as fisheries production, flood regulation, water purification, and carbon storage. The designation will therefore further assist in restoring local communities' livelihoods and cultural practices, promote ecotourism, and strengthen the region's international recognition.

Being a Ramsar Site makes the Ogoni wetlands attractive for biodiversity management, carbon credit funding, and partnership initiatives. For example, permanence is an advantage for carbon credit investment. Carbon credit buyers and verification bodies need confidence that restored mangroves will remain protected. And the Ramsar treaty obligations offer one of the strongest guarantees of permanence, thereby supporting premium pricing for Ogoni blue carbon credits. Nigeria's position in

bilateral carbon trading agreements under the Paris Agreement Article 6 is bolstered by the presence of a Ramsar-designated mangrove restoration site. Countries such as Switzerland, Sweden, and Japan are actively seeking mangrove-related mitigation outcomes.

Regarding HYPREP's broader trajectory, the designation will lead to an institutional shift from solely remediation and restoration to ecosystem stewardship and conservation priorities. In other words, the Ramsar 'wise use' obligations create a lasting governance framework that extends well beyond cleanup and could give HYPREP a sustainable ecosystem management mandate.

The designation of the Ogoni wetlands as a Ramsar Site of International Importance brings many benefits highlighted above, as well as responsibilities for various stakeholders. Consequently, HYPREP has submitted a management framework for the first five years to the Ramsar Secretariat that aligns with the Ramsar Convention principles (wise use, ecological character maintenance, stakeholder participation, monitoring, and adaptive management) while reflecting typical Niger Delta realities (oil legacy impacts, livelihood dependence, tenure complexity, and climate pressures).

The proposed management plan aims to maintain and enhance the ecological character, biodiversity, and ecosystem services of the Ogoniland mangrove wetlands while supporting sustainable livelihoods, climate resilience, and

community stewardship. Other specific objectives the management plan seeks to achieve include: 1. Ecological integrity – conserving the mangrove habitats, hydrology, and biodiversity; 2. Pollution risk reduction – preventing and swiftly responding to hydrocarbon and waste contamination; 3. Sustainable livelihoods – promoting wetland-compatible economic activities; 4. Community co-management – strengthening inclusive governance and ownership; 5. Knowledge and monitoring – establishing robust ecological monitoring systems; and 6. Climate adaptation – building resilience to sea-level rise and climate variability.

Optimising the benefits of the designation through the integration of the management plan requires strong collaboration and stakeholder buy-in. This is fostered by the discipline and dedication of stakeholders, particularly the Ogoni communities. Other stakeholders include the Federal Government, the Rivers State Government, the four Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Ogoni, oil companies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and the neighbouring LGAs of Andoni, Ogu/Bolo, Okrika, and Bonny. We are calling for the cooperation and active participation of all stakeholders in developing and implementing a sustainable co-management framework for the Ogoni wetlands. Naturally, the management framework for Ogoni can be adapted with minor modifications across the Niger Delta, given the region's similar socio-ecological landscapes.

On behalf of the management and staff of HYPREP PCO, I thank the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of the HYPREP Governing Council, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, for his unwavering commitment to the Ogoni Clean-up Project. His support and letter to the Ramsar Convention Secretariat, advocating for the designation of the Ogoni wetlands as a Ramsar Site of International Importance, have accelerated HYPREP's efforts.

The notable achievements of the past three years have been enabled by the supportive environment and the prioritisation of the Ogoni Cleanup within the Renewed Hope Agenda. We are grateful to our esteemed President, His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu (GCFR), for prioritising the Ogoni Clean-up Project. Our thanks also go to the Ogoni people, our community workers, and other stakeholders, such as NOSDRA, Renaissance Africa Energy, and civil society organisations, for their continued support for the cleanup.

We reaffirm our full commitment to the thorough implementation of the recommendations in the UNEP report for which HYPREP is responsible. Rest assured, the designation of Ogoniland Wetlands as a Ramsar Site has strengthened our dedication and passion to deliver a sustainable cleanup of Ogoniland.

Our help is the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

In This Issue

Hooray! The HYPREP Herald is four! Four years of consistent and detailed reporting of the operations of the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

The Editorial Board is most grateful to the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project and Publisher-in-Chief of the HYPREP Herald, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey and staff of the Project for their sustained support and interest in the publication of the monthly newsletter.

We are also grateful to you, our esteemed readers, who devote time and energy to go through the HYPREP Herald. As we turn four in this business of furnishing you with timely and accurate information on happenings on the Ogoni Clean-up Project, it is our pledge to continue to uphold the journalistic principles of truth and objectivity in our reporting.

The editorial crew who have always set aside their comfort to go after the news, whether in the field and swamps of Ogoni, or in the office and even in far away lands are appreciated.

We can only do better as the years roll by and especially now, that most of the projects we have reported their foundational works are visible and some commissioned for use by the Ogoni people.

We lead this edition with the delivery of another key recommendation of the United

Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report that Ogoni wetlands be designated Ramsar Site of International Importance. HYPREP had all the while, followed up on this environmental conservation pursuit for Ogoniland. On 6th March 2026, the cheering news of Ogoni wetlands being designated Ramsar Site of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands came through. It is a reward for HYPREP and the Ogoni people for advocating for a better and livable environment. The designation of Ogoni wetlands as Ramsar Site has elicited positive reactions from individuals and groups which we report some of them in this edition.

The Governing Council of HYPREP met to discuss ways of fast tracking the implementation of the UNEP report on Ogoni, especially on the development of policies that will enhance the efficient delivery of the mandate and objectives of HYPREP.

HYPREP joined the rest of the world to mark this year's international water day. It used the occasion to enumerate its achievements in the area of provision of potable water in Ogoni communities and plans for the take-off of phase 3 water projects.

The Ogoni Power Project is progressing with the installation of electrical components at the two sub-stations in Wiiyaakara and Bodo which is part of works in the transmission phase of the project. While that is going on, HYPREP is already going ahead with a study for the distribution phase with a kick-off meeting with the contractor engaged to undertake the study. After the

kick-off meeting, the contractor had an interface with the Khana Local Government Council to intimate the Chairman of their mission and planned entry into the communities.

With the successful completion of the phase 1 mangrove restoration project, HYPREP has initiated a kick-off meeting with contractors in phase 2 who are about to mobilize to site. The management of the Project also had an interface with the leadership of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP). It was a strategic partnership meeting to forge the way for the sustainable remediation of Ogoniland. The Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey also met and briefed the new Permanent Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Environment, Dr. Salihu Aminu Usman on the operations and achievements of HYPREP.

Prof. Zabbey was a guest lecturer at an event organised by the Centre for Water and Sanitation Studies (CeWASS), Rivers State University to mark the 2026 world water day. He used the occasion to highlight the achievements of HYPREP in the provision of potable water for Ogoni communities.

We continued the serialization of major achievements of HYPREP in 2025 with some updates on development under the Ogoni Power Project in 2026. Our poetry corner is maintained for your reading pleasure.

We urge you to take some time to go through the pages to update your knowledge on the Ogoni Clean-up Project.

News

OGONI WETLANDS DESIGNATED RAMSAR SITE

The Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands has formally designated Ogoni mangrove wetlands a Ramsar Site of International Importance, having met the procedural protocols and criteria for such recognition.

Some of the criteria that qualify a wetland to be designated a Ramsar site include being a unique wetland type, having a representative, rare, or unique example of a natural or near-natural wetland found within the appropriate biogeographic region. It should support vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered species or threatened ecological communities as well as support significant numbers of migratory species. Such a site should also hold the capacity for conserving biodiversity of international

importance.

In his response to the cheering news of the official designation of Ogoniland mangrove wetland as a Ramsar Site of International Importance, the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey said the declaration is a global recognition that highlights the ecological value of Ogoni's mangrove wetlands and affirms the importance of HYPREP's ongoing, extensive restoration of oil-degraded mangroves in the area, adding that mangrove wetlands are vital for maintaining biodiversity, safeguarding the environment, and supporting sustainable livelihoods.

Prof. Zabbey stated that the designation is a proud moment for HYPREP, the people of Ogoni, and all stakeholders working towards the

restoration and protection of the Ogoni environment, and highlighted the total area and the benefits of Ogoni being designated as a Ramsar site.

“The wetlands covering over 31,700 hectares of mangrove ecosystems consist of islands, tidal creeks, mudflats, and mangrove forests that support a diverse range of biodiversity, such as fin fish, shellfish, crustaceans, crocodiles, turtles, and the endangered grey parrot. The wetland provides vital ecosystem services, including fisheries production, flood regulation, water purification, and carbon storage. This designation will therefore further support the livelihoods and cultural practices of local communities, promote ecotourism, and bring the region international recognition.”

The HYPREP Coordinator gave



Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey Inspects Thriving Mangroves Planted by HYPREP at Bomu Creek

an account of the processes and persons behind the recognition of Ogoni as a Ramsar site and explained the importance of the designation to the on-going environmental remediation efforts of HYPREP in Ogoni.

“Interestingly, this recognition marks the conclusion of a meticulous process that started in 2024 when HYPREP submitted a memorandum to the National Council on Environment seeking support for designating the Ogoni wetlands as a Ramsar site. Following the Council's review and approval, the Honourable Minister of Environment and Chairman of HYPREP's Governing Council, Balarabe Abbas Lawal, formally wrote to the Ramsar Convention Secretariat requesting international recognition of the wetlands in Ogoniland. After a careful assessment of the area's ecological significance, the Ramsar Convention Secretariat has now granted the designation.

Recognising the Ogoniland wetland as one of the wetlands of global importance will bolster ongoing HYPREP environmental restoration efforts in the area. The recognition also promotes stronger conservation measures and sustainable management of the wetlands for the benefit of current and future generations.”

The designation of Ogoni wetlands as Ramsar site fulfils a key recommendation within the UNEP Environmental Assessment Report on Ogoniland and therefore signifies another significant milestone in the implementation of the UNEP recommendations on Ogoniland which is a confirmation of the Federal

Government's actions and commitment, through HYPREP, to the long-term environmental restoration and protection of Ogoniland.

Prof. Zabbey assured that HYPREP remains dedicated to restoring the Ogoni environment through the remediation and restoration of oil-damaged land, shorelines, and mangrove areas, and called for collective responsibility in sustaining the progress of the Ogoni Cleanup through stakeholder support, even as HYPREP prepares to introduce a comprehensive, sustainable management plan for the Ogoni mangrove wetland.

It would be recalled that in November 2025 a team lead by the a fellow and focal person at the Federal Ministry of Environment and National Focal Point for Ramsar Site Convention on Wetlands, Nigeria, Labaran Ahmed, had visited Ogoni for scoping exercise of some wetland communities which is the recommended preliminary step in the designation process for Ramsar site.

The wetlands scoped by the team include Bodo shoreline, Kegbara Dere coastline and Bomu.

Explaining the modalities, the focal person from the Federal Ministry of Environment, Labaran Ahmed had said to designate a “Ramsar Site” of International importance, first, scoping had to be done, followed by delineation, and then identification of the site, emphasizing that the site must comply with some criteria of the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance.

Ahmed had hinted that of the about nine (9) criteria, Ogoniland met more than five (5) conditions, adding that even meeting one criterion is viable to be declared a Ramsar site. “Ogoniland is qualified to be a Ramsar site of international importance. I studied it myself and found out it is good to go. So, once you do the scoping, you delineate and then write to the Convention that you are interested in doing this, then they will now open a Portal for your data collection, you fill up the questionnaire, then you upload into the portal of the Convention,” he had clarified.



Thriving Mangroves Planted by HYPREP

HAPSDI HAILS DESIGNATION OF OGONI WETLANDS AS RAMSAR SITE

The Habitat Protection and Sustainable Development Initiative (HAPSDI) has welcomed the designation of Ogoniland wetlands as Wetland of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, and commended the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey on the sustained effort that led to the milestone achievement.

In a press statement signed by the Executive Director of Habitat Protection and Sustainable Development Initiative (HAPSDI), Collins Lebeteh Kenneth, the rights organisation indicated that the designation is a recognition of the ecological significance of the mangrove forests, estuaries, and rich biodiversity that define the Ogoni landscape, and therefore requires the collaboration of stakeholders for joint action for stronger protection, restoration, and responsible management of the fragile wetland ecosystems of Ogoniland.

“For over 6 decades, the Ogoni environment has suffered severe ecological damage arising from hydrocarbon exploration and related industrial activities in the Niger Delta. Oil pollution and habitat degradation have disrupted traditional livelihoods, weakened fisheries, and threatened biodiversity. The Ramsar designation therefore reinforces the urgency of sustained ecological restoration and improved environmental governance.

“While ongoing remediation efforts in Ogoniland remain

important, HAPSDI emphasizes that the implementation and effective management of the Ramsar designation of the Ogoni wetlands is not the responsibility of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) alone. It requires the active involvement and collaboration of multiple stakeholders, including the Federal Government, Rivers State Government, environmental regulatory agencies, local communities, civil society organizations, research institutions, and international development partners,” the statement read in part.

It further stated that Nigeria as a signatory to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, is duty-bound to protect and preserve the ecological integrity of the Ogoni wetlands, and should therefore treat this obligation with the same seriousness with which international agreements are respected in protecting foreign interests operating within Nigeria, adding that the protection of Ogoni wetlands and the wellbeing of the citizens who depend on them must receive no less

commitment.

The statement expressed HAPSDI's firm belief that beyond conservation, the Ramsar designation also presents significant opportunities for the development of eco-tourism in Ogoniland, given the unique mangrove ecosystems, rich birdlife, fisheries, and scenic waterways of the Ogoni wetlands which have the potential to attract researchers, conservationists, and eco-tourists from across the world, suggesting that if properly managed, eco-tourism can provide alternative and sustainable sources of income for local communities, create employment for youth and women, promote cultural heritage, and stimulate environmentally responsible local enterprises.

It therefore called on government institutions and development partners to work closely with Ogoni communities to develop community-based eco-tourism initiatives that prioritize local participation, environmental sustainability, and equitable distribution of accruing economic benefits.



HYPREP Planted Mangroves

BIODIVERSITY RECOVERY: HYPREP DOUBLES EFFORTS ON BLOODY COCKLE REINTRODUCTION IN OGONI CREEKS

Following the designation of Ogoni wetlands as Ramsar Site of International Importance, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project has doubled up on its biodiversity recovery effort, which is one of the criteria for the declaration of a land as Ramsar Site that such wetland should hold the capacity for conserving biodiversity of international importance, as well as support vulnerable, endangered, or critically endangered species or threatened ecological communities. The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYREP) had earlier prepared bloody cockle culture beds on the tidal flats of Bomu after the successful completion of the phase 1 of the

mangrove restoration project in the community.

The first set of culture beds, having been established, the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey led a team of Mangrove Restoration officials to prepare additional culture beds to increase the coverage area for bloody cockle restoration in Bomu Creek.

Following the successful establishment of the culture beds, the cockle broodstocks were carefully seeded into the sediment and the exercise to have been carried out in the month of March is strategic as it gives ample time for the cockles' breeding, thus providing an essential window for them to adapt to the conditions of the new environment.

Introducing adult cockles several months before the peak of natural breeding, which usually occurs from June to September, will ensure they adapt to the slightly different conditions between the original site (the source of the cockle broodstock) and the new environment, which in this case is the Bomu mudflat.

This adaptation period aims to reduce environmental stress, thereby increasing the potential for natural recruitment, dispersal, and restoration once the spawning season begins.

Bloody cockle is an essential seafood that serves as a rich source of protein in Ogoni people's diet and provides livelihoods for littoral communities who engage in their harvesting **Bloody Cockles** for income generation.



Culture Bed Being Prepared for Restoration of Bloody Cockles on the Tidal Flat at Bomu Creek

Special Interview

Ramsar Site Designation is a Victory, Calls for Concerted Effort to Conserve Biodiversity in Ogoni Wetlands - *Saro-Pyagbara*

In this exclusive interview with the former President of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP), Mr. Legborsi Sari-Pyagbara, HYPREP Herald finds out the conservation plan and potential benefits inherent in the recent designation of Ogoni wetlands as Ramsar Site of International Importance by the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Excerpts:

HYPREP Herald: For the purpose of this interview, can you introduce yourself?

Pyagbara: I'm Mr. Legborsi Saro-Pyagbara, former President of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) and at present the Executive Director of African Indigenous Foundation for Energy and Sustainable Development (AIFES).

HYPREP Herald: You've seen that Ogoni wetlands have been designated by the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands as Ramsar Site of International Importance. Do you think it's a welcome development to the Ogoni people and you, as an environmentalist?

Pyagbara: Well, it's a huge development for the Ogoni people, and I must sincerely commend the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) and the Federal Minister of Environment for taking this step. If you recall, the United Nations Environment Programme report on the environmental assessment of Ogoniland clearly, recommended that the Federal Government of Nigeria should, take steps to designate the Ogoni wetland as Wetlands of International Importance. I know clearly that based on some of our pushing and pressure on HYPREP when the current leadership took over in 2023, and then by 2024, through the National Council on Environment, they made that case. And last year during the 15th Conference of Parties on the Ramsar Convention, I know that the leadership of HYPREP, led by the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey, was there in the Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, to make a case and make a presentation too. For me, it's a victory. It's a success that we need to celebrate, and not just celebrate, to seize the moment.

What has this done? Declaring or designating the Ogoni Wetland as a Ramsar Site brings international focus on the Ogoni Wetlands. And that, for me, is a big thing, because this is coming on the heels of the fact that the Ogoni environment has been destroyed by over four decades of oil exploitation and



Mr. Saro-Pyagbara

which has also destroyed biodiversity of Ogoni wetlands. I mean, the biodiversity of the Ogoni Wetlands. And if you remember, if you recall, why was Ramsar Convention put into place? The convention was put in place to protect the disappearance of waterfowls. That was the initial thing that drew that convention. Over time, it expanded to cover other biodiversity within the wetland. That is, the animals, the plants, and all that, that are all located in the wetlands. What are wetlands? Wetlands are all water bodies. The seas, the rivers, even your pond, both natural and artificial lakes, they all form part of what they call wetlands.

So, what is biodiversity? The animals, the plants that are there in the wetlands. So, when that is destroyed, of course, you are destroying the life cycle. Of course, you are destroying what people depend on. Of course, you are destroying traditional knowledge. Of course, you are destroying cultural practices. So, when a wetland is destroyed, you are not just destroying the plants or the animals, you're also destroying a people's way of life. Today, we say water is life. You are destroying people's way of life, you are destroying people's spirituality, you are destroying people's cultural practices, you're even destroying people's traditional knowledge. Because, as you know, there are plants that we see around the seashore, the riverside that people feed on. People use some of them as medicines. People use some of them in terms of their spiritual engagements. When you destroy the wetland, you are destroying this; I mean, biodiversity.

So, what this has done is to recognize that the Ogoni Wetlands have been destroyed over time, and the declaration or designation means that there must be a concerted effort now to conserve the biodiversity in Ogoni Wetlands. Things like mangroves that have been destroyed over time, what do

we do to conserve them? What do we do to restore them? Animals that have gone extinct or some that are going extinct, what do we do? There is one project HYPREP is doing in the Bane community of Ogoni, which is about restoring turtles that are going extinct that they have introduced in the wide. They have to look for a way to restore it. Even the mangrove. I mean, HYPREP has gone as far as making sure that beyond the normal, red mangrove, other species of mangrove like the black and white mangroves are also being restored.

So, I think that this feeds into the current HYPREP restoration process. I mean, today HYPREP has the largest mangrove restoration project going on. What this has done is to bring more focus on the restoration effort and also to provide an opportunity for HYPREP, and not just HYPREP, for all of us - the community people, the individuals, the companies, the Local Government Councils, the State Government to do something to conserve the Ogoni wetlands, to conserve the biodiversity of the Ogoni wetlands, so that people's livelihoods that depend on resources from wetlands can now be restored, and beyond that, of course, it has, as I said, brought international focus on the Ogoni wetlands. It has also provided an opportunity for monitoring and accountability, because Nigeria has ratified the Ramsar Conventions, which means that Nigeria is expected to do A, B, C to implement the provisions of the Ramsar Convention.

Now, as a people and you know in the Convention, there is what they call the Convention of Parties, which means all those who have signed on to the Convention meet every three years. In between that period, there are what they call the National Reports. The countries, as Nigeria, must do a national report about how they are implementing the Convention, how they are protecting the Ramsar site that has been designated. They will issue their own Reports. And then we, as committee members too, will also issue our own report.

We, as committee members are also mandated to do a report, If the government is not doing something they claim to be doing. We have every right to question the person the government has appointed there. So, it increases the accountability and responsibility framework for both individual and government entities.

HYPREP Herald: We visited Ogoni last week and we saw that especially in B-Dere, the mangroves are over-harvested, because there are no other sources of livelihood. What would you advise as an environmentalist?

Pyagbara: I'm part of the awareness creation that we

need to do. If you look at the massive oil spills that have happened across B-Dere, Bomu communities, they are massive. Now, these oil spill disasters, I mean, from Bomu to K-Dere, to B-Dere to Bodo, they are a vast stretch of mangroves that have been destroyed. Now, if you look at what is going on from Bomu to Bodo axis, it involves restoration effort. How do we replant the mangroves? How do we make sure that they are protected?

Now, it requires another level of awareness creation to let the communities know that. Because today, mangroves are not just being planted for mangrove's sake. It fits into all the things about climate action that we are doing. It has also been discovered that mangroves sequester up to 40% of carbon dioxide. So, the mangroves you see are acting in many roles. They are acting as a carbon sequestration mechanism. At the same time, they are providing livelihoods, because the truth is, the small fish live around the mangroves that provide a habitat for them.

At the same time, there's the issue of energy. And that is why if you look at the way we used to do in our communities many centuries ago, we have our local methods of conservation that have been abandoned. What this means is that there are certain times in the year that the community regulates how the mangroves are being cut, how people fish in certain parts of the river.

Those were community conservations that were put in place. Like my community, there are times when we don't fish in our last stream. We go to another stream. That allows the fish stock in this place to regenerate and all that. So, by the time we come back in six months or one year, the fish have regenerated and you can then go fishing there. So, those were all ways of making sure that we conserve our environment. That applies to mangrove too. There are periods that nobody goes to a particular area to cut mangroves because they are meant to also regenerate, grow and mature.

So, while that is being done, you can be harvesting on the other side of the coastline. They are all ways of conservation because we're not just planting the mangrove for mangrove's sake. It has also become a means of community livelihood. But it must be done in a way that is sustainable, so they don't end up destroying the environment and eroding the mangrove. So, they are about a source of local livelihood and a source of life and energy and all that, but we must do it in a way that is sustainable.

HYPREP Herald: Thank you for your time.

HYPREP GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETS ON OGONI CLEAN-UP ACCELERATION

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) and Secretary of the Governing Council of the Project, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey has disclosed that the last meeting of Council focused on developing policies that will further accelerate and enhance the effectiveness of the Ogoni cleanup project.

Prof. Zabbey disclosed this at the end of the Governing Council meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria's capital city.

He further disclosed that Council also discussed reconstituting the Central Representative Advisory Committee (CRAC) of HYPREP to enhance conflict prevention and mitigation efforts.

The Central Representative Advisory Committee is an arm of the Project saddled with the responsibility of mediating between HYPREP and Ogoni communities to resolve emergent issues arising from the



Minister of Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal (2nd); Minister of Regional Development, Abubakar Momoh (3rd); HYPREP PC, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey (1st); Rep of the National Security Adviser, Usman Iya Abba after the Governing Council Meeting in Abuja

operations of the Project in Ogoni.

Present at the Council meeting, which took place on 5th and 6th March 2026, are the Honourable Minister of Budget and Economic Planning, Senator Abubakar Aliyu Bagudu; the Honourable Minister of Regional Development, Engr. Abubakar Momoh; Representative of

Renaissance Africa Energy Company/Joint Venture Partners, John Ide and other Governing Council members.

The Governing Council meeting was presided over by the Chairman and Honourable Minister of Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal.



Members of HYPREP Governing Council after a Meeting Held at Abuja

HYPREP RESTATES COMMITMENT TO PROVISION OF POTABLE WATER IN OGONI

The Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has reiterated its commitment to providing potable water in Ogoni, in line with the recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report on the Ogoni Environment.

Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey gave the commitment as he led management and staff of the Project to join in this year's world water day celebration with the theme: Water and Gender, and the campaign slogan, Where Water Flows, Equity Grows.

He explained that the commitment of HYPREP to provision of potable water in Ogoni goes beyond the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report recommendation of providing water solely to oil-impacted communities to delivering potable water to as many Ogoni communities as possible, adding that the theme for this year's celebration reinforces and aligns with HYPREP stance that water is a fundamental human right, and ensuring access to potable water in Ogoni communities is sacrosanct.

“With a feeling of equality and inclusivity, we are implementing this thematic component of the Ogoni Cleanup Programme. To date, we have successfully provided potable water to over 43 communities in Ogoni. We are also advancing this effort with the start of our Phase 3 water projects, which will benefit an additional 17 communities in Ogoni, while the windmill-powered water projects in



Facilities at HYPREP Water Station

less populated communities in parts of Khana LGA are progressing steadily.

“In the coming weeks, the K-Dere Water Project, which is at over 99% complete, will be commissioned for use. This is as work continues on other water projects across Ogoni. With these, HYPREP is on course to meet Sustainable Development (SDG) Goal 6 - ensuring the availability of sustainable management of water and sanitation for all Ogoni communities by 2030.

Prof. Zabbey reaffirmed HYPREP's commitment to providing water that meets the highest standards and ensuring sustainability of the water projects by adopting a joint management model involving HYPREP, communities, the Rivers State Ministry of Water Resources and

Rural Development, and the Rivers State Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RSSTOWA), in addition to establishing the Water Consumers' Association in Nchia, Eleme in collaboration with Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs), that conducted specific trainings on water and facility management in other communities.

“It is a strong belief that sustainable water supply in Ogoni begins with community ownership, support, and protection of the HYPREP water facilities. We therefore take this opportunity to reiterate the Hon. Minister of Environment, Balarabe Abbas Lawal's call for communities to continue to assume responsibility for safeguarding HYPREP water



Students Drink from HYPREP Tap

facilities. Together, we can realize our goal of providing access to safe drinking water across Ogoni communities', he said.

In communities where HYPREP has provided potable water, reticulation is community wide and comes with treatment facilities and

laboratories to ensure compliance to safety standards.

HYPREP WATER SUPPLY TO COVER 96.2% OF OGONI – Prof. Zabbey

The Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Professor Nenibarini Zabbey has explained that upon completion of 51 headworks and 14 booster stations, HYPREP would be supplying potable water to 96.2% of Ogoni communities with a total reticulation network of 1,516.41km.

Prof. Zabbey made this position known in a lecture he delivered on, 'Water for All: Bridging Gender Gaps in Access, Safety, and Water Stewardship in HYPREP Projects,' at the Centre for Water and Sanitation Studies, CeWASS (Member, Global Sanitation Graduate School, GSGS), Rivers State University, Port Harcourt.



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey Presenting a Lecture at an Event to Mark 2026 World Water Day

He stated that a wider water supply coverage of Ogoni has some attendant benefits for communities and women in terms of reduced exposure to contaminated groundwater, improved health outcomes, reduced time spent fetching water, greater opportunity for women, and increased school attendance for girls, which in turn improves health, productivity, and educational opportunities.

Highlighting the key progress made in the provision of potable water in Ogoni, Prof. Zabbey stated that 16 water facilities have been completed across Ogoniland and supplying potable water to 43 communities with fetching points located less than 200m apart for accessibility and reduction of burden on women, and an additional 49 facilities under construction including K. Dere Water Works which is 99% complete.

Prof. Zabbey further stated that, beyond being beneficiaries of the HYPREP water projects, women are water stewards and leaders, which informs the Project's decision to include them in the water management

committees, acknowledging that they possess valuable knowledge central to water stewardship.

He explained that HYPREP's improvement of water infrastructure in Ogoni is about safety, dignity, and gender justice, especially as it helps mitigate the risks women face in accessing long-distance water sources, carrying heavy loads that affect their health, and exposure to harassment or violence, as well as limited sanitation facilities.

The HYPREP Coordinator used the occasion of the public lecture to highlight other milestone achievements and programmes under the Ogoni Clean-up Project which include the Ogoni Power Project and the installation of solar power sources which among other benefits are to power the different water stations across Ogoni, the medium risk and shoreline remediation projects that address contaminated groundwater and polluted creeks.

All of these projects, Prof. Zabbey noted, support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation,

SDG 7 - Affordable Energy, SDG 5 - Gender Equality, SDG 3 - Good Health and Well Being and SDG 13 - Climate Action) and added that HYPREP's projects align with global commitments to equitable development and environmental restoration.

He assured that HYPREP will continue to expand potable water infrastructure in Ogoni, strengthen gender inclusion, build community capacity and promote sustainable water management in the region, calling for actions to bridge gender gaps in water access, and describing it as both a moral obligation and a necessity for development.

A Certificate of Appreciation as 'Distinguished Lecturer' was presented to the HYPREP Coordinator by the Centre for Water and Sanitation Studies (CeWASS).

Earlier, Professor Zabbey had joined other distinguished guests, members of staff and students of CeWASS on a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor of Rivers State University, Professor Isaac Zeb-Obipi.



HYPREP PC, Prof. Zabbey (5th); RSU Vice Chancellor, Isaac Zeb-Obipi (4th), with Officials of CeWASS During the 2026 World Water Day Celebration

OGONI POWER PROJECT: HYPREP COMMISSIONS STUDY ON DISTRIBUTION NETWORK

As the phase 1 of the Ogoni Power Project continues to record significant milestones, the Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey has called on the Consultants carrying out a study on the Electricity Distribution Network to ensure they follow due process in the execution of their jobs.

The HYPREP Coordinator made the call during the kick-off meeting for the Electricity Distribution Network Study on Ogoniland at the HYPREP Head office in Port Harcourt, having in attendance technical experts and consultants, members of HYPREP's technical support team, and Heads of relevant Units.

Prof. Zabbey expressed delight at the deliverables and successes recorded on the different aspects of the transmission stage of the project, saying it reflects the commitment and teamwork demonstrated by drivers of the process.

He particularly urged the Electricity Distribution Network Study Consultant, Tavidier Nigeria Limited, to take the study seriously because it is key, and the outcome will be used for future activities, demanding that the report of the study should be of high quality.

While appealing to the consultants to ensure the eventual report serves the purpose and reflects national standards, he also said the report should be specific, clear, straight to the point, concise, and should be ready by first week of May, 2026.

He emphasized the importance of



HYPREP Officials/Tavidier Nig. Ltd. Consultants at the Kickoff Meeting for the Electricity Distribution Network Study

the kick-off meeting, which he said will help to streamline a lot of things, urging everyone to work collaboratively for the success of the project.

The Project Coordinator expressed confidence in the prospect of the project and appealed that the right thing should be done. "Let's keep our eyes on the ground, hold our hands, and be proactive", he said, while thanking the contractors and representatives of the Rivers State Ministry of Power for their collaboration and commitment towards the success of the project.

Presentations were made by the Team Lead, Health, Safety, Security and Environment, Dr. Boma Amadi and the Head, Technical Support Unit, Mr. Onis Emem, who gave an overview of the project scope and deliverables.

Present at the meeting were the

HYPREP's Director of Technical Services, Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi and representatives of Tavidier Nigeria Limited, including Engr. Chidi Romanus, who presented the work methodology.

Meanwhile, as a follow up to the kickoff meeting, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project has also held a mobilization meeting for the Electricity Distribution Network Study in Ogoniland with electricity experts and other stakeholders drawn from Ogoni communities.

While the Head, Technical Support, Mr. Onis Emem, gave general introduction of the project, the Technical Assistant to the Project Coordinator, Dr. Joseph Aadam outlined specific details of the work.



Erection of Gantries at Ogoni Power Substations



Transformer Cooling System



60MVA Power Transformer

KHANA COUNCIL BOSS PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR HYPREP STUDY ON ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION IN OGONI

The Chairman of Khana Local Government Council, Dr. Bariere Thomas has expressed his readiness to support the Ogoni Power Project – an initiative of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project aimed at improving power supply across Ogoni communities.

Dr. Thomas gave the assurance when he received a delegation from the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) and Tavidar Nigeria Ltd, who visited the Council to intimate the Council Chairman on the plan to kick-start a comprehensive study on Electricity Distribution Network in the four Local Government Areas of Ogoni.

The Council Chairman was represented by his Chief of Staff, Dr. Daniel Dorka, who conveyed the Chairman's support for the exercise.

“The Khana Local Government Council is committed to support



Officials of Khana Council and HYPREP Staff at the Electricity Distribution Sensitization Meeting in Bori

initiatives that will improve power supply and infrastructure in Khana and across Ogoni. We are ready to provide the necessary cooperation for the success of this study,” he assured.

The visiting HYPREP team explained that the objective of the study is to investigate the extent and condition of existing power infrastructure, with a view to

providing data that will guide future interventions in the sector.

The meeting had in attendance officials of Khana Local Government Council and Paramount rulers from various communities in the area.

The study team has visited all the four LGAs of Ogoni and had since commenced the electricity distribution network study.



HYPREP Staff with King of Eleme During the Electricity Distribution Sensitization Meeting Held in His Palace

PHASE 2 MANGROVE RESTORATION: HYPREP HOLDS KICK-OFF MEETING WITH CONTRACTORS

Ahead of the commencement of Phase 2 Shoreline and Mangrove Restoration Projects in Ogoni, the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) has organized a kick-off meeting for contractors to brief them on the modalities of operation and mobilization to site.

The meeting was chaired by the Project Coordinator of HYPREP, Professor Nenibarini Zabbey, who indicated the commitment of the Project to work collaboratively with the contractors to achieving a sustainable cleanup of Ogoni, and called for adherence to international best practice and safety protocols.

Prof. Zabbey stated that HYPREP will commence training in International Maritime Organization (IMO), 1& 2 Certification for community workers, as a standard



Prof. Zabbey

requirement to enable them work on the Shoreline and Mangrove Restoration Projects, maintaining that HYPREP is adopting a community-based approach in project implementation, stressing the need for

contractors to work closely with communities to achieve timely completion of their contracts.

At the meeting was the representative of Renaissance Africa Energy Company/Joint Venture Partners, Engr. Ehioze Igbinomwanhia who reiterated the commitment of the oil company to the Ogoni Cleanup Project, and urged the contractors to ensure that the Ogoni environment is thoroughly cleaned up to specifications.

Also in attendance were representatives of the shoreline cleanup contractors, mangrove planting contractors, mangrove monitoring contractors, IMO training consultants, Director, Technical Services, HYPREP, Professor Damian-Paul Aguiyi and other management and staff of HYPREP.



Cross Section of Contractors at the Kick-off Meeting for Phase 2 Shoreline Mangrove Restoration Projects

MOSOP, HYPREP MEET ON CLEAN-UP PROGRESS

The leadership of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) has engaged the management of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) on ways to form strategic partnership for a successful remediation of the Ogoni environment as well as provision of sustainable livelihoods for impacted communities.

The meeting, which was held at the Project Coordination Office of HYPREP in Port Harcourt afforded both parties the opportunity to compare notes and foster collaboration towards an efficient delivery of the Ogoni Cleanup Project, with a harmonious position to regularly interface to achieve set goals and objectives.

HYPREP Coordinator, Professor

Nenibarini Zabbey who described the kickoff as a family meeting said the visit was a significant demonstration of MOSOP's continuous interest in the Ogoni Clean-up Project, adding that the Federal Government has prioritised the accelerated implementation of the Project, which he noted is evident in the Project's milestone achievements across thematic areas, including soil and shoreline remediation, mangrove restoration, provision of potable water, construction of the Centre of Excellence for Environmental Restoration (CEER), the 100-Bed Ogoni Specialist Hospital, the 43-Bed Buan Cottage Hospital, the Ogoni Power Project, livelihood restoration programmes among others.

In their separate speeches, Mr Legborsi Saro Pyagbara, Chief Prince

Biira, Engr. Anda Wai-Ogosu, Mr. Lazarus Tamana, and Mr. Fegalo Nsuke, who was represented by Mr. Alex Akori, all underscored the need for a robust synergy between HYPREP and MOSOP.

They reiterated MOSOP's disposition to ensuring that the desired success is achieved in the cleanup project, which has being one of the fundamental demands of the Ogoni struggle.

Other chieftains of MOSOP who attended the meeting include, Mr. Kammy Ngelale, Comrade Bari-ara Kpalap, Mr. Gad Nwigbalar, Chief Nyiedah Naasikpo, Mr. Stephen Nmaane and Mr. Ledogo Amabu, alongside the Director, Technical Services, HYPREP, Professor Damian-Paul Aguiyi, Unit Heads and some staff of the Project.



Prof. Zabbey with Officials of MOSOP During their Visit to HYPREP Office in Port Harcourt

OGONI CLEAN-UP, FLAGSHIP PROJECT OF THE FED. GOVT. – *Perm. Sec, Fed. Mins. of Env.*

The new Permanent Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Environment, Dr. Salihu Aminu Usman has described the Ogoni Clean-up Project as a flagship initiative the country takes pride in due to its socio-economic, and environmental benefits, and promised his full support, both personally and from the Ministry, to guarantee the successful realisation of Project's mandate.

Dr. Usman stated this when the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey paid a visit to his office in Abuja to give a comprehensive update on HYPREP's achievements and ongoing projects.

The Permanent Secretary expressed admiration with the rapid progress the Ogoni cleanup Project has recorded, saying that “these are the kinds of projects the country needs. Projects that are impactful and

continue to improve lives.”

Prof. Zabbey also held a strategic meeting with the Director of International Economic Relations (IER) at the Federal Ministry of Finance, Mr. Stanley George, where he briefed the Director on the various thematic milestones achieved by HYPREP and the recent designation of the Ogoni wetlands as Ramsar Site of International Importance.

He stated that the global recognition underscores the ecological significance of Ogoni's mangrove ecosystems and reinforces the importance of HYPREP's extensive efforts in restoring oil-degraded mangroves across the area, and outlined HYPREP's plans to quantify carbon stocks in mangroves, as well as ongoing collaborations with international institutions to build capacity through specialised training, noting that these initiatives will provide substantial environmental and

economic benefits to Ogoni and the country in general.

Prof. Zabbey also emphasised the need to expand the Project's partnerships and collaborations through the Federal Ministry of Finance.

The IER Director in the Federal Ministry of Finance, Mr. Stanley George commended HYPREP's achievements and expressed keen interest in supporting the Project's initiatives by proffering advice on international funding organisations that HYPREP can collaborate with, especially to secure climate-related grants and broaden HYPREP's operations.

The institutional partnership is expected to enhance HYPREP's capacity to deliver lasting benefits for Ogoniland and contribute meaningfully to Nigeria's climate and development goals.



Perm Sec., Fed. Ministry of Environment, Dr. Salihu Aminu Usman, HYPREP PC, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey Flanked by Staff of the Ministry and HYPREP

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

(Contd. from Previous Edition)

OGONI POWER PROJECT

SUMMARY

The Ogoni Power project phase 1 consists of the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) of two 60 MVA 132/33kV Transmission Substations at Wiiyaakara and Bodo, as well as a 132kV DC (Double Circuit) 62km Transmission Line (spanning Ebubu, Wiiyaakara, and Bodo Substations).

PROJECT STATUS

HYPREP has taken delivery of several offshore components, foundations for 132kv and 33kv gantries and staff quarters buildings for the Wiiyaakara and Bodo Substations. The Contractor has commenced soil geophysical for the towers. Payment of compensation for economic trees, crops and other assets.

Overall performance as of 19th

December 2025: **61.13%**

The criteria for progress measurement are based on the typical Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) Specification for EPC Contract where:

- **Engineering -5%,**
- **Procurement -55%,**
- **Construction -40%**

Q1 2025 Achievements

Table 1:

Deliverable(s)	Components of Deliverable	Percentage (%)
Transmission Lines	Approved designs Material ordered Manufacturing in progress Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) Shipping Custom clearance Transportation to HYPREP Site Bush clearing Route Surveys Tower pegging, spotting & profiling.	23.41%
Wiiyaakara Substation	Approval of designs Material ordered Manufacturing in progress Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) in progress Shipping in progress Custom clearance Transportation to HYPREP Site Bush clearing in progress Route Surveys in progress Tower pegging, spotting & profiling in progress Perimeter fencing in progress Substation Gate House in progress 3 - Bedroom Staff Quarter in progress 2 - Bedroom Flat A Staff Quarters in progress 2 - Bedroom Flat B Staff Quarters in progress	30.41%
Bodo Substation	Approval of designs Material ordered Manufacturing in progress Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) in progress Shipping in progress Custom clearance Transportation to HYPREP Site Bush clearing in progress Route Surveys in progress Tower pegging, spotting & profiling in progress Perimeter fencing in progress Substation Gate House in progress 3 - Bedroom Staff Quarter in progress 2 - Bedroom Flat A Staff Quarters in progress 2 - Bedroom Flat B Staff Quarters in progress	30.68%

**Overall Performance (Achievements)
for Q1 2025: 28.5%**

Q4 2025 Achievements

Table 2:

Deliverable(s)	Components of Deliverable	Percentage (%)
Transmission Lines	Approval of designs Material ordered Manufacturing process in progress Shipping process in progress Custom clearance process Transportation of offshore equipment to HYPREP Site Commenced Soil geophysical investigation for towers	57.29%
Wiiyaakara Substation	Approved designs Material ordered Manufacturing process in progress Shipping process in progress Custom clearance process Transportation of offshore equipment to HYPREP site Completed perimeter fencing Completed substation gate house Completed 3-bedroom staff quarter Completed 2-bedroom flat A staff quarters Completed 2-bedroom flat B staff quarters Foundations for 132kv and 33kv gantries are ongoing. Completed Foundation bases for 2 nos 60MVA	63.27%
Bodo Substation	Approved designs Material ordered Manufacturing process in progress Shipping process in progress Custom clearance process Transportation of offshore equipment to HYPREP site Completed perimeter fencing Completed substation gate house Completed 3-bedroom staff quarter Completed 2-bedroom flat A staff quarters Completed 2-Bedroom flat B staff quarters Foundations for 132kv and 33kv gantries are ongoing Completed foundation bases for two 60MVA	63.55%

**Overall Performance (Achievements)
for Q4 2025: 61.13%**

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

Environment Minister, Balarabe Abbas (L); Regional Development Minister, Abubakar Momoh (M); HYPREP PC, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey (R)



Environment Minister, Balarabe Abbas (5th); Prof. Zabbey (6th) and Staff of HYPREP



RSU VC, Prof. Isaac Zeb-Obipi Presents Souvenir to Prof. Zabbey



Prof. Zabbey Flanked by Ichibor Gowon (L) and Prof. Damian-Paul Aguiyi (R)



Head, Livelihoods, Josephine Nzidee Hands Over an Award She Received on Behalf of Prof. Zabbey



SA Women and Youths, Stephanie Fiiwe Hands Over an Award She Received on Behalf of Prof. Zabbey



Officials of MOSOP During their Visit to HYPREP Office



Prof. Zabbey in the Cockpit with an Air Crew Trainee Sponsored by HYPREP

OGONI CLEAN-UP ...HYPREP SPEARHEADING MANGROVE RESTORATION POETRY CORNER

A RAMSAR FOR OGONI

By: Kpoobari Nafu

The news arrived today all the way from Switzerland
Announcing remediated Ogoni, Ramsar land
Efforts of decades conferred world belt of greenery
To boost voice against artisanal refinery

With an official paper sent all the way to Gland
Approval is given swiftly to UNEP demand
That Ogoni be host to nature's diversities
Of her wetlands of lush mangrove of all varieties

The birds will hence fly delightedly without watching
The friendly fin fish in free and safe water swimming
The blue crabs at roots of standing mangroves will burrow
And the croc roams again along the narrow furrow

What will locals in this package of leafy wraps see
These residents of towns that cohabit with the sea
Who had raised children on benevolence of the tide?
In them are packages of beneficiation tied.

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—Frank Lloyd Wright

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