



International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans

Why this initiative?

Ocean governance is a matter of (inter)national security:

- economic
- environmental
- security

The oceans are under pressure

- Global warming: migrating fish stocks
- 50% of marine biodiversity lost since 1970
- Acidification: 50% of coral reefs have disappeared – half a billion people depend on reefs
- By 2025: 1 tonne of plastic for every 3 tonnes of fish?
- The oceans are the world's largest crime scene





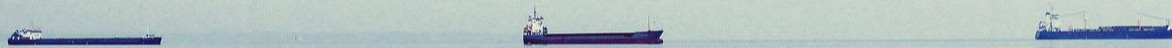
Their importance is set to grow

- 10 billion people by 2050
- Underuse of ocean space:
 - Land: 30% of Earth, 95% of economic activity
 - Ocean: 70% of Earth, 5% of economic activity

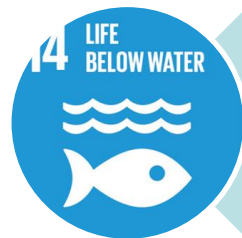
We need to keep our oceans:

- safe
- secure
- clean
- managed sustainably

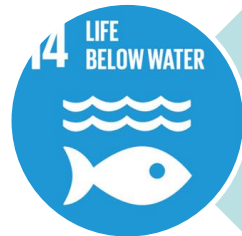
Within a global strategy



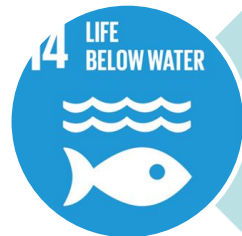
Agenda for the future of our oceans



***Improve the
international ocean
governance framework***



***Manage the maritime
economy sustainably***



***Strengthen
international ocean
research and data***

1. Improve the international framework

The waters under international jurisdiction are larger than all of the world's countries combined

- Build on the EU Maritime Security Strategy to tackle maritime security threats
- Bring the rule of law to the high seas (UN)
- Improve enforcement of these rules (MSS, NATO, Interpol)
- Support capacity building for ocean governance, in particular with developing countries



2. Reducing the pressure on the oceans and creating the conditions for a sustainable blue economy

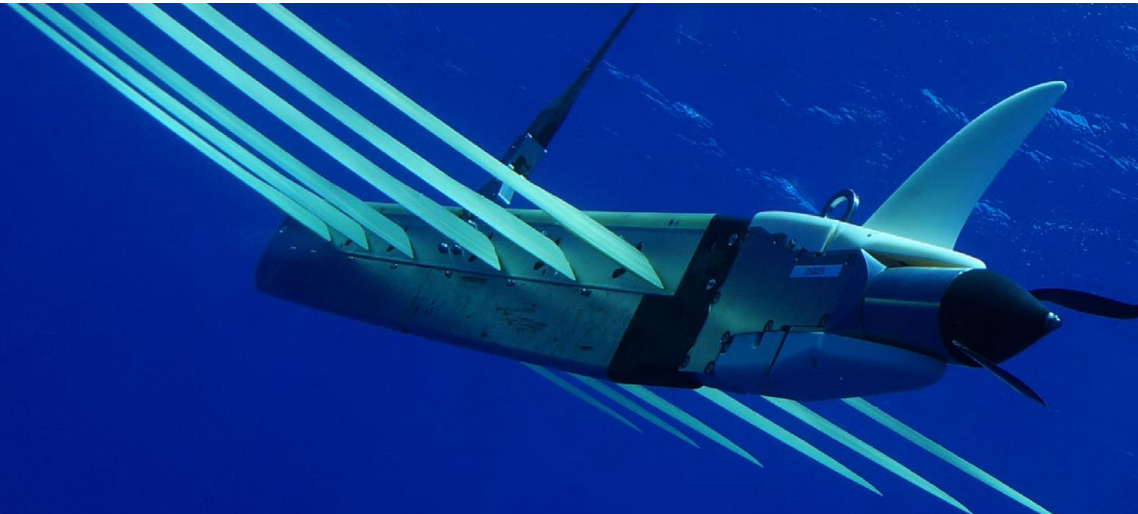
- Reduce human pressure on the oceans (eg. marine litter)
- Implementation of SDG 14 "Life below water"
- Crucial for tackling key challenges such as combating climate change or food security.
- Major contribution to the global economy by boosting growth, jobs and innovation



3. Investing in ocean science

It took less time to find the crash site of a space craft on Mars than to find a crashed airliner in the ocean.

- A CERN for the oceans (G7)
- Map the ocean floor
- An Atlantic ocean research alliance
- Sharing of data



Our Ocean Conference

- This year's edition will build on the previous ones and solicit ***tangible and measurable commitments and actions*** to protect our oceans.
- Over the past three years, commitments worth more than \$9.2 billion have been made to protect our oceans
- It will be a high-level event
- Where? Valletta, Malta
- When? 5-6 October 2017



The prize

- **Safe, secure, clean and sustainably managed oceans can provide economic opportunities while safeguarding our shared resources**
- Global economic opportunities: € 1,3 trillion GVA. This could more than double by 2030.
- Plentiful resources for current and future generations





Thank you!

