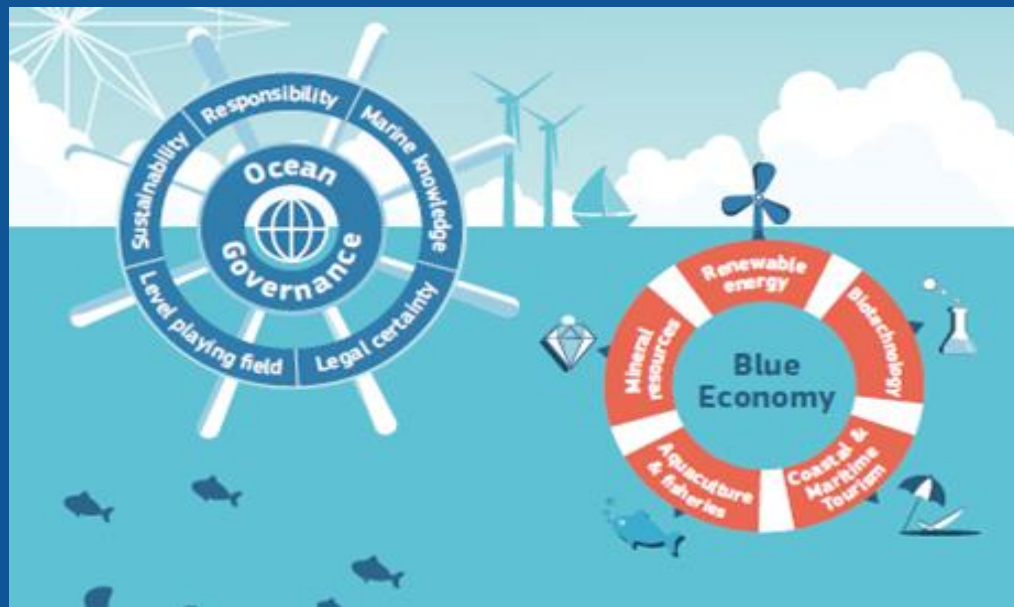


EU and Ocean Governance



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"If our oceans are not healthy, our economy falls ill. Global maritime challenges require global solutions. I am committed to working intensively to define Europe's role in international ocean governance, for a sustainable blue economy and blue growth."

Mr Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries



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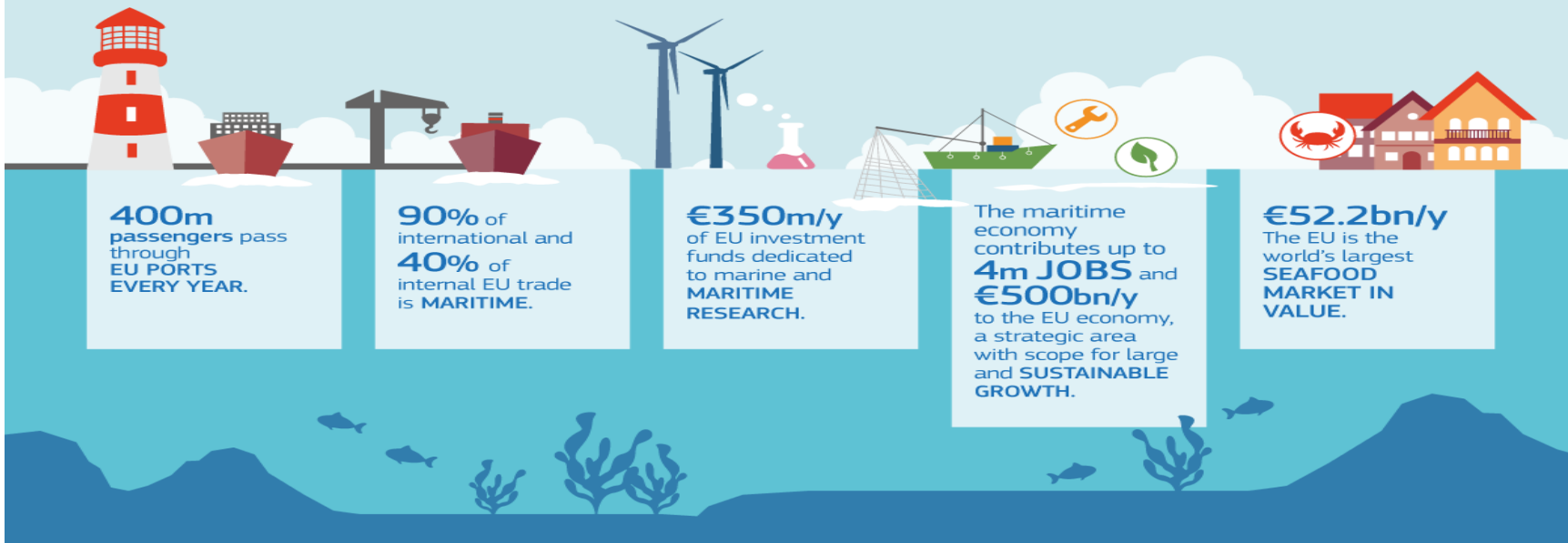
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20m km²
is the total area of the combined
Exclusive Economic Zone of the EU Member States.
This marine territory is around 380% larger than its land counterpart, and is the world's largest.



The EU has
the world's
largest EEZ.





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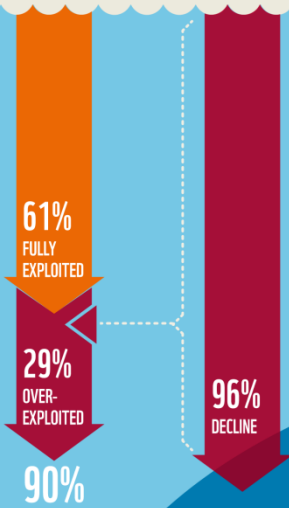
Impacts on ecosystems

DECLINE OF FISHERIES



90% OF GLOBAL FISH STOCKS ARE OVER-EXPLOITED OR FULLY EXPLOITED

PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA NUMBERS HAVE DROPPED 96% FROM UNFISHED LEVELS



DECLINE OF MARINE SPECIES



THE MARINE LIVING PLANET INDEX* SHOWS A DECLINE OF 39% BETWEEN 1970 AND 2010

*The marine Living Planet Index is an indicator of the state of global biological diversity, based on trends in more than 900 marine species of mammals, birds, reptiles and fish.



DECLINE OF HABITATS

3-5x
DEFORESTATION RATE OF MANGROVES EXCEEDS EVEN THE LOSS OF FORESTS BY 3-5 TIMES



50% OF THE WORLD'S CORALS HAVE DISAPPEARED

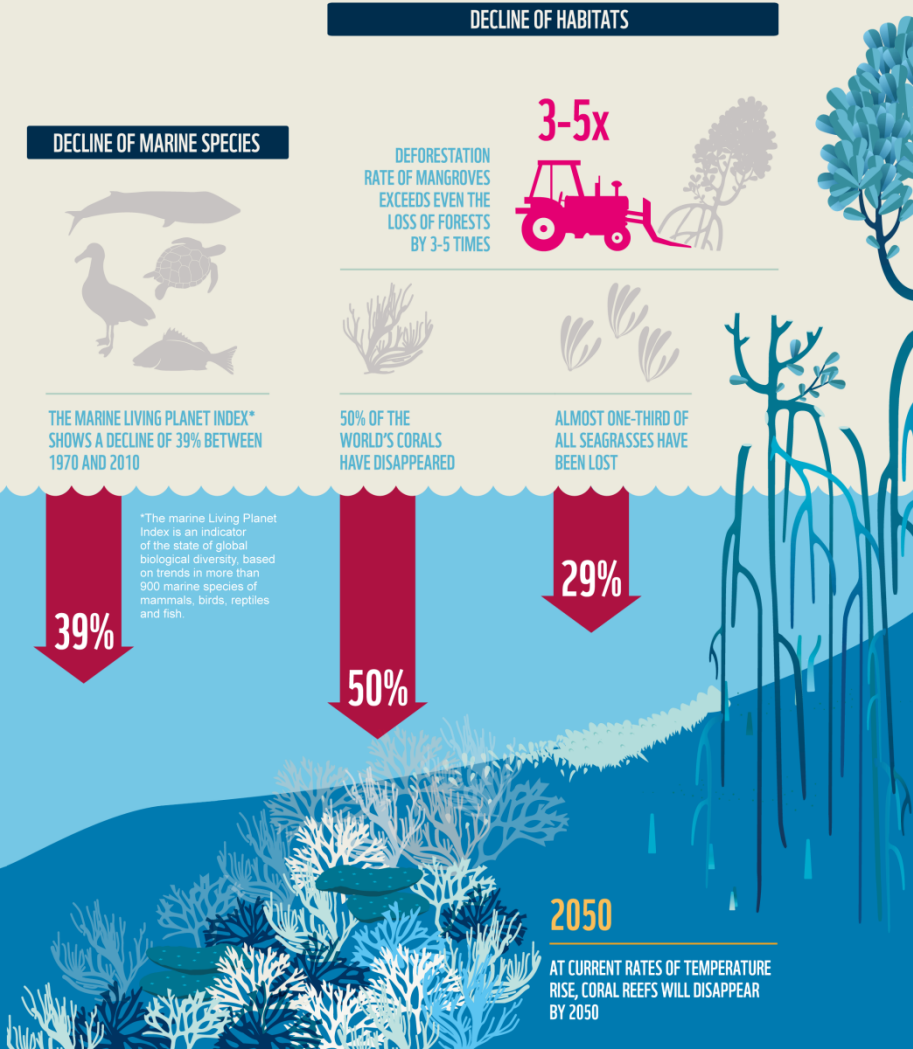


ALMOST ONE-THIRD OF ALL SEAGRASSES HAVE BEEN LOST



2050

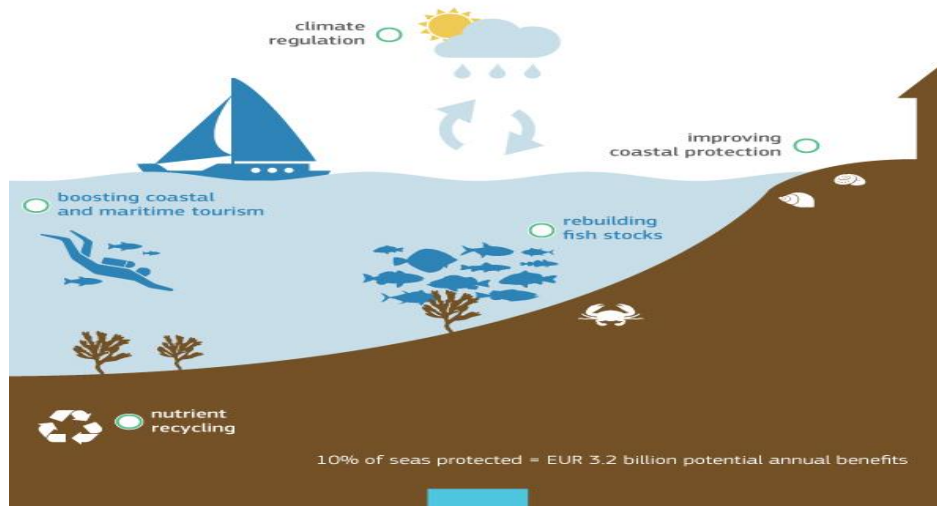
AT CURRENT RATES OF TEMPERATURE RISE, CORAL REEFS WILL DISAPPEAR BY 2050



Sustainable future: healthy environment and economic growth

THE HEALTHIER OUR SEAS, THE MORE BENEFITS WE GET FROM THEM

Marine protected areas =
healthier marine ecosystems + socio-economic benefits



Oceans on the global agenda

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

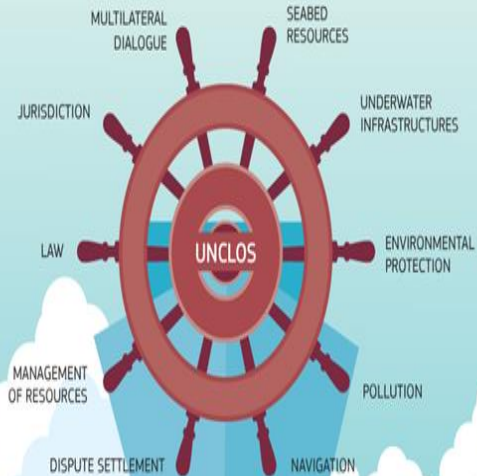
Sustainable Development Goal 14:
*Conserve and sustainably use the oceans,
seas and marine resources*

- Climate Change negotiations
- Implementing Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction



International ocean governance

UN CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (UNCLOS)



- Give impetus for implementation of the SDG 14
- Better governance would improve ecosystem health on which oceans' benefits for future generations depend.
- Agree rules on EIA economic activities and exploitation of the ocean resources, area based management in international waters.
- UNCLOS
- MEAs
- Global and regional levels of governance

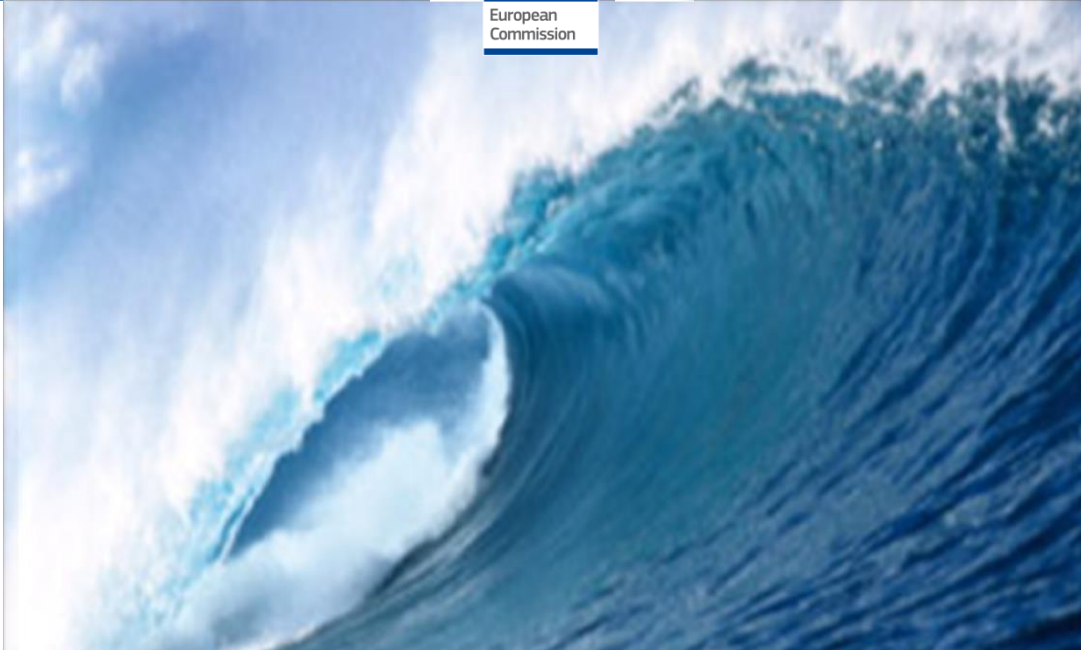
Ocean governance in EU

Integrated Maritime Policy

- **Marine Strategy Framework Directive**
- **Marine Litter**
- **Maritime Spatial Planning Directive**
- **Integrated Coastal Zone Management**

- **Role of RSCs and other regional institutions**

*What is the role of Regional Seas Conventions in
Global Ocean Governance?*



Thank you for your
attention!