

The Swedish new focus on marine issues & processes

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The new Swedish strategy, to be, for co-operation with UNEP is based on five priorities:

- Marine environment;
- Biodiversity and management of ecosystem services;
- Sustainable consumption and production patterns;
- Harmful chemicals; and
- Climate change

Guiding policies are Sweden's new Policy for Global Development (PGD) and its commitment to the Millennium Development Goals

The Marine Initiative

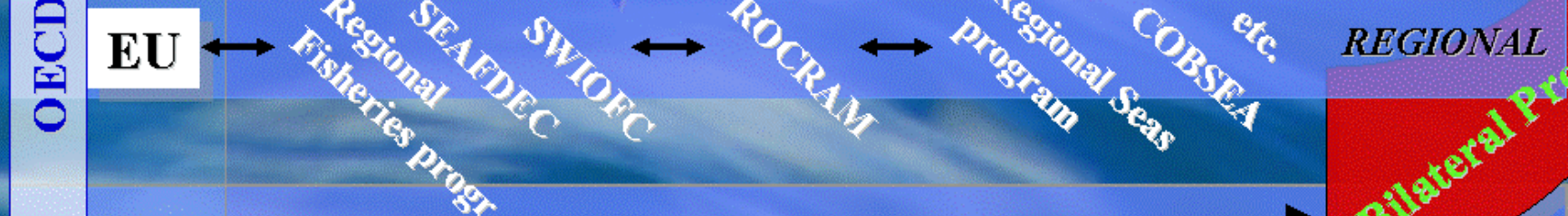
is an action programme with a focus on:
life, property, security, resources and the
environment

in-between & in co-operation with various
Swedish gov. agencies

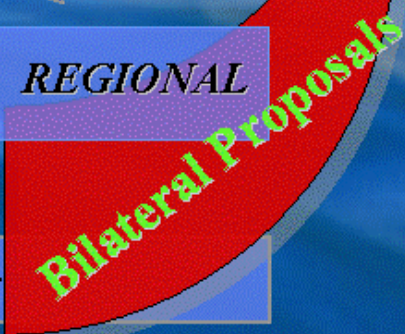
Marine environment and coastal development are
priorities in Sida's Action Programme for Sustainable
Development

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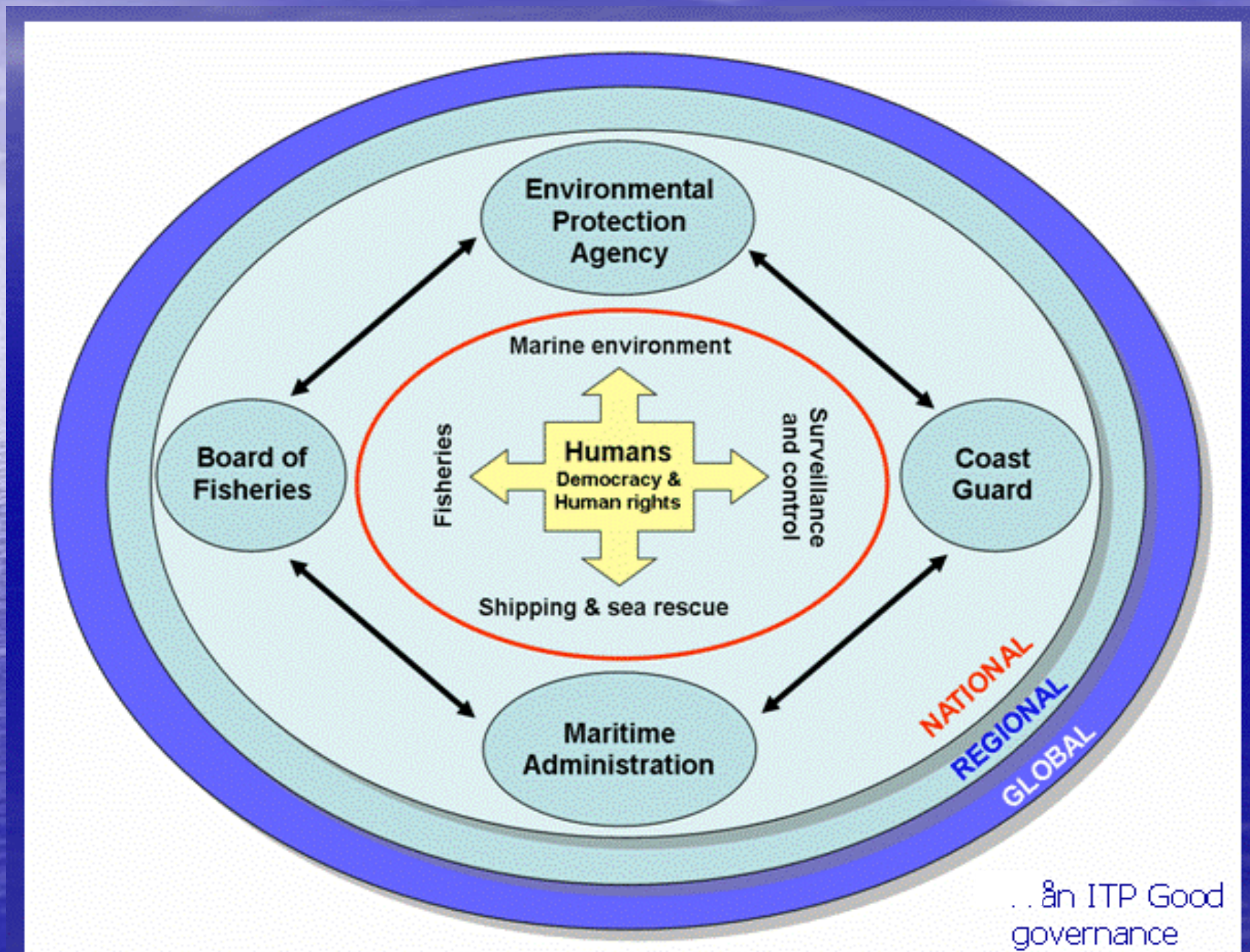
Basic principles and approaches

- Cooperation on global common goods and respect for human rights needs to be linked into cooperation on oceans and coasts.
- Priority is to be given to projects and programmes that contribute to prevention of conflict, building of democracy and strengthening of human rights.
- Transfer of the responsibility and economic resources necessary for planning, development and management of individual ecosystems to the level where resources are used.

The Marine Council

- a horizontal forum for close multi-sectoral co-operation regarding marine and maritime issues
- with the prime task to support the Swedish Marine Initiative, international development co-operation, as well as
- promoting common views, coherence and co-operation in implementing the Swedish Policy for Global Development (PGD).

Oceans and Coasts – actors, levels & perspectives



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Global partners



UN Environment Programme (UNEP)



UN International Maritime Organisation (IMO)



UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)



UN Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)



World Maritime University (WMU)

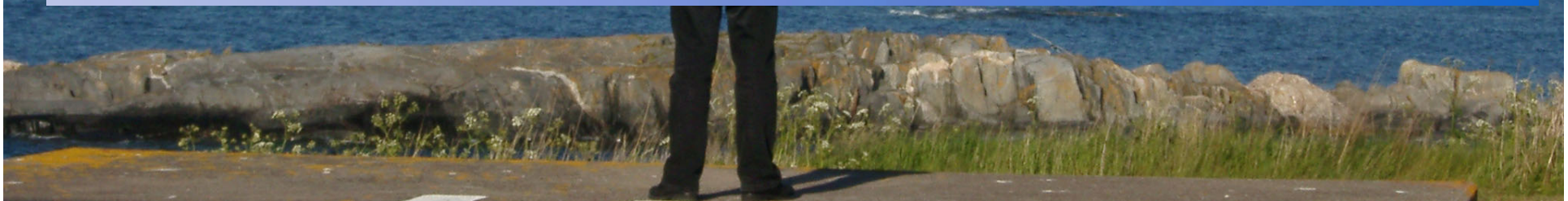


International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Two approaches...?

Looking from land towards the ocean

- global commons, areas beyond national and regional jurisdiction not yet properly addressed?
- lack mechanism for dealing with transboundary marine issues?
- well defined policy actors, rate of change too slow?
- co-operation in-between different UN specialised agencies and programmes within a truly global network?
- impediments to address problems without proper mandates and ownership?
- body/forum to address integrated high seas issues sufficient?



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Looking from shoreline, up-streams, towards land

- well defined drainage basins - freshwater main transport mechanism for pollution?
- multitude of local, national, regional and global codes but poor transboundary and cross-sectoral interaction?
- sectoral society setting – urban, land use, industry, energy?
- marine environment dealt with as “final recipient”?
- high seas aspects neglected?

Challenges for UNEP and Global Regional Seas and GPA processes?

- A shared inter-agency vision on oceans and coasts?
- An expanded analysis on the role of oceans and coastal areas (poverty reduction, Millennium Development Goals etc.)?
- Inter-linkages and co-operation on and between global, regional, local as well as national levels?
- System wide coherence and ability to meet donor's wish for increased coherence within UN?
- Further develop mechanisms for co-operation, labour division and joint involvements & initiatives (UN org, and Bretton Woods, private sector, NGOs etc)?
- Efforts to strengthen socio-economic input?
- High quality reporting mechanisms that can be fed into other processes and strengthen alliances?

Partners in Asia

- **UNEP East Asian Seas Regional Coordinating Unit (COBSEA)**
- **ASEAN South East Asian Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC)**
- **Mekong River Commission**
- **FAO Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Programme (planned)**
- **FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP)**

Partners in Africa

- **UNEP Regional Seas Programme for Eastern Africa**
- **UNEP Regional Seas Programme for West and Central Africa**
- **FAO Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC)**
- **FAO Committee for Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries (CECAF)**
- **New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), through African Process for the Development and Protection of the Marine and Coastal Environment in Sub-Saharan Africa (planned)**

Partners in Latin America/the Caribbean

- UNEP Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP)
- UNEP Northeast Pacific Regional Seas Programme (NEP)
- Central American Organization of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector (OSPESCA) and Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC)
- White Water to Blue Water Partnership (WW2BW)

