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Ocean Governance processes in
various regions





Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans

Established in 1974; 146 countries; 18 Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, 7 administered by UNEP

Provide a legally binding framework to protect the marine environment at the regional level

Governed by member states

Main objectives are to address the degradation of oceans and seas through the sustainable use and management of the marine environment

Promotes the implementation of cross cutting policies fostering transboundary cooperation amongst countries



Latin America and the Caribbean

- *The Forum of Ministers of Environment made a resolution on Oceans*
- *Cartagena Convention and West and Central Atlantic Fisheries Commission are discussing an MOU;*
- *Caribbean Sea Commission;*
- *CPPS – Lima Convention started the integrated ocean policy process – national ocean policy development – Chile and Ecuador; Commitments of Galapagos trying to work with the other mechanisms of the South Pacific*
- *Antigua Convention entering into force to be supported*

Asia

- Coordination among East Asian Seas regional seas programme, Partnership on Environment Management of Seas of East Asia, Coral Triangle Initiative?
- A new strategy for the Coordinating Body for the Seas of East Asia is under development.
- For South Asian Seas – a new Marine Biodiversity Strategy is being developed.
- Ecological Objectives are being set for the Northwest Pacific Action Plan

Pacific

- Under the Pacific Island Forum, Ocean Commissioner coordinates ocean related regional policies;
- Pacific Oceanscape Initiative and Pacific Ocean Alliance
- Some dialogues between the regional seas programme (Noumea Convention) and regional fisheries bodies (West and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation and Forum Fisheries Agency)

Polar regions

- Under the Arctic Council, a task force was formed to discuss a framework of Arctic marine cooperation.
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