



The Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance (PROG)

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Background



A key recommendation from the 2014 Potsdam Ocean Governance Workshop

Needs:

- Identify best-practice examples and develop innovative approaches to regional ocean governance
- Promote capacities at the regional level
- Assist in strengthening regional ocean governance structures, wherever requested
- Foster the role of regional approaches at the global level

Approach and objectives



“Intraregional”

≥ Strengthening the relations between regional organizations

“Interregional”

≥ Providing regional organisations with support to fill their mandates

“Supraregional”

≥ Fostering the role of the regional approach at the global level, i.e. ABNJ, SDGs implementation



1) ABNJ discussions in Western, Central and Southern Africa

- Request from the Abidjan Convention Secretariat
- Scoping workshop organised on 20-21 June 2015, Mahe, Seychelles

2) Regional Ocean Policy in the Southeast Pacific

- Request from the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS)
- Workshop to be held on 28-30 October 2015, Bogota, Colombia



3) Supporting SDG implementation for the Ocean and Coasts - a project to be supported by the German Ministry for Economic Development Cooperation and GIZ

- Highlighting the possible role of regional organisations in the implementation of the ocean and coasts - related SDGs
- Defining thematic priorities for pilot region(s) and developing associated work programme(s)
- Setting the foundation for multi-stakeholder and multi-sector dialogs across scales as a means to promote and provide guidance for the implementation of ocean and coasts-related SDGs

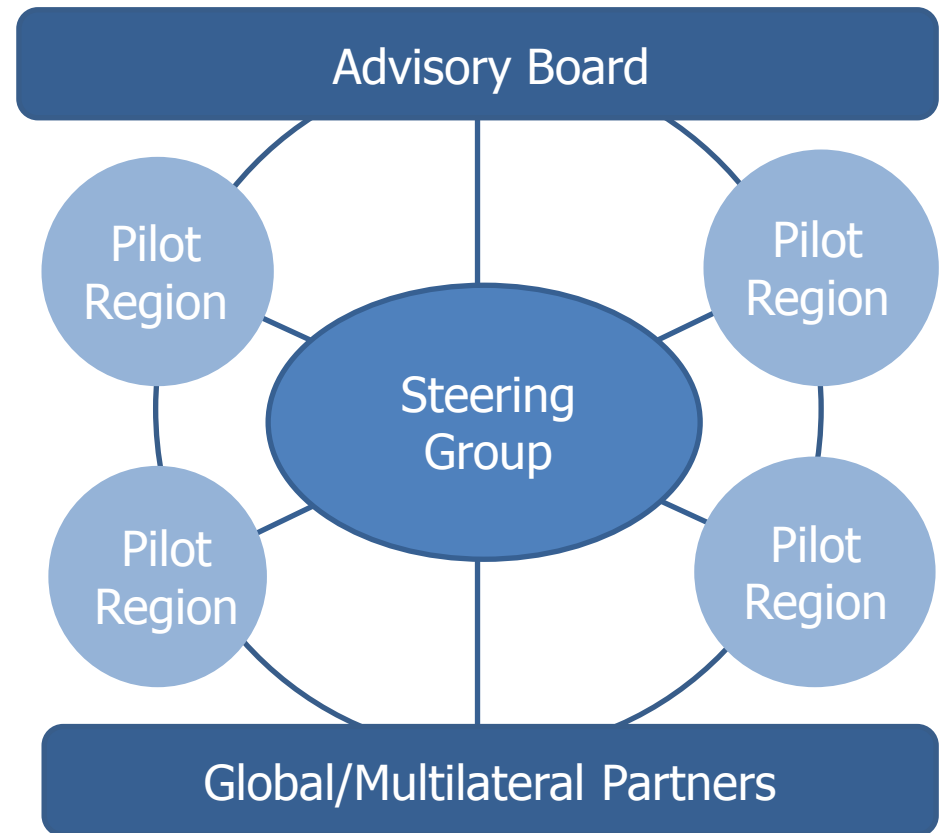
Structure



Founding partners:
IDDRI, IASS and
UNEP

Current process for
engaging additional
partners

An advisory board,
which met in NY in
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Thank you!

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