

UNEP's Mid-Term Strategy & Marine and Coastal Strategy

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Outline

- Mid-Term Strategy
- Marine and Coastal Strategy
- Implications for Regional Seas

Mid-Term Strategy (MTS)

- New direction for addressing environment at the global and regional levels
- Previous model - activity based
- New model - **Thematic** based, cross-disciplinary and integrated approaches across UNEP, the UN and other partners
- Sound knowledge, capacity building, partnership principles
- For the 2010 - 2013 work programs
- Results based, measurable impacts

MTS - Themes

- Climate change - marine, coastal - sea level rise and other physical changes, energy
- Disasters & Conflicts - preparedness
- EBM - integrated management frameworks, MPA networks
- Environmental governance
- Harmful substances
- Resource efficiency - resource use practices, subsidies MPAs

Themes

- Set of expected outcomes for each theme - UNEP's comparative advantage
- Delivery of the anticipated outcomes using a range of tools/approaches including sound knowledge, capacity building, communication, etc.
- Indicators of impact - a challenge

Marine & Coastal Strategy

- New “world” order for UNEP
- Marine issues continue to increase
- Where is UNEP best placed to contribute?
- Previous strategic direction?
- New EBM focus
- Regional Seas, GPA in all of this? & within the EBM framework?

M & C Strategy Road Map

- Brainstorm (2007)
- Internal Workshops (Oct & Nov 08)
- Preparation of zero-draft
- **Input from Regional Seas (late Nov/08)**
- Input from external/peer review workshop (Nov-Dec/08)
- First-draft
- Circulate to Divisions for comment/external
- Second-draft ready mid-Jan? for GC but as an internal strategy

Broad Strategy Considerations

- UNEP wide
- To 2013
- Foundation is EBM
- Not required to “fully” align with the Regional Seas or GPA programs (vice versa)
- Driven by the MTS and its themes

Brainstorm - Issues

- clarify UNEP's mandate on coastal & marine 4
- develop a UNEP shared vision, etc. ?
- development of a phased process to define policy? > strategy > programme of work 4
- mobilisation of additional financial and human resources;
- balancing of development & conservation 4
- avoiding overlaps with programmes internal/external 4
- improve communication & outreach on UNEP marine achievements.

Strengths - UNEP M&C

- Established legal and institutional "platforms" (Regional seas, GPA, MEAs)
- Global and regional mandates
- Regional presence
- Ability to address shared and trans-boundary issues
- Ability to influence/obtain member cooperation
- Good "critical mass" of expertise and capacity in inter-governmental process management

Opportunities

- One UN process/delivery
- UNEP - Global marine Assessment
- UNEP involvement in GESAMP
- Economic evaluation of ecosystems, linking marine ecosystem services - human development
- Growing interest in marine & coastal issues
- Emerging concepts e.g. LME
- Emerging ecosystem approaches in management programmes and initiatives

Brainstorm Top Priorities

- Pollution from LBA/nutrients
- Physical alteration & destruction of habitats
- Climate change
- Marine & coastal biodiversity
- Environmental aspects of fisheries
- Environmental aspects of HS & seabed management (> national jurisdiction)
- Vulnerability of islands

MCS meets MTS

	Climate change	Disasters & Conflicts	Ecosystem Management	Environment Governance	Hazardous Substances	Resource Efficiency
Pollution/LBA nutrients						
Physical alteration						
Climate change						
Biodiversity						
Environment & fisheries						
HS & seabed management						
Vulnerability of islands						

Operationalizing MCS

	Climate change	Disasters & Conflicts	Ecosystem Management	Environment Governance	Hazardous Substance	Resource Efficiency
Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge base • Info Man & Policy • Info trends 						
Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling • Inst. Function • Man Instruments 						
Mainstream <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National • Regional • Global 						

Major Themes

- Healthy Oceans
- Marine Ecosystems for Humanity
- Reconciling Resource Use and Marine Conservation
- Vulnerable People & Places

Implementation

- Not just DEPI's role
- Module design to allow multi-disciplinary teams to form to develop a concept proposal
- Forms the basis for strategic partnerships with other institutions
- Program of work for 2009 onwards for M&C Branch, and possibly other branches

Regional Seas

- Platform to support the implementation of the Strategies?
- Does the MCS help R/S deliver on their programs?
- Considerations for the future strategic directions?