

*An evolving initiative:*

# BLUE OCEANS Programme\*

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# BLUE OCEANS: The headlines

## What is it?

A major proposed new programme focused at regional and national levels to **enhance social and economic benefits from oceans and coasts in an ecologically sustainable manner.**

## How?

Through a **targeted technical support and capacity development programme** to enable the production and implementation of multi-sectoral:

- **Regional Integrated Ocean Strategies**
- **National Integrated Ocean Policies**

# Why is this needed?

- To address the need for multi-sectoral marine and coastal policy
- To deliver and monitor progress towards SDGs
- To deliver UNCLOS commitments (articles 192-194)
- To support science into policy transition
- To realise the added value of the regional perspective

# BLUE OCEANS Principles

Include oceans and coastal areas

Inclusive of all ocean sectors

Inclusive of all stakeholders

Build on existing approaches

Use spatial planning tools

Ecosystem approach

Precautionary principle

Cumulative human impacts

Credible knowledge sources

Blue economy

Special attention to social issues

Clear monitoring framework

Contribute to global targets

Recognises links to ABNJ

Land-Ocean connections

Support use of national capital values

# Programme Overview

Global contributions

Sustainable  
management of  
marine and coastal  
ecosystems

- Long term global impact

## Possible Programme Activities: Regional

**Key output:** Regional Integrated Ocean Strategies

*Through:*

- **Regional Ocean Policy stocktake** to determine regional ocean policy baseline.
- **Regional Horizon Scanning** to determine and communicate the likely changes to current ocean issues.
- **Regional Social Innovation Labs** to enable regionally tailored innovation platforms from which to build **Regional Integrated Ocean Strategies**.

# Possible Programme Activities: National

2 key preparatory steps:

1. **National level process** to determine the scope of each NIOP.
2. Construction of a tailored **national institutional technical support and capacity development programme** to assist the development, implementation and monitoring of each NIOP.

# Possible Programme Activities: National

**Key output:** National Integrated Ocean Policies

*Through technical support to:*

- Generate a **social, economic and ecological evidence base**.
- Generate tailored **social processes to effectively engage the public and stakeholders** in the development of NIOPs.
- Undertake **National horizon scanning studies** to determine the likely future changes.



- Develop a **tailored NIOP indicator framework** that enables national, regional and global targets and goals to be tracked.
- Ensure the **BLUE OCEANS principles are embedded in the NIOP** development process.
- Present a **capacity development programme** to embed effective learning and ensure legacy benefits.

## Next steps

- Seeking feedback
- Further development of the idea
- Identify regions interested in piloting BLUE OCEANS
- Seek resources

# Further information

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