

# SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION OF DEEP-SEA LIVING RESOURCES AND ECOSYSTEMS IN AREAS ABOVE NATIONAL JURISDICTION (ABNJ)

## Objectives

- To achieve efficient and sustainable use of deep-sea living resources and improve biodiversity conservation in ABNJ through the systematic application of an ecosystem approach;
- To improve implementation of existing policy and legal frameworks;
- To reduce adverse impacts on Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VMEs) and enhance conservation and management of components of Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs);
- To improve planning and adaptive management for deep-sea fisheries in ABNJ.
- To develop and test methods for area-based planning.

## Contribution towards the Sustainable Development Goals

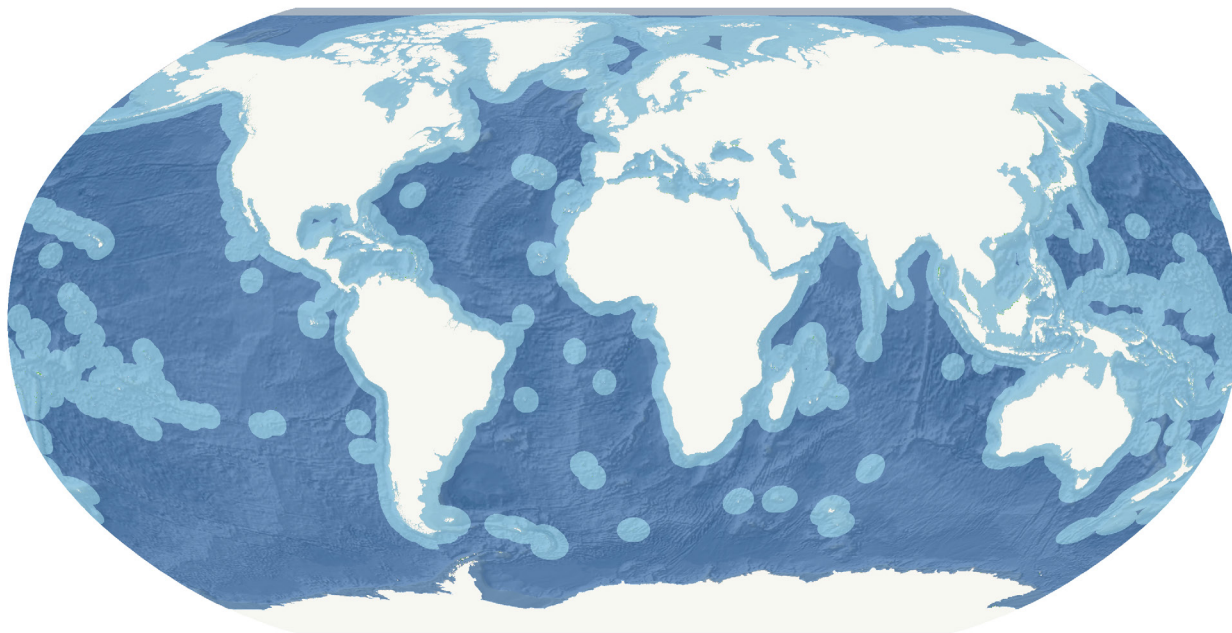
- SDG 2(2.4): Promote food security through more sustainable management of coastal resources
- SDG 8(8.3): Promote new opportunities of productive employment, job creation, entrepreneurship and partnerships contributing to economic and social growth for all;
- SDG 12(12.2): Promote sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources;
- SDG 14(14.2): Promotes conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
- SDG 16(16.6, 16.7 and 16.11): Promote participatory decision-making across relevant sectors and build strong

## Contribution towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

- Target 1: Raising public awareness to increase the value of biodiversity, its conservation and sustainable use;
- Target 11: Promote sustainable management of genetic resources, sustainable fisheries, aquaculture and biodiversity to meet the need of present and future generations;
- Target 11, 12 and 13: Maintain and safeguard genetic diversity and its effective and equitable management;
- Target 14: Restore and safeguard ecosystem services for human wellbeing including women and indigenous and local communities;
- Target 18: Promote traditional knowledge innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities.

## Project results

- The project has increased awareness and understanding of the importance and obligations of legal frameworks and instruments relevant to Deep Sea fisheries management and biodiversity conservation in ABNJ among national fisheries authorities.
- The project has contributed to new knowledge and tools to help identify and manage threats to marine biodiversity and sustainable deep sea fisheries in ABNJ.
- The project has produced important documentation on key commercial deep seas fisheries species.
- The project has contributed to advance knowledge and tools to help develop and test a methodology for cross-sectoral area-based planning in ABNJ with the two pilot regions under Regional Seas Programmes.



71% of the planet is ocean  
61% of the ocean lie in ABNJ

ABNJ cover  
43% of the planet

**Further Information:**

Links to websites for further information  
<https://www.unep-wcmc.org/resources-and-data>  
<http://www.fao.org/in-action/commonoceans/en/>

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