

IOC and UNEP Regional Seas Programme

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Agreements between IOC and UNEP

- MoU between IOC and UNEP Regional Seas Programme (1984) and its Conventions and Action Plans
 - UNEP RS: primarily cooperation on marine pollution research and monitoring
 - CPPS (2003-2007, renewed)
 - Joint IOC-WMO-CPPS working group on ENSO, GOOS, ICAM, IODE
 - PERGSA (1991)
 - Implementation of regional action plan, scientific seminars and training, monitoring and assessment activities, and data collection, system of indicators for ICZM under development
 - ROPME (2001-2003, under renewal)
 - IOCINDIO, HABs, MAMCOMP, ODINCINDIO, adaptation to climate change in the coastal zone under consideration



IOC Sub-Commissions

- IOCARIBE collaboration with CEP
 - Example: “The Know Why Network” to improve knowledge and capacity building for the implementation of the LBS Protocol, also in the context of WW2BW initiative
- WESTPAC collaboration with COBSEA



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IOC Regional Committees

- IOCWIO collaboration with Nairobi Convention
 - ODINAFRICA
- IOCEA collaboration with Abidjan Convention
- IOCINDIO collaboration with ROPME
 - Training courses in oceanography, ICAM and HABs,
Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis of the Persian Gulf



The Mediterranean

- Cooperation with UNEP/MEDU and its Regional Activity Centres PAP/RAC and BP/RAC on integrated coastal zone management (e.g., Mediterranean Protocol on ICZM) and for the development of tools for coastal managers (indicators, capacity building, regional assessments)



Core undertaking: AoA

- UNEP and IOC jointly leading the Assessment of Assessment phase of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, to be completed at the end of 2009
 - 18 regions for the AoA – Regional assessments are based on the contribution of all Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans



UNEP RS Strategic Directions 2008-2012

- In order to effectively carry out the Strategic Directions 2008-2012, the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAP) governing bodies will endeavour to:
 - 10. Strengthen the scientific component of the RSCAPs through [...] *iv*) cooperation with UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and its various scientific programmes related to the marine and coastal environment



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UNEP-wide ocean priorities and IOC

Substantive issue	Governance element	UNEP lead	IOC contribution
Physical Alteration and Destruction of Habitats including aquaculture	Management approach	RS Coordinating Units	OS/ICAM
Impact of climate change on oceans and coasts	Management approach	DEPI CC Adaptation Unit	OOS/GOOS OS/Climate OS/ICAM
Marine litter		DEPI – RS, GPA, Sustainable Consumption and Production	OS/ICAM



Other inter-agency activities and the role of UN-Oceans

- UN Atlas of the Oceans
- Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment (GPA)
- International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)
- Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP)
- Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS)
- Global Climate Observing System (GCOS)
- UN Oceans Task Force on Marine Protected Areas and Other Area-based Management Tools (through CBD Secretariat)
- Cooperation at the level of One UN Plans (e.g., Uruguay for the development of coastal and environmental indicators)

