

UNEP-EC Workshop on Area-Based Management and Regional Cooperation for the Implementation of Ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals (Brussels, 9 February, 2017)

Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Ocean Initiative

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Convention on
Biological Diversity



Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

VISION

By 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used, maintaining ecosystem services, sustaining a healthy planet and delivering benefits essential for all people.

MISSION

Take effective and urgent action to halt the loss of biodiversity...

STRATEGIC GOAL A

Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society

STRATEGIC GOAL B

Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use

STRATEGIC GOAL C

Improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity

STRATEGIC GOAL D

Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services

STRATEGIC GOAL E

Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building

IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT MECHANISMS



The Aichi Targets are reflected in several SDGs

SDG 14 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

SDG 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources

SDG 14 Targets

Highly Relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets

14.1: “By 2025, prevent and reduce **marine pollution**..”



Aichi Target 8

14.2: By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems including by **strengthening their resilience**, and take action for their **restoration**...”



Aichi Target 10

Aichi Target 15



14.3: “Minimize and address the **impacts of ocean acidification**...”



Aichi Target 10

14.4: “By 2020, effectively **regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing** ...”



Aichi Target 6

14.5: “By 2020, **conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas**...”



Aichi Target 11

14.6: “By 2020, **prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies** which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing...”



Aichi Target 6

Aichi Target 3



14.7: “By 2030, **increase the economic benefits** to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources...”

Strategic Goal D

14.a: “**Increase scientific knowledge**, develop research capacity and **transfer marine technology**...”



Aichi Target 19

14.b: “**Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers** to marine resources and markets”



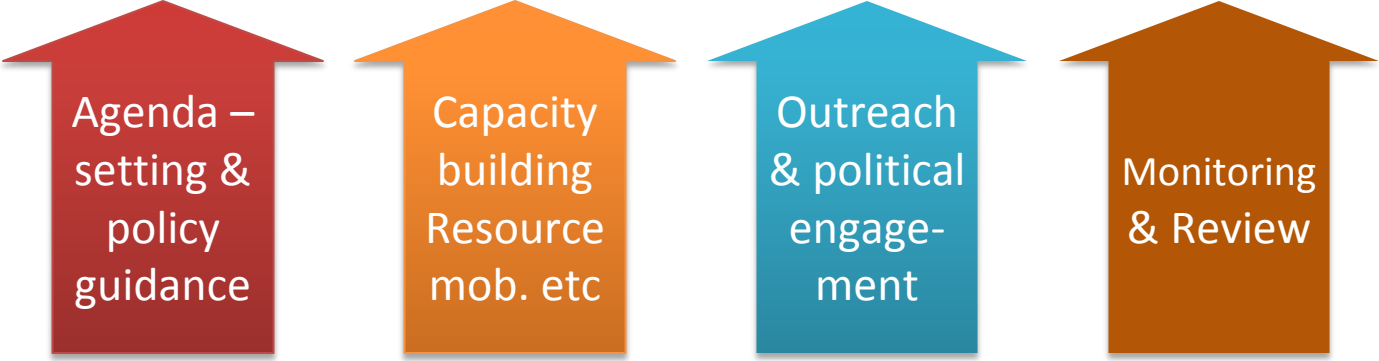
Aichi Target 18

14.c: “Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by **implementing international law**...”



Aichi Target 17

Implementation by Parties

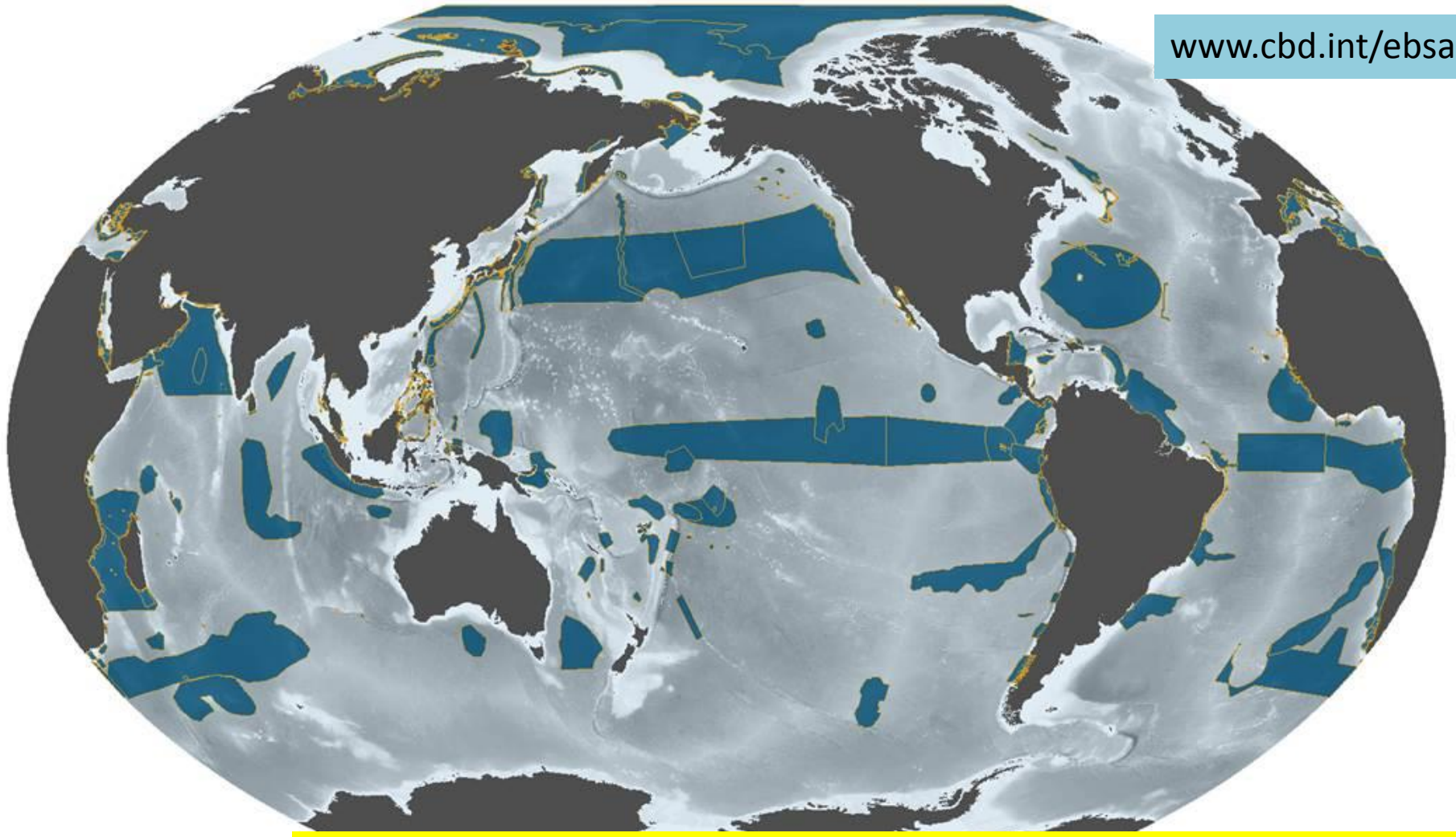


**Key relevant outcomes from CBD COP 13:
UN Biodiversity Conference - Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Well-Being
2-17 December 2016 | Cancún, Mexico**



Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) (12 regional workshop since COP 10 covering 74% of global ocean)

www.cbd.int/ebsa



Described EBSA


279 areas (19% of total ocean area) in the EBSA repository/submitted to UNGA by COP 11, 12 and 13 (75 areas); supported by more than 100 GIS layers of scientific information and peer-reviewed scientific reference

COP 13 and MSP (decision XIII/9)

Key Elements

- Understanding the process as a whole
- Setting a vision and clear objectives
- Governance challenges
- Stakeholder engagement
- Information needs
- Linking goals to management actions/ technical approaches
- Framework for assessing progress/outcomes

*COP 13 recognizes **marine spatial planning** is a participatory tool to facilitate the application of the **ecosystem approach**, expedite progress towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas and **support mainstreaming of biodiversity into public policies** related to human and economic development, and that long-term investment in the **development of human and institutional capacity** for marine spatial planning-related activities is essential for success*



SOI Mission

To provide a global platform to build partnerships and enhance capacity to conserve and sustainably use marine and coastal biodiversity in a holistic manner.

SOI Action Plan 2015-2020

"SOI has helped us build capacity as well as bring in a collaborative approach, regionally and globally. Support such as this and our own programmes gives us real hope that we will be able to meet most of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets by 2020."
Barbara Thompson, Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs, South Africa

SOI NEWS

SOI National Workshops Convened for Namibia and Samoa

In 2015, SOI convened national-level capacity development workshops for Namibia and Samoa, in collaboration with the governments of Namibia and Samoa, respectively, as well as relevant organizations. These workshops brought together a wide range of stakeholders from across sectors to address specific national-level capacity needs in order to facilitate improved implementation.

[more >](#)

CBD Publishes Guidance for Integrated Coastal Management

The CBD Secretariat, in collaboration with PEMSEA and with the support of the government of Japan, produced CBD Technical Series report no.76, which provides guidance for integrated coastal management. This guidance is based on the many experiences of PEMSEA in supporting ICM implementation in the Seas of East Asia.

[more >](#)

SOI Website Launched

The Sustainable Ocean initiative has launched this website as a means to improve information-sharing and awareness regarding the activities of SOI and its many partners, and to facilitate connectivity and coordination among SOI partners.

SOI Regional Capacity-building Workshop for South America convened in Lima, Peru

The CBD Secretariat, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of Peru, the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) and various other partners, organized a regional capacity building workshop for South America in Lima, Peru from 23 to 27 February 2015.

[more >](#)

SOI Action Plan 2015-2020 launched at High-Level at CBD COP 12

The SOI High-Level Meeting, held on the margins of the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD (COP 12) in October 2014 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, welcomed a new action plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative. This SOI Action Plan 2015-2020 was developed during the SOI Global Partnership Meeting, held in Seoul from 3 to 4 October 2014 and lays out an ambitious set of capacity building activities in the coming years.

CBD COP12 Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) High-Level Meeting



Sustainable Ocean Initiative: Global Platform for Partnerships and Capacity Building

More than 500 participants from 80 countries

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SOI Action Plan :
Framework of facilitating implementation and partnership

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Goal: Facilitate dialogue to exchange experiences and to identify options and opportunities to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration among RSOs and RFBs, with a view to supporting their key role in facilitating achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the relevant Sustainable Development Goals

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15 RSOs out of 18
(20 rep)

15 RFBs out of 51
(20 rep)

18 EU/n
gov/inst
(53)

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Wealth of
experience and
knowledge in
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“Seoul Outcome”

- **essential role played by regional organizations** in supporting and facilitating actions by national governments for the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystems, and in supporting and assessing progress towards global-level goals, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- stressed the need for **enhanced cooperation and collaboration at the regional scale**, supported by continual exchange of information and lessons learned, exploring of shared objectives, and addressing issues of common interest.

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- acknowledged the **diversity of experiences, challenges, priorities and capacities among countries and regional organizations** in different ocean regions, and noted the respective mandates of various regional and global intergovernmental organizations.
- **regional cooperation is at different stages of development** in various regions, and, as such, that the appropriate next steps would vary among different regions, ranging from the establishment of dialogue to support cooperation where it does not exist, to strengthening this cooperation where it already exists.

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- **Interacting and exchanging information on the respective measures and activities** of regional organizations to promote mutual understanding, build trust, and ensure that they take their respective outputs into account, thereby complementing each other’s work while respecting their different mandates;
- **Joint regional-level strategies, memoranda of understanding**, or other collaborative arrangements to identify common objectives, outline joint and/or complementary activities, and clarify roles and expectations of respective regional organizations;
- Identification of **specific issues of common interest** around which to structure cooperation and coordination on scientific and technical matters as well as management tools and approaches;

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- Promoting **harmonized approaches for collecting and accessing data**, and exchanging the scientific information produced by a wide range of entities, including governments, universities, research institutions/partnerships, non-governmental organizations, and United Nations agencies (e.g., information on EBSAs and VMEs as well as from OBIS, GOOS, etc);
- Using the above information for the production of **complementary and holistic assessments** of the status and trends of the marine environment, fisheries, biodiversity and ecosystems; and
- **Supporting national reporting through regional frameworks**, including through compatible approaches for data and reporting formats, using, where possible, existing indicators, and **aligning this with reporting on progress** towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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- emphasized the need to continue global dialogues,,,,, and welcomed the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Korea to **make this global dialogue a regular forum** , in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, regional seas organizations, regional fishery bodies, and other interested donors. Such regular global dialogues could continue, perhaps on a biennial basis, to facilitate, promote, and take stock of regional-level cooperation.
- emphasized the **need for capacity building activities in support of cooperation at the regional level.**

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- In order to prepare for future global dialogues, participants suggested that **an informal working group be formed**, consisting of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and interested UN/international/regional organizations, to **prepare substantive elements of the meeting programme, including identification of concrete topics/issues, of future global dialogues and maintain intersessional communication among participants**

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“Seoul Outcome” : Next Steps

- Inter-sessional Informal Working Group Meeting (June 2017)
 - Facilitating regional level cooperative activities
 - Securing necessary financial resources
 - Inter-sessional communication/awareness building
- 2nd SOI Global Dialogue (June 2018)
 - Global RSO meeting (30 Oct-1 Sept 2016)
 - CBD COP 13 (4-17 Dec 2016) & HLS (2-4 Dec 2016)
 - COP 13 Side Event on SOI Global Dialogue (5 Dec Lunch time)
 - BBNJ Prep Comm Side Event (March 2016)
 - The Ocean Conference -High-level UN Conference to support the implementation of SDG 14 (5-9 June 2016)
 - FAO COFI (2018) and RSN meeting (2018)

An underwater photograph showing a vibrant marine ecosystem. In the foreground, there are large, purple, porous sponges and various green seaweeds. The background is filled with tall, thin, green seaweed stalks that create a dense, vertical structure. The water is clear and blue-green, with a fish visible in the distance on the right side.

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