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Implementing the Regional Seas Strategic Directions (2017-2020)

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Background

Background document:

UNEP/WBRS.18/5

Implementation of the RSSD (2017-2020)

UNEP/WBRS.18/INF8

RSSD (2017-2020)

UNEP/WBRS.18/7

Final report of the implementation of RSSD (2013-2016)

Implementation of RSSD (2013-2016)

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- Action items that are not directly related to PoWs were harder to be implemented
- The level of achievement ?
 - Inconclusive as no clear target / indicators was set

Problems of the past RSSDs

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1. No 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 exist which 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 4 UNEP/WBRS.18/INF8 Regional Seas Strategic Directions (2017-2020) 5 UNEP/WBRS.17/2 Discussion paper on the RSSD 2017-2020 5 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 or UNEP;
9. Progress on each strategic point is not measurable because no clear quantifiable goals have been set.

RSSD (2017-2020)

UNEP/WBRS.18/INF8 RSSD (2017-2020)

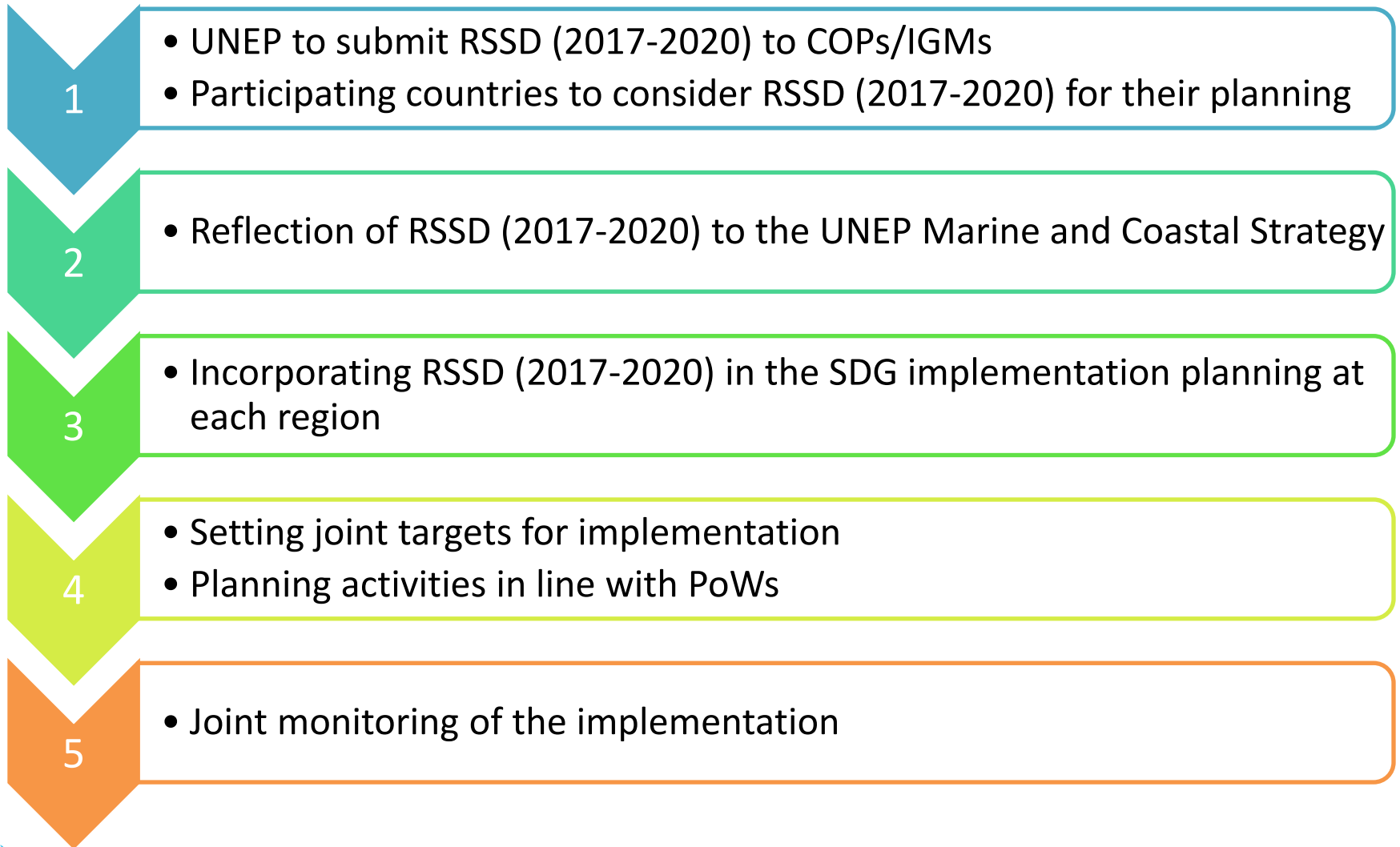
The two core goals of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans across four key thematic strategies are to:

- Promote and facilitate ratification, adoption and implementation of Regional Seas Conventions, Action Plans and Protocols, working in concert with other Regional Seas Organisations.
- Strategically work in collaboration with international and regional organizations, including Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) and other relevant stakeholders.

The Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans will therefore aim to:

1. Reduce marine pollution of all kinds in line with the SDG Goal 14.1.
2. Create increased resilience of people, marine and coastal ecosystems, and their health and productivity, in line with the SDG Goal 13 and decisions made at the UNFCCC COP21.
3. Develop integrated, ecosystem-based regional ocean policies and strategies for sustainable use of marine and coastal resources, paying close attention to blue growth.
4. Enhance effectiveness of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans as regional platforms for supporting integrated ocean policies and management

Implementation process



Resolution 2/10 – UNEA-2

- Paragraph 11: RSSD (2017-2020)

Notes the document on the Regional Seas **Strategic Directions 2017–2020** and requests the Executive Director to communicate the Strategic Directions to conferences of the parties, intergovernmental meetings or other governing bodies of the relevant regional seas conventions and action plans;



Common targets

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- Proposed targets identified
- Proposed regions were preliminary identified

	Agreed action item	No	Target by 2020	Proposed RS for the activity	UNEP's action	Regional Seas action	SDG target	UNEA 2 resolution
Core Strategy								
Core goal 1: Promote and facilitate ratification, adoption and implementation of Regional Seas Conventions, Action Plans and Protocols, working in	N/A	C1.1	At least 2 Regional Seas programmes initiate revision/updates of the Action Plans	To be identified	Provide assistant for revision based on the mapping exercise	Assess the implementation of the Action Plan	-	
		C1.2	ABNJ is covered by at least 2 additional Regional Seas programmes	ABC, NBC	Provide support to the revision of Convention	Revise the Convention text	-	2/10 OP 13

Joint monitoring

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- Proposed to organise 4 networks of Regional Seas for lessons learnt and information exchange
 - 4 thematic areas: pollution, climate change, extraction, governance
 - Identify a lead region on the issue
 - Includes members of the Regional Activity Centers
 - Each network / year will report back to the Global Meeting on its findings
 - Lessons learnt accumulated will be shared at a Regional Seas Portal (to be developed)

Review cycle

Overall review on RSSD (2017-2020)

Review /reporting	Review meeting
Mid-term review	20th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans in 2018
Final review	22nd Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans in 2020

Thematic review

Thematic network	Presentation at the meeting
Pollution	19th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans
Climate change	20th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans
Extractives	21st Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans
Governance	22nd Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans

Discussion points

1. Do you agreed to create a network of Regional Seas professionals for each of the four thematic strategies ([Section 2.6](#))?
2. Do you agree to set targets under RSSD 2017-2020 (Section 3 and 4)?

Intersessional discussion:

- Comments on the proposed targets by 31 October 2016 ([Section 3](#))
 - Will your Regional Seas programmes be interested in being pilot regions for the proposed activities for the implementation of RSSD (2017-2020)? ([Section 3](#))
3. Do you agree on the proposed review cycle ([Section 5](#))?

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Thank you!

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