

Update

UN Environment's Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Strategy

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Draft Strategy review

- Workshop inhouse Jan 2018
 - Consultants Sept – Dec
 - Initial draft presented to CPR on 11 December 2018
 - Revised version CPR 8 January based on comments from
 - staff members
 - member states (EU, Canada, US and Norway)
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Draft Strategy review

Core input from Member States

- **Clear on UN Environment's mandate.**
 - **Relate to overlapping mandates** with other agency mandates;
 - Clear on partnership opportunities
 - Link to **Program of Work and budget**;
 - References to **UNEA resolutions**
 - Science based policy
 - Chapter on **assessment of status** of marine environment (WOA)
 - Link to Blue Economy
 - What are **expected outcomes**; **Implementation and monitoring** process timelines; report back to Member States; reviewing
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Outline 1(5)



- **Introduction**

- Sets context; purpose and contribution of Strategy in delivering work of UN Environment

- **Challenges and Drivers of Change**

- Challenges and Barriers – Growing Ambition Towards Ocean Sustainability

- **UN Environment's Vision and Mission on Oceans and Coasts**

- Integrated Approach to Ocean and Coastal Sustainability build upon UN Environment's mandate

- **The Basis for Action**

- The internal and external frameworks
- 2030, UNCLOS, SAMOA, Resolutions, MTS, PoW, Sub-programmes

Outline 2(5)

- Strategy Guiding Principles
 - Integrating Eco-system-Based Management Approaches
 - Source-to-Sea Approach
 - Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns
 - Valuation of Natural Capital
 - Science Policy Interface
- UN Environment's Comparative Advantage
 - Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plan
 - Beat Pollution through Partnerships (GPA)



Outline 3 (5)

- Implementation Framework (overview)

- Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services
- Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity for Ocean (TEEB)
- International Resources Panel The One Planet Network
- Partnership for Action on Green Economy - PAGE
- Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP)
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Global Environmental Outlook (GEO)
- Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Principles
- GPA: Partnerships on Marine Litter, Nutrient, Waste Water
- Regional Seas Programme
- Custodian agency for SDG Goal 14.1 reduce marine pollution of all kind, 14.2 manage and protect marine coastal ecosystems, 14.5 conserve 10 percent of marine and coastal areas



Outline 4(5)

Four strategic areas as **core objectives**:



- Enhanced science – based understanding of drivers impacting **ecosystem Health and Services**
- Enhanced circular economy and sustainable consumption and production approaches **addressing marine pollution** and resource use
- Effective **Governance** and intergrated management of drivers impacting marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Innovative **Financing** Instruments and Initiatives Facilitating Sustainable Blue Economy Transition

Strategy – Outline 5(5)



- **Partnerships**

- UN Agencies, Financial Institutions, NGOs, Private Sector (SDG17), academia et al

- **Communication**

- Communicating implementation (internal) Public and Awareness-Raising (External)

- **Monitoring and Reviewing the Strategy**

- How implementation will be assessed and in relation to PoW

Moving forward



Invite comments on revised draft from the CPR up to 15 January;



Continue to receive internal comments; invite comments from key partners up to 15 January;



Incorporate comments for further revision by 21 January;



Editing/finalization by Document Services as Information Document;



Submit to UNEA4



Final edits as needed;



Publication



Thank you for your attention!

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