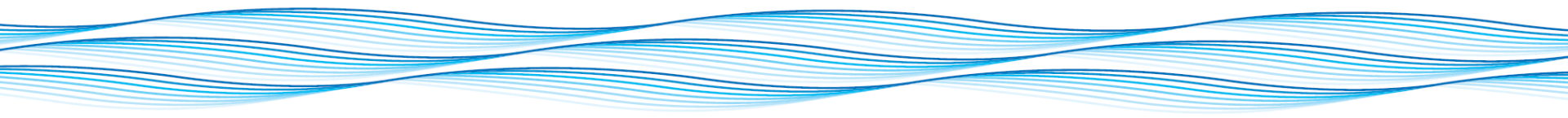


# Implementation of the RSSD (2013-2016)

October 2015  
Istanbul, Turkey



# RSSD 2013-2016

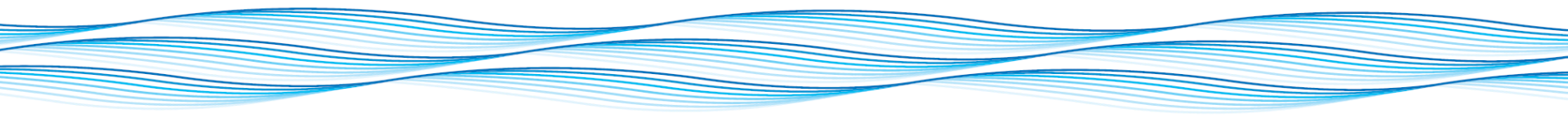
1. Effectively apply an ecosystem approach in the management of the marine and coastal environment.
2. Contribute to the implementation of the Manila Declaration of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land Based Activities (GPA), in particular the partnerships on wastewater management, nutrients and marine litter.
3. Strengthen capacities at the regional level and national level on marine and coastal governance.
4. Support the provision of tools to decouple economic growth from environmental pressures in the marine and coastal environment by promoting resource efficiency and productivity, including assessing the value of the services provided by these key ecosystems
5. Strengthen coordination and build necessary capacities at the regional and national levels to improve global knowledge and trends on the status of the marine environment, contributing to the World Oceans Assessment (RegularProcess).
6. Strengthen collaboration mechanisms with relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), UN Agencies and International Financial Institutions (IFIs)

# Implementation by UNEP

- Strategy 1 (*ecosystem approach*)  
Strategy 2 (*GPA*)  
Strategy 5 (*World Ocean Assessment*)<sup>1</sup>  
Strategy 4 (*decouple economic growth from environmental pressures*) : Well implemented
- Strategy 3 (*marine and coastal environment governance*)  
Strategy 6 (*collaboration mechanisms with MEAs*):  
Difficulties with the implementation

# Implementation by RSCAPs

- Different RSCAPs have different level of implementation of the strategies
- Implementation of Strategy 3 and 6 seem to be limited
- Challenges (Chapter 3)
  - Human and financial resource limitation
  - Low visibility of the Regional Sea Programme
  - Lack of clear coordination mechanism
  - Different priorities among member states



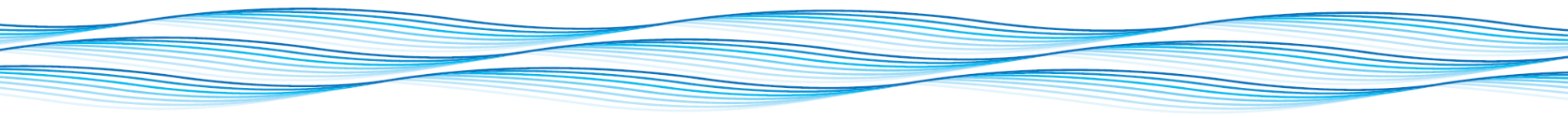
# Problems with RSSDs

- (1) No clear commitments on the sides of RSCAPs and UNEP on the implementation of the RSSDs;
- (2) No additional resources were allocated for the implementation of the RSSDs;
- (3) No clear records and analyses to show whether each RSCAP has brought the RSSDs to the Governing Body;
- (4) Some of the RSCAPs recognise that RSSDs do not bind them;
- (5) No formal reporting mechanism existed for the RSCAPs with regards to the achievement of the RSSDs;
- (6) No profound evaluation and analysis existed before formulating the next strategy;
- (7) The action points are obscure and any activities could easily fall under several action points;
- (8) The strategic directions might not be reflected in the Programme of Work of each RSCAP;
- (9) Progress on each strategic point is not measurable because no clear quantifiable goals have been set
- (10) It is not clear each RSSD has been an incremental step with regards to the same theme (e.g. Ecosystem approach, GPA)



# Proposal

- Set clear aims for the Strategic Directions 2017-2020
- Set actionable strategies
- Set clear targets and related milestones with indicators to be able to measure the level of achievements
- Set a clear reporting mechanism.
  - For example UNEP and RSCAPs could report the progress at the 20<sup>th</sup> Global Meeting (mid-term) and 22<sup>nd</sup> Global Meeting (End of term)
- Set an evaluation mechanism for the implementation of the RSSD
- Clarify roles of UNEP and RSCAPs in achieving the common targets



# Proposed format for the RSSD 2017-2020

Set Collective targets between UNEP and RSCAPs

Element	Collective Goal	Action by UNEP	Action by RSCAPs	UNEP PoW	Relevant SDG target if any
<b>Example:</b>  Enhanced environmental monitoring and data collection	Five (5) regions will adopt core regional seas indicators	Identify core indicators by 2017	Adopt the core indicator set by 2018	2016-2017 3 EA (b)  2018-2019 3 EA (a)	14.1, 14.2, 14.7, 14a, 14c



# Way Forward

- Day 3: Working Group
  - Finalise the draft RSSD (2017-2020) based on the draft prepared by the contact group
- Contact group will be formed to draft the RSSD(2017-2020) based on the discussions at the meeting (session chairs to provide input to WG)

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