Workshop on Area-based Management and Regional Cooperation for the Implementation of Ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals

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Healthy ocean’s provide benefits to people

- Recreational opportunities
- Key nursery habitats
- Clean water
- Nutrient recycling
- Carbon sink

Rich biodiversity underpinning resilience
Sustainable fisheries
Peoples’ livelihoods are often directly linked to oceans

Global market value of marine and coastal resources and industries is estimated at **US$3 trillion per year**, or about 5% of global GDP (World Ocean Assessment, 2015)

**Gross marine product in Western Indian Ocean (WWF 2017):**

**PRIMARY ASSETS**
- Marine fisheries: USD 135 bn
- Mangroves: USD 43 bn
- Coral reefs: USD 18 bn
- Seagrass: USD 21 bn

**ADJACENT ASSETS**
- Productive Coastline: USD 93 bn
- Carbon Absorption: USD 24 bn
Achievement of the 2030 Agenda is underpinned by a healthy and productive environment.

Healthy oceans and coasts contribute to most SDG’s.
SDG 14: “Life below Water”

14.1 Pollution
14.2 Ecosystem management for resilience
14.3 Acidification
14.4 Sustainable fisheries
14.5 Marine Protected Areas
14.6 Fisheries subsidies
14.7 ‘Blue economy’
14.a Scientific knowledge
14.b Small-scale artisinal fisheries
14.c Legal frameworks
Oceans also support life above water

SDG 2  Food security
SDG 3  Health
SDG 8  Sustainable economic growth
SDG 12 Sustainable consumption
SDG 13 Resilience and adaptive capacity
SDG 15 Protect terrestrial areas
SDG 17 Partnerships, e.g. capacity building

NB. Full overview in workshop document 3: ABMT analysis
The combined effect of human impacts now rapidly deteriorate oceans and coasts
It’s about managing people’s interactions with oceans. Ecosystem Approach is needed.
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Well-established concept:

- Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- Marine Spatial Planning
- Marine Protected Areas
- Sectoral area-based management approaches:
  - Fishing closures, others
  - Particular Sensitive Seas Areas
Area-based management is ecosystem approach in practice

Key questions are:

- Can we adapt and apply ABMT’s for different SDGs?
- How do we design ABMTs for specific local conditions?
- Are there certain enabling factors that support effective implementation?
- How can regional ocean governance and cross-sectoral cooperation support ABMTs?
EC-UN Environment Project:

“Integrated Management and Governance Strategies for Delivery of Ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals”

Funding: Global Public Goods and Challenges Programme

Timeframe: August 2016 – December 2017

Budget: EUR 400,000

Task management: DG-ENV and Ecosystem Division
“Integrated Management and Governance Strategies for Delivery of Ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals”

Project objectives:

(a) Synthesize experiences from practical use of integrated, area-based management measures and governance approaches

(b) Consider guiding principles, strategies and enabling conditions for effective implementation in different ecological, social and economic contexts

(c) Disseminate project results to national, regional and global discussions, including high-level political fora, to support national sustainable development strategies, plans and actions.
Workshop objectives:

1. Share lessons and experiences on area-based management, policy interactions and institutional arrangements for SDGs;

2. Identify additional experiences that may be used for UNEP-EC project;

3. Discuss factors that halt or enable area-based management, policy interactions and institutional arrangements;

4. Formulate conclusions on effective use of area-based management, policy interactions and institutional cooperation to be further elaborated into guidance for policy-makers.
Working documents

1. “Preliminary analysis of area-based Management measures to support SDG implementation”

2. “Unedited case studies on policies and institutional arrangements to enable cross-sectoral cooperation to achieve ocean related objectives associated with SDGs”

3. Revised agenda