

List of UNEP's Voluntary commitments at the Ocean Conference

#		Title	Agency submitted	Commitment	Reports	SDG targets
1	UNEP commitments	Blue Forests Project	UNEP	The GEF Blue Forests Project is to apply methodologies and approaches for carbon accounting and ecosystem service valuation in blue forests so as to provide evidence-based experience that supports replication, up-scaling and adoption of blue forests concepts by the international community and the GEF. The project aims to: Improve the knowledge on carbon sequestration, storage, possible greenhouse gas emissions as well as ecosystem services in blue forests ecosystems and on possible policy and economic instruments that may be applied to sustainable coastal habitat management; Improve and replicate ecosystem management based on improved understanding of the values of blue forests ecosystems; Improve understanding of ecosystem services and carbon storage and sequestration, possible greenhouse gas emissions, sequestration and fluxes for blue forests ecosystems through targeted research and peer-reviewed literature, with a particular focus on ecosystems lacking knowledge (seagrass and salt marshes); Improve acceptance and awareness of blue forests values, methodologies and approaches in international policy and markets related to climate change and ecosystem service valuation.	Progress report: 2 November 2018	14.a
2		Technical assistance on issues related to market access and trade-related aspects	UNCTAD-FAO-UNEP	FAO commits to the provision of technical assistance and capacity development in market access issues covering: compliance with seafood product standards and regulations for food safety in major importing countries and regions; adherence to voluntary ecolabelling schemes and/or development of national schemes; implementing FAO tools that contribute to reducing illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing; support to the implementation of traceability of capture fisheries products to combat IUU, but also to respond to the needs of food safety, CITES and ecolabelling; to high-level discussions on fisheries subsidies with an aim to reducing harmful subsidies; reduction of seafood fraud, which occurs when seafood is deliberately placed on the market, for financial gain, with the intention of deceiving the consumer.	Progress report: 10 December 2018 Progress report: 6 November 2017	14.6
3		Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan Secretariat to the Barcelona Convention and FAO General Fisheries Commission for	UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan-Barcelona Convention Secretariat (UNEP/MAP) and General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean of the FAO (GFCM)	The MoU between UN Environment/MAP-Barcelona Convention and GFCM addresses the following five areas of cooperation: 1) Promotion of ecosystem-based approaches for the conservation of marine and coastal environment and ecosystems, and the sustainable use of marine living and other natural resources; 2) Mitigation of the impact of fisheries and aquaculture on the marine habitats and species by the use of best available techniques in fisheries and the development of sustainable aquaculture; 3) Identification, protection and management of marine areas of particular importance in the Mediterranean (hot spots of biodiversity, areas with sensitive habitats, essential fish habitats, areas of importance for fisheries and/or for the conservation of endangered species, coastal wetlands); 4) Integrated maritime policy with a special emphasis on marine and coastal spatial planning, and integrated coastal zone management, and other integrated zoning approaches, with a view to mitigate cumulative risks due to reduced access and availability of space affected by multiple and increasing conflictive uses; 5) Legal, institutional and policy related cooperation.	Due 9 months ago	14.4

		4th Mediterranean				
4		African Clean Cities Platform	Ministry of the Environment, Japan, JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency, UNEP , UN-HABITAT	At the meeting co-chaired by Mozambique and Japan, the "Maputo Declaration on the Establishment of the African Clean Cities Platform towards the Realization of Clean Cities and Healthy Lives through Appropriate Waste Management in Africa" was adopted on 27 April 2017. The African Clean Cities Platform aims to improve land-based waste management and it also contributes to the reduction of the volume of marine litter by mitigating leaks of wastes from land to seas and oceans.	N/A	14.1
5		The ICRI plan of Action 2016-2018	FRANCE, MONACO, SWEDEN and UN Environment (UNEP)	An ambitious plan of action 2016-2018 proposed by France was adopted by the ICRI membership in November 2016. It comprises 5 themes: 1. Raising awareness on the importance of coral reefs and related ecosystems to help mitigate the impacts of climate change; 2. To contribute to the implementation of the international agreements; 3. To help reducing human threats to coral reefs and associated mangroves and seagrasses; 4. To monitor the state of coral reefs; 5. To raise awareness about the importance of coral reefs and related ecosystems. Finally, a small projects scheme - aiming to help ICRI members to implement the plan of action will be set-up. This will support coral reef stakeholders implement concrete actions, improve management effectiveness, test pilot schemes or put in place tools that can be useful to other countries.	Progress report: 20 January 2018, 9 November 2018, 27 September 2017	14.2
6		Regional Seas Programme for ocean-related SDGs	UN Environment Programme	The Regional Seas Programme is in the process of developing a core set of indicators to assess the state of the marine environment. The 22 indicators include 7 fisheries-related indicators. The Programme envisions coordination with the Regional Fisheries Bodies for assessing the marine environment status. Currently, scientific background study is being conducted on the indicators and it is aimed that at least two regions will start using the indicator set by 2020. Indicator-based monitoring would allow quantitative, chronological monitoring of the state of the marine environment. The Regional Seas Programme has been supporting member states for more than 40 years. While starting new commitments for assisting member states delivery of the SDGs, the Programme is coming to the turning point to look back the past and to address challenges. Thus UN Environment will develop a guideline for effectiveness assessment so that each region will be able to strategize means to improve the delivery of their programmes.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
7		UN-Oceans: Raising awareness of relevant regulatory and policy frameworks and its members activities in support of their implementation, as a foundation for conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas	UN-Oceans	We commit to come together to provide briefings to inform participants of current ocean-related regulatory and policy frameworks as well as relevant activities. This could, for instance, take the form of workshops or dialogues in the margins of international meetings or conferences of parties or at relevant regional events.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14

		and their resources				
8		France decided to contribute financially to UNEP activities under the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML), for the 2017- 2020 period.	FRANCE with UNEP and international coalition to reduce marine litter	The commitment aims to reinforce the coalition The coalition brings together local and national governments. It aims at promoting the reduction of plastic waste pollution of the oceans and in particular the elimination of single-use plastic bags in all countries. The members of the coalition take the commitment to promote, in particular, elimination of these plastic bags in a consistent manner with existing international instruments and policies, and to share experience gained by States that already take action on this matter.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.1
9		Marine litter management through TEMM (the Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among China, Japan and Korea)	Ministry of the Environment of Japan, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China, UNEP	The Ministers welcomed the first workshop on marine litter held in September 2015 in Yantai, China as a joint workshop with Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) and the common intention reached at the workshop for accelerating data sharing on marine litter. They also decided to hold a workshop and a working-level meeting on marine litter annually to enhance information exchange on each country's policies and research results of the three countries under the TEMM framework. Furthermore, they recognized the importance of promoting their efforts to understand the current situation on marine litter among the three countries and decided to strengthen the tripartite cooperation for efficient and effective solutions addressing marine litter. As the first step toward this goal, they recognized the need for scientist-led workshops.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.1
10		Towards an ecologically representative and efficiently managed network of Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas	UN Environment / Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat	The project aims to put in place a connected, ecologically representative, effectively managed and monitored network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Mediterranean which ensures the long term conservation of key elements of the marine biodiversity and gives significant support to the sustainable development of this region. The project builds on an innovation approach seeking to:1) strengthening MPA Regional Coordination and Networking to ensure long-term networking and capacity building of MPAs in the Mediterranean and set up an ad hoc Group of Experts focused on Mediterranean MPA issues, under the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Protocol; 2) establishing new MPAs through their identification and characterization in order to extend the existing regional network and enhance its ecological representativeness; 3) improving MPA Management namely through the development, implementation and monitoring of management, zoning and fisheries management plans, communication tools and socio-economic benefits assessments etc.; 4) identify and test innovative approaches to ensure the financial sustainability of MPAs; and 5) promote governance and management of MPAs through stakeholders engagement and co-management or participatory management approaches.	Progress report: 10 December 2018	14
11		Mediterranean implementation of the Ecosystem Approach, in coherence with the EU MSFD	UN Environment / Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat	With the ultimate objective of achieving the Good Environmental Status (GES) of the Mediterranean Sea, the project aims to support the Southern Mediterranean Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to implement the Ecosystem Approach Roadmap agreed in Decision IG. 21/3, with a particular focus on the establishment of integrated monitoring programmes in line with the Decision IG.22/7 on Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP).	Progress report: 4 December 2018	14.2

				The implementation of this Decision will enable for the first time an integrated quantitative monitoring and assessment of the status of the Mediterranean sea and coast on a regional basis, covering biodiversity, non-indigenous species, coast, hydrography, pollution and marine litter. In addition, the project addresses some specific challenges of the EcAp Roadmap implementation, and as such aims at strengthening science-policy interface, addressing sub-regional implementation needs, and responding to data and information needs in the Mediterranean region.		
12		Mediterranean Sea Programme (MedProgramme): Enhancing Environmental Security	UN Environment / Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat - UN Environment and EBRD as lead GEF Implementing Agencies	The MedProgramme aims to accelerate the implementation of agreed upon priority actions to reduce the major transboundary environmental stresses affecting the Mediterranean Sea and its coastal areas while strengthening climate resilience and water security, and improving the health and livelihoods of coastal populations.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
13		Implementation of the UN Environment/MAP Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean	UN Environment / Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat, MED POL Programme	The objective of the Marine Litter MED project is to support UN Environment/MAP Barcelona Convention and its Southern Mediterranean Contracting Parties to implement key common measures provided for in the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean, and the updated National Action Plans to achieve Good Environmental Status (GES). The main focus of the project will be on: a. Enhancing the implementation of selected ML policy/regulatory prevention and reduction common measures at sub-regional/national levels and sharing of related best practices as identified in the updated NAPs in Southern Mediterranean/EU Neighborhood countries; b. Developing and applying regionally harmonized approaches, guidelines and tools to ensure effective implementation of selected measures (participation of all Contracting Parties, including EU on non-cost basis); c. Establishing regional coordination mechanisms for ML prevention and management in the Mediterranean to maximize synergies through cooperation and exchange of best practices; and d. Establishing regional coordination mechanisms for ML with other regional actors and European Regional Seas Conventions, with a particular focus on collaboration with the Black Sea Commission.	Progress report: 25 February 2019 Progress report: 25 February 2019	14
14		Implementation of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) principles and practices in the ENP South region - ENI SEIS II South Support Mechanism	UN Environment / Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat	The specific objective of the action is to improve the availability and access to relevant environmental information to the benefit of effective and knowledge-based policy making in the ENP South region. Projects specific activities executed by UN Environment/MAP aim at supporting regional reporting through established and regular national data flows based on common requirements, ensuring coherence and harmonization as well as policy relevance and uptake of the reported information in support of better environmental governance. They are structured around six work packages (in country support; indicators and assessments; data and statistics; infrastructure and data management; visibility and communication; and coordination and management) and four thematic clusters (water; waste; industrial emissions; cross-cutting issues).	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
15		Strengthening international	Agreement on the Conservation of Small	nsuring effective cooperation between countries and relevant stakeholders to conserve whales, dolphins and porpoises in European waters and beyond is the	Progress report due 9 months ago	14

		cooperation to conserve whales, dolphins and porpoises in European waters and beyond	Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas (ASCOBANS), CMS, UN environment	fundamental aim of ASCOBANS. Whales are particularly vulnerable in the ASCOBANS region, including some of the busiest and most exploited ocean basins globally. The ten countries that have adopted ASCOBANS have committed themselves to provide a framework for international cooperation, including wide-ranging actions under three regional action plans, as well as regional and threat-based working groups. The treaty has been in force since 1994 and it is this long-term commitment that allows the associated international network to leverage targeted implementation of the SDG14 targets.		
16		Blue economy for a healthy Mediterranean- Measuring, Monitoring and Promoting an environmentally sustainable economy in the Mediterranean region	UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan/Plan Bleu Regional Activity Center	1. to define a vision and definition of the sustainable economy in the Mediterranean region based on healthy environmental eco-systems that is shared and acknowledged by all relevant Mediterranean stakeholders; 2. to integrate the tools and measures defined by that blue economy vision within four main on-going regional processes contributing to the identification of measures and objectives for sustainable development in the Mediterranean: MSSD review, ECAP, Mediterranean SCP Action Plan and ICZM Protocol. In order to achieve these objectives, a crucial point is to involve regional stakeholders in the project to mainstream the concept of Blue economy. To this end, a steering committee, involving Plan Bleu, SCP/RAC and PAP/RAC, in their quality of regional activity centers to the Barcelona convention, working on themes related to Blue Economy, will give the strategic directions throughout the project. Operational objectives are: 3. Plan Bleu, SCP/RAC, PAP/RAC involved in the drafting of the vision and definition with the support of a strategic advisory board 4. Plan Bleu, SCP/RAC, PAP/RAC mainstream blue economy's identified tools and measures in the corresponding governance processes lead by each of them Likewise, the project proposes to ensure the establishment of bridges linking those mentioned governance process under the Blue Economy umbrella.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
17		Catalyzing ocean literacy	UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre	Ocean literacy is critical to engaging citizens in the conservation and sustainable use of the ocean. Ocean literacy also has a crucial role in underpinning individual behavior changes that reduce pressure on sensitive ocean ecosystems (such as coral reefs) through catalyzing new lifestyle and consumer choices. A key challenge however is to identify and encourage appropriate behavior changes. The UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre is actively exploring how ocean literacy can be catalyzed to generate behavior changes that support SDG14 targets. This involves working with new collaborators in disciplines including environmental psychology, micro-economics, and social marketing. The UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre commits to sharing the results of our work to highlight effective strategies to catalyze ocean literacy and behavior change as a contribution to SDG14.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
18		Supporting effective ocean governance	UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre	Achieving SDG14 will require the widespread uptake of effective ocean governance practices, particularly multi-sector area-based techniques such as marine spatial planning, marine protected areas and integrated coastal management. The UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre is actively engaged in projects advancing our collective understanding of how effective area-based planning and management can be achieved, both within national waters and in areas beyond national jurisdiction. We therefore commit to sharing with the international community the results of our work on effective area-based planning and	Progress report due 9 months ago	14

				management practices through user friendly and accessible communication channels.		
19		Promoting enhanced access and use of global marine biodiversity information	UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre	Ocean biodiversity information underpins the sustainable use and conservation of marine resources. Yet reliable and freely accessible ocean biodiversity information can be difficult to find, access and use. The UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre commits to initiating a step-change in global access to and use of marine biodiversity spatial data and information. This will be achieved by developing new and upgrading existing digital products that serve globally, regionally and nationally relevant ocean biodiversity information.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
20		Global Coral Reef Partnership	UN Environment	The overall aim of the partnership is to secure coral reef benefits in a changing climate, by supporting and enabling decision making across public and private sectors which is informed by sound data on coral reef status and trends; climate change vulnerability; ecosystem service values and human dependence. This will protect coral reef biodiversity; build climate resilience of reefs as well as dependent industries and communities; and make coral reefs a part of sustainable development/a blue economy.	Progress report: 14 November 2018	14.2
21		Sustainable Trade in Fisheries - Assisting Member States to Implement Effective, Inclusive and Sustainable Policies	UNCTAD/FAO/UN Environment	The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Program (UN Environment) have a key role to play in the implementation of these trade-related targets. Through the Joint Statement made during the 14th session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, titled Regulating Fisheries Subsidies must be an integral part of the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, the three agencies made a commitment to support member states efforts to meet SDG Target 14.6, by identifying four minimum outcomes: Accurate, additional, practical and feasible provisions for the transparent notification of all relevant fisheries subsidies; Clear prohibition of subsidies that contribute to over-fishing and overcapacity, and those that undermine sustainable development, food and nutritional security, jeopardizing the livelihoods of coastal populations; Adequate and appropriate instruments and tools to deter introduction of new harmful subsidies; and Special attention and treatment to developing countries, in particular, the least developed ones and Small Island Development States (SIDS).	Progress report: 23 January 2018	14.6
22	Regional seas commitments	Caribbean Platform for Nutrients Management	Secretariat to the Cartagena Convention - UN Environment Caribbean Environment Programme	The objectives of the commitment are to: Integrative governance arrangements for sustainable fisheries and for the protection of the marine environment; Demonstrate the deployment of innovative, economically-viable appropriate wastewater technologies for small coastal communities to foster uptake, replication and up scaled investment; Demonstrate the deployment of best nutrient management practices in agriculture in the areas of nutrient conservation, recycling and use efficiency, with added benefit of integrating climate-smart approaches; Strengthen partnerships between on-site beneficiary groups, local and regional institutions to share best practices using the Caribbean Platforms for Nutrient and Wastewater Management; Enhance institutional and stakeholder capacity within the CLME+ Region for nutrients reduction and habitat restoration using an Ecosystem-Based Management Approach; Financing catalysed for the up-scaling of priority for the protection of the marine environment.	Progress report due 10 months ago	14.1 14.4

23		Trash Free Waters - International	Secretariat to the Cartagena Convention: UN Environment Caribbean Environment Programme	Trash Free Waters Initiative is a partnership involving the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Peace Corps, United Nations Environment Programme Caribbean Environment Programme (UNEP-CEP) to reduce and prevent land-based trash from entering our watersheds, coastal waters, and the marine environment. The Trash Free Waters Initiative is driven by the central tenet to catalyse local communities and governments in the Caribbean region to work together to develop marine litter policies and projects that reduce the amount of trash entering the Caribbean Sea. Partners are working with Environment Ministries in to help raise awareness of marine litter and prioritize sustainable solid waste management practices that will also benefit the economy.	Progress report due 10 months ago	14.1
24		Marine environment protection through CERAC (Special Monitoring & Coastal Environmental Assessment Regional Activity Centre) of NOWPAP (North-west Pacific Action Plan)	Ministry of the Environment of Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, UNEP (NOWPAP)	Under the framework of NOWPAP, we take actions such as marine litter management and ocean monitoring by the use of remote sensing technologies for marine environment protection through cooperation among four member states.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.1
25		Commitment between the Secretariats of the Caribbean Environment Programme and the OSPAR Commission to explore opportunities for inter-regional cooperation	Secretariats of the Caribbean Environment Programme and the OSPAR Commission	The Sustainable Development Goals offer our two Conventions an opportunity to help each other in their similar objectives on protection of the marine environment of the Caribbean and the North East Atlantic respectively. This document sets out the beginning of an exploratory process, initiated by the Secretariats of the two conventions, with the support of their respective Contracting Parties. The aim is to see in what areas under the work of the two conventions are there opportunities for sharing of experience and lessons learnt, for developing more formal memorandums to enhance cooperation and also for potential for future joint projects. This document set out a tentative list of potential issues that may yield useful areas of collaboration and cooperation in the future. Issues identified for exploration: Protection of Biodiversity; Marine Protected Areas Cooperation; Marine Status Reporting Cooperation; Sustainable development; Marine Litter Cooperation.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
26		A joint ACCOBAMS/GFCM approach to mitigate bycatch and depredation in the Mediterranean Sea	Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS) (UNEP/MAP-Regional Activity Center for Specially Protected Areas (UNEP/MAP-RAC/SPA) as partner)	The Permanent Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS), is committed to implement a regional project on mitigating bycatch and depredation by cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea, in coordination with the Secretariat of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), and in collaboration with the UNEP/MAP-RAC/SPA (Regional Activity Center for Specially Protected Areas). This regional project is funded by the MAVA Foundation. The main objectives of this regional initiative are: 1) to enhance the conservation of cetaceans, sea turtles and seabirds, in particular by mitigating interactions with fisheries, considering both incidental catches and depredation issues; 2) to increase	Progress report due 10 months ago	14.4

				<p>the awareness of national authorities, fishers and civil society and to demonstrate that economic incomes of fishers could be diversified through association of traditional fishing with ecotourism-oriented activities such as observation of wild marine fauna.</p> <p>The project also aims at supporting the development of sustainable ecotourism activities based on the link between traditional fishing and the sustainable observation of marine fauna preventing disruption and harassment of animals.</p> <p>The project will also ensure wide dissemination, in the ACCOBAMS area, of results and lessons learnt and knowledge sharing on mitigating bycatch and depredation.</p>		
27	ACCOBAMS - Addressing impacts of ocean noise on cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Black Seas	Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS)	<p>the ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat has committed to assist the UNEP/MAP in formulating a regional strategy, by developing agreed indicators on ocean noise to be monitored in order to assess the status of the marine environment and ecosystems under the Ecosystem Approach (EcAp) of the Barcelona Convention.</p> <p>The ACCOBAMS Permanent Secretariat has also committed to undertake part of a regional project the QUIETMED project - coordinated by CTN - Marine Technology Center (www.ctnaval.com) and funded by the DG Environment of the European Commission.</p> <p>These commitments will lead to reaching common approaches to the determination and monitoring of the marine environmental status through the development of a regional joint register on impulsive noise together with definition of thresholds, guidance on methodologies and policy recommendations for countries.</p> <p>Capacity building activities will be also implemented for Third countries to promote and facilitate regional coordination on ocean noise.</p>	Progress report due 10 months ago	14	
28	ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative: a challenging macro synoptic regional assessment of cetaceans populations for the benefit of regional conservation and economic actors	ACCOBAMS (Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area)	<p>The Permanent Secretariat to ACCOBAMS will carry out the ACCOBAMS Survey Initiative (ASI) aiming at strengthening the governance conditions affecting cetacean species in order to reach and / or maintain these species and their habitats in a state of favourable conservation. Financial support will be provided by private donors (MAVA Foundation and Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation) and the ACCOBAMS Parties.</p> <p>In coordination and with the support of riparian countries and local scientists, the ASI will lead to the establishment of an integrated, collaborative and coordinated surveillance system for the status of cetacean populations. Such a tool is crucial in assessing the effectiveness of conservation efforts of local actors, and it will support national efforts to meet their commitments under the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the Ecosystem Approach implemented by the Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MAP).</p> <p>The collaborative and scientifically solidarity-based approach of this project will lead to a strengthening of the regional network of experts, in particular through the mobilization of an international task force for the 2018 Summer Survey campaign, and numerous capacity building actions for local actors and authorities in the surveillance of cetacean in their waters. The results of the survey will be cross-referenced with existing data on relevant indicators and will lead to 1/ confirmation of existing area of interest and identification of new ones (cetacean critical habitats) and 2/ promote, support and improve national or transnational systems and procedures for the conservation of cetaceans, including MPAs.</p>	Progress report due 10 months ago	14	
29	Partnership for Implementing	Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention	The overall aim of the partnership is to reduce marine pollution, demonstrate and enhance ocean governance and sustainably manage critical coastal and marine	Progress report due 9 months ago	14	

		SDG14 in the Western Indian Ocean		ecosystems for a prosperous Western Indian Ocean. The partnership will directly contribute to the implementation of specific targets of Sustainable Development Goal 14. Objectives: 1. Implementation of the strategic action programme to reduce impacts from land-based sources and activities and sustainably manage critical coastal and marine ecosystems through implementation of the agreed priorities; 2. Implementation of the Western Indian Ocean strategic action programme on policy harmonization and institutional reforms towards improved ocean governance and transition to a low carbon pathway; 3. Sustainable management of shared fish resources and collaborative management of marine and coastal resources in the Northern Mozambique Channel; 4. Improved governance of areas beyond national jurisdiction to promote the blue economy pathways in the Western Indian Ocean Region		
30	UNEP as partner	Educating people globally about the dangers of Plastic Pollution in our Oceans and how to deal with it.	Youth Ocean Action CIC (UNEP, GPML, and Clean Seas as partners)	Educate young people about Plastic Pollution in our Oceans by communicating online and by presenting the problem locally with schools and having open meetings for the public. An International Conference for teenagers where experts will present the problems and where there will be workshops for development and interchange of ideas will be organized.	N/A	14.1
31		Improving international cooperation to conserve and better manage sharks and rays	Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks (Sharks MOU-UNEP/CMS) (UN Environment and UNEP Regional Seas as partners)	The Signatory states are committed to implement a comprehensive Conservation Plan relevant for the conservation and management of sharks and rays, to improve the understanding of migratory shark populations, to identify the most critical habitats and migration corridors of sharks and rays and to prioritize those for management and conservation, and to increase overall public awareness of threats to sharks and their habitats.	N/A	14.a
32		Encouraging sustainable tourism to protect migratory species and support local communities	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (UN Environment as partner)	Promote sustainable tourism to protect migratory species, which highly benefit from tourism through habitat conservation, reduction of threats from collisions and fishing, and providing incentives to people to ensure their protection. Ecotourism is one of the fastest growing economic sectors in the world, and if undertaken in sustainable ways, would significantly support local communities in remote areas and create alternative livelihoods.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
33		Addressing the adverse impacts of underwater noise on migratory species	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) (UN Environment as partner)	undertake research of the impact of underwater noise, and to limit or mitigate man-made noise to address SDG 14 Target 14.1.	Progress report due 9 months ago Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessments for Marine Noise-generating Activities to be adopted at COP 12	14.1
34		Blue Solutions for a Healthy Blue Planet	The Blue Solutions Initiative (UN Environment as partner)	Capacity development - Through different formats and cooperation with various partner institutions we seek to enhance capacities for scaling up success, provide learning opportunities on Blue Solutions themes and support policy processes.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14

				<p>Knowledge sharing - We provide formats and facilitate sharing successful approaches and their building blocks to support inter-sectorial knowledge transfer and enable mutual learning among the marine community. The aim is to inspire others in taking action towards achieving effective management and equitable governance in marine and coastal systems.</p> <p>Policy support - Contributing project results and collaborating with national, regional and international actors supports relevant policy processes. We are committed to the achievement of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and to the implementation of the SDGs, particularly SDG 14.</p>		
35	Blue Planning in Practice: Worldwide MSP training offer to enable ecosystem-based marine and coastal planning and management	Blue Solutions (UN Environment as partner)		The training is based on the Harvard Case Methodology, which conveys teaching messages mainly through interactive practical work by participants. Challenges, inspired by real-life conditions, take place in the fictitious country of Bakul, a case closely based on real-life conditions and challenges. The fictitious case allows participants to dive into a matter, free from their own work context and its biases.	<p>Progress report: 20 April 2018</p> <p>Progress report: 19 October 2018</p> <p>Progress report: 19 October 2018</p> <p>Progress report: 19 October 2018</p>	14
36	Blue IES: Worldwide training course offer around integrating ecosystem services into marine & coastal development planning	Blue Solutions (UN Environment as partner)		The training is based on the Harvard Case Methodology, which conveys teaching messages mainly through interactive practical work by participants. The training takes place in the fictitious country of Bakul, a situation closely based on real life conditions and challenges.	Progress report: 20 December 2017	14
37	Encouraging exchange of experiences and lessons learned regarding the sustainable management and use of marine and coastal resources	Blue Solutions (UN Environment as partner)		<p>The PANORAMA partnership and its online platform</p> <p>PANORAMA - Solutions for a Healthy Planet is a partnership initiative to document and promote examples of inspiring, replicable solutions across a range of conservation and development topics, enabling cross-sectoral learning and inspiration. PANORAMA allows practitioners to share their stories, get recognized for successful work, and learn how others have tackled challenges across the globe, by encouraging reflection on and learning from proven approaches. On the PANORAMA web platform these case studies are documented in a structured format, published for a global audience and allow an online exchange between users.</p> <p>Face-to-face solutions exchange</p> <p>In face-to-face meetings and sessions at conferences, participants have the opportunity to present their experiences, as well as learn how key building blocks can be used, recombined and adapted to new settings. The Blue Solutions Initiative organized three regional solution exchange events for Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Wider Caribbean and Africa.</p>	N/A	14
38	Canada Commits to the United Nations	Canada (UN Environment as partner)		As part of Canada's commitment to take action on marine litter, Canada has joined the UN Environment Clean Seas Campaign .	Progress report due 9 months ago	14

		Environment Clean Seas Campaign		<p>The Government of Canada is taking action on toiletries that contain plastic microbeads (#OceanAction19108). The final regulations are expected by summer 2017. See more at: https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=20676#sthash.ZmNIZ6pW.dpuf.</p> <p>The Government of Canada will continue to work with provincial and territorial governments, under the auspices of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME), to improve Canada's record on reducing and recycling waste and implement the CCME waste action plan.</p>		
39		Support development of a Source to Sea Approach to land based pollution including marine litter.	Sweden (UN Environment as partner)	<p>The Swedish Government increases its financial support to:</p> <p>The Clean Seas Campaign on marine litter. The campaign aims to secure commitments from Governments, as well as private sector enterprises and members of the general public. (For more information reference is made to #OceanAction 13900).</p> <p>UN Environment Programme to re-inforce the Source to Sea approach in its work on land based pollution and marine litter, in particular in the preparations within the Global Programme of Actions for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Activities (GPA) for the fourth Intergovernmental Review IGR-4 and strengthen the collaboration with the Source to Sea Platform. The regional cooperation is essential to address the land based pollution, including marine litter but also integrated management and regional Ocean governance. This needs to be addressed through the UN Environment Regional Seas Programme but also other regional integrated cooperation. The support will also finance participation from developing countries at the IGR-4 and meetings regarding regional Ocean governance hosted by UN environment in cooperation with other UN organizations.</p> <p>The secretariat of the Action Platform on Source-to-Sea Management to strengthen its work on knowledge exchange, methodological development, and support to partners in applying a source-to-sea approach to planning and management processes. The Action Platform for Source-to-Sea Management (S2S Platform) is a multi-stakeholder initiative that works to support coordinated and innovative approaches to governance and management from source to sea. (For more information reference is made to #OceanAction</p>	Progress report: 14 September 2018	14
40		Regional Training Programme on Waste Management and Reduction of Marine Litter	Singapore (UN Environment as partner)	<p>The Waste Management and Reduction of Marine Litter seminar forms a part of the Singapore-Norway Third Country Training Programme, which provides practical seminars on topical issues for civil servants from the Southeast Asian region. Experienced speakers from Norway, Singapore and other South East Asian countries, whose aim is to share their experiences and facilitate discussion within the field of waste management and marine litter, will conduct the sessions. The UN Environment and private sector representatives will also contribute. Participants will gain an understanding of the policy frameworks and practices adopted by Singapore and Norway towards waste management and reduction of marine litter. The objective is to engage civil servants from regional coastal states to identify applicable policies and practical ways to reduce the discharge of marine litter.</p>	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.1

41		UN World Oceans Day Portal	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO (UN Environment as partner)	<p>The main objective of this initiative is to develop a UN universal and multilingual portal that can help the ocean community discover whos mobilizing for World Oceans Day, use the available resources to bring World Oceans Day to institutions and communities, provide support to develop and plan World Oceans Day activities with the shared expertise of worldwide networks, inform about World Oceans Day events happening around the world.</p> <p>The World Oceans Day Portal will also be a way to be kept informed about the actions the United Nations, governments and all stakeholders around the world are taking to carefully manage the essential global resource that is our ocean. The portal will provide resources for coastal communities, students, citizens, scientists to communicate their priorities to policymakers and show just how rooted and global is their commitment to the conservation of our ocean, our future.</p>	Progress report: 6 November 2017	14
42		Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance: International Forum for Advancing Regional Ocean Governance	Germany (UN Environment as partner)	<p>The overall objective of the project is to strengthen regional cooperation for the protection and sustainable development of the oceans. The current fragmented nature of marine governance is becoming increasingly incapable of adequately responding to the ever more complex impacts of human activities on marine ecosystems and developing integrated solutions. Therefore new forms of solution-oriented knowledge generation and transdisciplinary exchange are needed to find suitable responses. The Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance (PROG) that is supported by the German Sustainability Strategy will be starting point for the development of a conceptual approach for effective cross-sectoral governance for the protection and sustainable use of the oceans, and regional exchanges of "good-practice" examples. Through this project existing structures will be supported and further strengthened in dialogue with State actors, civil society, and science, as well as interested representatives of regional and international organizations. In addition to help advancing governance processes within marine regions ("regional cooperation"), a focus shall be given to learning and dialogue processes between regions ("region-to-region"), as well as between the regional and global levels ("region-to global"). These approaches shall be developed through and discussed with national and international partners at a first international conference (PROG FORUM) with a view to discuss its long-term application for strengthening international cooperation in the field of marine protection, both at regional and at the UN level.</p>	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
43		Strengthening the implementation of the IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU Conservation management plan to support the implementation of SGD 14.	by Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA Marine Turtles MOU, CMS) (UN Environment as partner)	<p>The MOU has identified five highest priority issues for IOSEA to address in the immediate future: (1) investigation of illegal direct take of marine turtles; (2) identification of index beaches associated with genetic stocks; (3) capacity-building in support of Signatory State efforts; (4) investigation of indirect take in legal fisheries; and (5) socio-economic considerations of relevance to marine turtle conservation. The IOSEA MOU has adopted resolution to promote the use of Marine Turtle Bycatch Reduction Measures by Signatory States.</p>	N/A	14.2
44		Blue Carbon Code of Conduct	GRID-Arendal (partner: UN-Environment-via-GEF-Blue-Forests-Project)	<p>Together, with our growing global blue carbon community, we will strive to create fair, socially just and accountable blue carbon projects. Such efforts will help reduce risk and ensure the sustainability of project outcomes. In the development and advancing of blue carbon projects, where possible, we commit to support and</p>	Progress report 12 October 2018 27 September 2017	14

				embrace the code of conduct for marine conservation advanced in Bennett et. al. 2017		
45	'Be the Change' week; Beach clean-up event	UN Department of Public Information (UNEP as partner)		The UN Department of Public Information commits to developing more programming encouraging staff to live more sustainable lives, starting with a 'Be the Change' week to take place at UNHQ in New York from 18-24 June. A beach clean-up event in the New York region on 23 June, UN Public Service Day was planned to be organized. The goal is to create a programme that can be replicated at UN duty stations around the world.	Due 9 months ago	14.1
46	Plastic Busters	University of Siena - SDSN Med solutions (UNEP/MAP as partner)		Plastic Busters is the first project at basin scale that binds the Southern and Northern Mediterranean countries on the issue of Marine Litter under the umbrella of UNEP/MAP and UfM, with 10 countries already involved in the project and 12 countries endorsing the project.	N/A	14.1
47	St. Petersburg Initiative (SPbi)	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation (UNEP, HELCOM as partner)		SPbi is a ppp which is aimed at strengthening the existing multilateral cooperation mechanisms in the area of environmental protection. It is established to unite representatives of the state agencies, business circles and civil society, and to generate practical ideas and specific proposals. Main goals of SPbi: Facilitating joint efforts of the States, business, scientific, financial community and NGOs to improve the environment of the Baltic Sea region; Establishing of an efficient public-private partnerships platform in the Baltic Sea region; Launching broad-ranging environmentally oriented projects; Developing pppts in the Baltic Sea Region; Initiating new projects on a wide range of areas of cooperation; Facilitating ideas sharing and knowledge exchange; Providing necessary institutional support in the framework of a stable and operational structure	Due 9 months ago	14
48	Development of a national strategy to combat marine litter	Brazilian Government (UNEP as partner)		The Brazilian Government commits to broaden discussion and networking among the actors involved so that collaborative actions to address this issue are identified and implemented. The Ministry of the Environment intends to promote analysis and debate on marine litter through the release of a publication and the organization of a national seminar on reducing and minimizing impacts on coastal and marine ecosystems. The Brazilian Government also commits to a public awareness campaign as well as to launch and implement as of June 2018 a National Plan to Combat Marine Litter.	Progress report: 30 May 2018	14.1
49	The Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystems Strategic Action Programme Policy Harmonisation and Institutional Reforms (WIO LME SAPPHIRE)	UNDP (UNEP as partner)		The overall objectives is to achieve effective long-term ecosystem management in the Western Indian Ocean LMEs in line with the Strategic Action Programme as endorsed by the participating countries. The project is expected to catalyze policy harmonisation and institutional reforms at both national and regional levels so that the countries will jointly and effectively improve the ecosystem health of the offshore waters. The Strategic Action Programme for the sustainable management of the Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystems (WIO LME SAP) calls for joint actions by all 9 Western Indian Ocean countries on the following areas: 1) Ecosystem Assessment and Monitoring, 2) Science Based-Governance and Adaptive Management, 3) Community engagement in Stress Reduction, 4) Private Sector engagement in Stress Reduction and 5) Capacity building and training. WIO LME SAPPHIRE project will support the countries to take actions on all those areas so that they will make progress on the WIO LME SAP implementation.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
50	Ocean and climate initiatives alliance	Ocean and Climate platform (Global Coral Reef)		Integrate the Global Climate Action agenda by: Bringing together international initiatives on Ocean and Climate; Sharing objectives and jointly evaluate results to	Progress report: 6 November 2017	14.2

			Partnership, UNEP as partner)	show the ambition of ocean actions for the implementation of the Paris Agreement; Initiating new initiatives; Methodology Determine a common objective : a core objective (quantitative and date) highlighting the cost of inactions; Value the Ocean and Climate Initiatives in the main international ocean events; Produce an Ocean and Climate Action Agenda report to follow the progress and the results of Ocean and Climate initiatives for the UNFCCC COP23; Create a website on initiatives and projects with an interactive online hub/tool (per theme, stakeholder, region, activity) integrating existing initiatives.		
51	Panama National Action Plan on Marine Litter and Stakeholder Round Table on Marine Debris	Ministry of Environment of Panama (UNEP as partner)		In efforts to address the problem of marine pollution, the Ministry of Environment of Panama has teamed with United Nations Environment to finance and produce a National Action Plan on marine litter. This Plan looks forth to give Panama as a country a north to point at when it comes to handling the problematic of marine litter throughout different sectors nationwide, finally seeking to standardize how this problem is handled inter-sectorally in order to decrease the amount of solid waste that reaches the oceans. Additionally, MiAmbiente and UN Environment of Panama with support for the US EPA, are undergoing the organization of a workshop to identify stakeholders on waste management at a national level to hold roundtables for the exchange of information, experiences, and to design pilot initiatives to be implemented locally and to address local sources of marine litter.	Progress report due 10 months ago	14.1
52	Program of research-action on impacts of subsidies in the sustainable management of fisheries resources in West Africa	ENDA/REPAO(UNEP as partner)		General Objective:Support 6 Western African States (Cabo Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Senegal and Mauritania) to implement actions to eliminate subsidies that harm the sustainable management of fisheries resources and threaten food security and the livelihoods of artisanal fishing communities. Specific objectives: SO1: Analyze the impacts and effects of trade subsidies and trade-related in the management of fisheries resources in West Africa;SO2: Establish mechanisms for consultation on subsidies in the fisheries in West Africa, at national and regional level;SO3:Implement a regional-level action plan on trade subsidies in order to achieve SDG 14.6	Progress report due 10 months ago	14
53	Small Island States (SIDS) Blue Guardians: Partnership to Protecting Oceans and Climate-resilient Blue Economies	SIDS DOCK (UNEP as partner)		The Blue Guardians Program will work with SIDS across three inter-related activity areas to directly increase climate resilience and contribute to their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs): 1. Nature-based Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Projects 2. Information and Data Infrastructure for Building Climate Resilience and Addressing NDCs 3. SIDS Regional Community of Exchange	Progress report: 2 November 2018	14.7
54	Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands (ENDhERI)	Ministry of Environment and Energy of Maldives (UNEP as partner)		The government of Maldives aims at increasing the science-based knowledge of the coral reef ecosystems for informed decision making and for sustainable development. In this regard, it is important to understand the current status of the biodiversity of the country, not just on scientific terms, but also on economic and accounting terms. Hence, the Maldives is aiming to establish Natural Capital Accounts of its vast coral reef ecosystems and establish a natural history museum/institute that will serve for the in-situ and ex-situ conservation and for the research and education.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.a
55	Norway combatting	Norwegian Government (UNEP as partner)		The objective of the support granted to UNEP is to assess the effectiveness of relevant international, regional and subregional governance strategies and	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.1

	marine pollution and microplastics in partnership with UNEP		approaches to combat marine plastic litter and microplastics, taking into consideration the relevant international, regional and subregional regulatory frameworks and identifying possible gaps and options for addressing them, including through regional cooperation and coordination, and to present the assessment to the UN Environment Assembly 3 in December 2017.		
56	Pacific Blue Economy Conference	Pacific Islands Development Forum (UN Environment as partner)	The Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF), jointly with the government of Solomon Islands, will host the 1st high level Pacific Blue Economy Conference (PBEC) on 23 and 24 August 2017 in Honiara, Solomon Islands, promoting Healthy Oceans with the theme of Our Oceans , our Future: A Pacific Perspective. This Forum will improve ocean knowledge, planning, measuring and restoring, and inform policies and sustainable management and conservation of our Oceans and its resources for the people of the Pacific Islands. It will also look at fostering private and public partnerships and promoting key sustainable maritime sectors like renewable energy, aquaculture, tourism and Blue biotechnology, providing adequate tools of financing and improving cooperation between countries, but also between stakeholders at the local level.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.2
57	Combating pollution from plastic products	Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Seychelles (UNEP and Nairobi Convention as partners)	Working with the Seychelles Revenue Commission as of January 2017 there is now a full ban on importation of these products, as of 1st of July 2017 the full ban on usage and trading of the items will come into force. The Ministry since the announcement of the ban has been working closely with the private sector particularly the importers to ensure that the alternatives gradually are being imported. In reference to education and sensitisation, the government is working closely with local NGOs to educate and sensitise the public about the ban and also the available alternatives. Internationally, Seychelles has partnered with PARLEY AIR to combat the issue of plastics in the marine environment, towards the end of 2017 the government will start the planning works together with PARLEY AIR to put in place a plastic recycling programme as part of the global PARLEY AIR programme. In the longer term, the government and its partners intends to establish a centralised recycling center on the main island of Mahe for different waste streams including plastic.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.1
58	Pacific Maritime Boundaries Project	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Geoscience Australia/Attorney General Department (UNEP as partner)	The project will focus on two main areas: - Support to the Pacific Community (SPC) and PICs to finalise outstanding Pacific maritime boundaries and limits; and - Establish an administrative infrastructure and capability required for boundary dissemination and which also supports the efficient use of marine space and the resolution of conflicts between users.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
59	River and Coastal Health Ecosystem Monitoring	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa (UNEP and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP) as partner)	Samoa commits to keep our waters clean and healthy from land-based pollution via river and coastal ecosystem. It was noted that 80% of marine debris is from land-based sources. A pilot project was carried out during the third global conference for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) held in Apia, Samoa in August/September 2014 which offered an opportunity to highlight the issue of marine debris and also demonstrate best practice measures for effective waste management and minimization of marine debris via the use of marine litter booms and development of waste management infrastructure. Samoa has embraced this project and has imbedded the litter booms into the annual work programme of river and coastal ecosystem monitoring. Follow	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.1

				up awareness programs and enforcement actions to ensure that families living along the rivers and coastal areas in Apia comply with the rehabilitation of any pollution impacts.		
60	Waste Segregation, Storage and Disposal at Source	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa (UNEP as partner)		Samoa's progress in improving its Solid Waste Management practice is expected to serve as a model for other Pacific Island Countries to adapt and utilize to tackle their respective solid waste management issues. The Government considered the need to take a more systematic approach in order to realize greater economic and environmental benefits from our waste programs.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.1
61	Working towards plastic free oceans	OceanCare (UNEP Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML) as partner)		OceanCare fully supports the existence of SDG14.1 on the reduction of marine pollution and continues its enduring commitment in working towards the reduction of marine plastic debris by: 1. Supporting and enabling the collection of scientific data through our collaborative research programmes, and contributing the acquired data to relevant forums with the aim of increasing global understanding and awareness of the magnitude of marine plastic debris, as well as its trends in key hotspots; 2. Highlighting the extent and harmful effects of plastic pollution among consumers, across relevant industries and governments, and underscoring the importance of developing and implementing plastic free, plastic reduction- and recycling-oriented solutions; including the promotion of circular economy approaches; 3. Participating in collaborative efforts towards specific marine plastic debris reducing objectives via coalitions, networks, strategic partnerships and through multilateral environmental forums; 4. Enhancing capacity building on marine animal rescue programmes. Currently supporting programs within the UK and South Africa and with the planned expansion of at least one more supported location by 2018.	N/A	14.1
62	Protecting, conserving and restoring whale populations in the Pacific islands	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (UNEP as partner)		A partnership between SPREP, governments of Pacific Island Countries and Territories and other governments in the Pacific region, IGOs, NGOs, and stakeholders in the private sector to promote the conservation of whales in the Pacific islands region to restore depleted whale populations, and improve the livelihoods of Pacific islands people.	Progress report due 10 months ago	14
63	Online Exhibition and Public Engagement Efforts	The Ocean Project (UNEP as partner)		Developing in partnership with UNEP and in support of Clean Seas Campaign for launch at World Oceans Day 2017 An online exhibition that will feature resources - videos, photos, infographics, reports, etc - that can help aquariums, zoos and museums engage their audiences on the issue of plastic pollution in our ocean; A public engagement effort to invite, document and share commitments by individuals to reduce, if not eliminate, their use of some, if not all, of these problematic single-use plastic items: bags, bottles, straws; In addition, working with the World Oceans Day Youth Advisory Council to adapt and leverage these efforts in a way that reaches youth around the world.	Progress report due 10 months ago	14
64	Implementing Ecosystem Based Adaptation approaches to both mangrove and the Atlantic Ocean coast line in Cross River	Nigeria (Forestry Commission, Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria) (UNEP as partner)		Objectives: 1. To strengthen institutional capacity on marine management and advance scientific understanding of ocean acidification. 2. To reduce causes of acidification 3. To reduce mangrove degradation and Nipa palm invasion. 4. To protect coastal communities from changing ocean 5 To expand public awareness and understanding of marine degradation and	Progress report due 11 months ago	14.3

		State, Nigeria with a focus on institutional and capacity strengthening, combating coastal degradation and sustainable livelihoods		acidification. 6. to build sustained support for addressing marine degradation.		
65		Roadmap to Oceans and Climate Action	Global Ocean Forum (UNEP as partner)	The Roadmap to Oceans and Climate Action (ROCA) is a multi-stakeholder initiative involving governments, international agencies, NGOs, scientific institutions, private sector, and subnational authorities to advance the oceans and climate agenda (especially in the UNFCCC, the UN Ocean Conference, and in other United Nations fora), and at the national level in all countries. ROCA was launched at the UNFCCC COP 22 in Marrakech, Morocco. The ROCA works to implement the Strategic Action Roadmap on Oceans and Climate: 2016-2021, first discussed at the Oceans Day at COP 21 in Paris 2015, and then prepared in detail by 37 international experts throughout 2016 and highlighted at the Oceans Action Day at COP 22 Marrakech (November 12, 2016). The Roadmap presents analyses and recommendations in six major areas: Central of role of oceans in regulating climate, mitigation, adaptation and Blue Economy, displacement, financing, and capacity development, for implementation in the next 5 years.	Progress report due 11 months ago	14.2
66		Support action, innovation and learning to address source-to-sea priorities	Action Platform on Source-to-Sea Management (UNEP-GPA as partner)	The Action Platform for Source-to-Sea Management (S2S Platform) is a multi-stakeholder initiative that works to support coordinated and innovative approaches to governance and management from source to sea. It helps freshwater, coastal and marine experts to share experiences and contribute to global knowledge generation on source-to-sea interconnections, connect and engage in collaborative projects, promote successful practices, and take collaborative action to improve the management of land, water, coastal and marine linkages. By doing so, it aims to enhance the efforts of the international community to fulfill inter alia its commitments to the Manila Declaration on Furthering the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (UNEP-GPA, 2012) and contribute to the implementation of SDGs 6 and 14.	Progress report: 28 March 2018	14.1
67		Mainstreaming ocean conservation and sustainable fisheries in Mexico through effective participation and citizen science.	Comunidad y Biodiversidad A.C. (COBI) (UNEP as partner)	Comunidad y Biodiversidad A.C. (COBI) is committed to keep fostering the following actions: An escalation of our capacity-building leadership program to reinforce our partner fishing cooperatives, and to strengthen human development, common wellbeing, communication, conflict resolution, and negotiation; An increase in the application of international sustainable fishery standards and fishery improvement projects in small-scale Mexican fisheries; An expansion of the coverage of marine areas protected by communities under management instruments: core zones, fish refuges, and voluntary fully-protected marine reserves; The holding of annual "Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Certification Workshops", with the participation of different key stakeholders, to reverse poorly directed fishery subsidies and foster a National Plan for Fisheries Sustainability and an Intersectoral	Progress report: 17 January 2019 Progress report: 17 January 2019 Progress report: 17 January 2019 Progress report: 17 January 2019 Progress report: 17 January 2019	14

				Alliance for Sustainability, in order to adapt eco-certifications to the context of Mexico and achieve their implementation on a permanent basis; To develop and consolidate our new project "Gender Equality at Sea", in order to achieve gender equality in the decision-making process for marine conservation and fisheries management. Women in fishing communities have an important role but cannot always participate in the processes.		
68		Prevent plastic pollution in our ocean	Searious Business (UNEP as partner)	work on SDG 14 (and 12) with all best effort to get 16 companies to prevent plastic pollution, and reduce plastic waste by 50%. By using showcases with those 16 companies, we want to trigger even more companies that haven't come into action yet. - initiate inspirational projects in at least two municipalities. Gather businesses and other stakeholders for a new approach in re-designing and recycling of plastics, locally, by setting up Plastic Coops. - involve 5 producers to use a new design standard, to use in rethink & redesign plastics. Focus on radically different products, from >95% recycled content, and recyclable.	Progress report: 3 November 2017	14.1
69		Tackling abandoned, lost and otherwise discarded fishing gear at global scale - a multi-stakeholder partnership.	Global Ghost Gear Initiative (UNEP as partner)	The GGGI currently brings together over 80 participants across 50 unique organisations including the fishing industry, the private sector, academia, governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, is led by a Steering Group voted on by majority from and by the Global Ghost Gear Initiative's participant base. The GGGI's membership is organised into three integrated working groups to directly tackle the global ghost gear problem in the following ways: Build evidence: Collecting data locally and regionally and standardising it globally to understand ghost gear abundance, causes, impacts and trends. The evidence will then be used to prioritise solutions in hotspot areas where ghost gear is a particular problem.	Progress report due 11 months ago	14.4
70		Implementing Ecosystem Based Adaptation approaches to both mangrove and coral reef restoration in Grenada with a focus on sustainable livelihoods and co-management	Grenada (Environment Division, Ministry of Education, Human Resource Development and the Environment) (UNEP as partner)	Enhance and demonstrate integrated planning tools and technical guidance to assist decision- making and effective stakeholder consultation in the development of coastal EBA interventions. Support relevant authorities and communities where climate change already places intense pressure on human livelihoods and coastal and marine resources in the selection, planning and implementation of practical EBA measures Support regional capacity-building and global transfer of good practices and experiences gained to other coastal regions as a means to scale up EBA development and implementation, including informing supportive adaptation policies, strategies and adaptation plans	Progress report due 11 months ago	14.2

		Integrated management of marine and coastal resources in Grenada	Grenada (Environment Division, Ministry of Education, Human Resource Development and the Environment) (UNEP as partner)	As part of the Integrated Climate Change Adaptation Strategies (ICCAS) programme, a coastal zone management policy has been developed for Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique. It provides a vision for the future use, development and protection of the nation's coastal zone by setting out policies to guide relationships among resource users, community facilities. The policy is accompanied by the delineation of the Coastal Zone Area. A coastal zone task force has been established and is comprised of representatives from various government divisions, statutory bodies and civil society which share responsibility in the management of the coastal zone.	Progress report due 11 months ago	14
71	Regional Seas as partner	Pacific plastic pollution: A system for regional grassroots solutions	The Sustainable Coastlines Charitable Trust (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) as partner)	In collaboration with New Zealand government departments and utilizing the UNEP / IOC Guidelines on Survey and Monitoring of Marine Litter, The Sustainable Coastlines Charitable Trust is committed to the design, development and rollout of a long-term program for the necessary collection of marine litter and analysis of data associated with it. we will deliver community-engaging and curriculum-aligned education and awareness activities aimed at changing behaviour to stop litter at its source. We will commit already-confirmed funding to pilot this program in Aotearoa New Zealand, we will adapt, refine and roll out locally specific versions in our branches in Papua New Guinea and Hawaii and -- after proving the concept we will work alongside SIDS around the Pacific to deliver impacts on an even larger scale. we commit to clearing coastlines around the Pacific of harmful litter, delivering increasingly effective interventions to prevent it.	N/A	14.1
72		The Northern Mozambique Channel Initiative	WWF Madagascar (UNEP/Nairobi Convention Secretariat as partner)	The initiative is an emerging partnership of countries, civil society and the private sector, whose goal is to deliver a sustainable blue economy that preserves and builds its wealth across the natural, social, and economic capitals, within the central vision that by 2050, the people, countries and economies of the Northern Mozambique Channel prosper in a sustainable future founded on the natural and cultural assets and diversity of the region. The promotion of integrated ocean governance (through the use of Marine Spatial Planning-MSP) and sustainable principles and standards for key economic sectors (in particular oil and gas extraction) are the two main focus areas for WWF and partners. Each country in the NMC area will be supported to build multi-actor and multi-sector collaborations and partnerships, allowing for an effective integrated approach to marine and coastal resources and coordinated use of marine space. The SDG 14 Summit will be used as a stepping stone towards a regionally-owned vision and approach, whereby WWF is supporting countries to develop national commitments, as well as joint commitments to be delivered by countries of the sub-region at the Conference. WWF is furthermore actively developing partnerships and undertaking fundraising around the initiative.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.2

73		Strengthening regional cooperation to support implementation of SDG 14	European Union (UNEP Regional Seas Programme as partner)	The European Union (EU) commits to strengthening regional cooperation to support implementation of SDG 14 in contribution to strengthened regional ocean governance in the forthcoming period. In this regard, EUR 400,000 was provided to UNEP Regional Seas Programme to deliver, in cooperation with relevant partners, a comprehensive report on the best practices of institutional cooperation and policy-interactions, guidance for policy-makers in support of implementation of ocean-related Agenda 2030.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
74		Support for 10-year Strategic Action Programme for the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (the CLME+ SAP). #CLMEplus	CLME+ Project and Strategic Action Programme Partnership (UN Environment Caribbean Environment Programme (UNEP-CEP) as partner)	This commitment is supportive of the 10-year Strategic Action Programme for the Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf Large Marine Ecosystems (the CLME+ SAP) and the associated long-term vision of a healthy marine environment that provides benefits and livelihoods for the well-being of the people of this region. #CLMEplus	Progress report due 10 months ago	14
75		Ecosystem based fisheries management and ecosystem restoration in the Humboldt Current System	UNDP (UNEP Regional Seas as partner)	Remove barriers to the sustainable delivery of the Humboldt Current Large Marine Ecosystem goods and services by addressing the root causes affecting their provision: i) Sub-optimal fisheries exploitation and high levels of incidental fish capture (by-catch) and discards; and, ii) Anthropological alteration of the marine habitat.	Progress report due 10 months ago	14.4
76		The adaptation of a Sub regional Contingency Plan (SCP) for preparedness and response to major marine pollution incidents in the Mediterranean, in the context of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Med	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment- Cyprus, Ministry of Environmental Protection- Israel, Ministry of Environment and Energy - Hellenic Republic (UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) as partner)	Based on this necessity and the increase of hydrocarbon exploration activities in Eastern Mediterranean, Cyprus, Greece and Israel, through a trilateral agreement decided to formulate a Sub regional Contingency Plan for preparedness and response to major hydrocarbon marine pollution incidents covering the areas of responsibility. The preparation of the Sub-regional Contingency Plan (SCP) is funded by the UN Environment /Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) system with the technical support of REMPEC and is expected to be completed by October 2017. The Sub-regional Contingency Plan provides for periodical joint training and/or joint exercises so as to, amongst others, improve the level of cooperation and coordination among operational personnel, test the command structure of the Plan and achieve an effective level of communication among personnel responsible for managing the response process.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14

77		Towards a fully integrated marine and coastal management in the Mediterranean region	IMELS/PNM (Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea Protection/General Directorate for the Protection of Land and Sea) (UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan as partner)	Contribution to a fully integrated marine and coastal management in the Mediterranean region with a particular focus on: 1) achievement of the Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean through the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach 2) adaptation to climate change 3) achievement of Aichi Target 11 4) implementation of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region.	Progress report due 9 months ago	14
78		Establish marine nature protected areas on at least 3 locations, defined in the National Strategy for Integrated Coastal Zone Management of Montenegro, prepared by the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism in cooperation with UN Environment/MAP	Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the documentation basis prepared so far and determine needs for additional research aimed at collecting missing data on the state of habitats and species at observed localities. 2. Develop protection studies for priority areas. 3. Define optimal management model, including partnership of Public Enterprise for Public Maritime Domain Management with local self-governments. 4. Adopt the act on declaring protected areas. 5. Amend the Law on nature protection so that full normative basis for establishing marine natural assets is provided (taking into consideration recommendations of the Study on the institutional and legislative framework needs with a view to establishment of marine nature protected areas, prepared with SPA/RACs support). Amendments of this legal act should be harmonised with the amendments of other relevant acts, particularly those regulating the use of natural resources and economic activities in the coastal zone in accordance with recommendations and requirements for sustainable resources use. 6. Conduct procedure for establishing Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMI) on the selected sites where nationally protected marine area has been previously established. 7. Organise training to develop management capacities, including information exchange with successful managers of certain protected areas in the Mediterranean and wider regions. 8. Link possibilities for providing ecosystem services with tourist offer. 	Progress report due 9 months ago	14.2