



REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

ROPME Regional EBM Plan

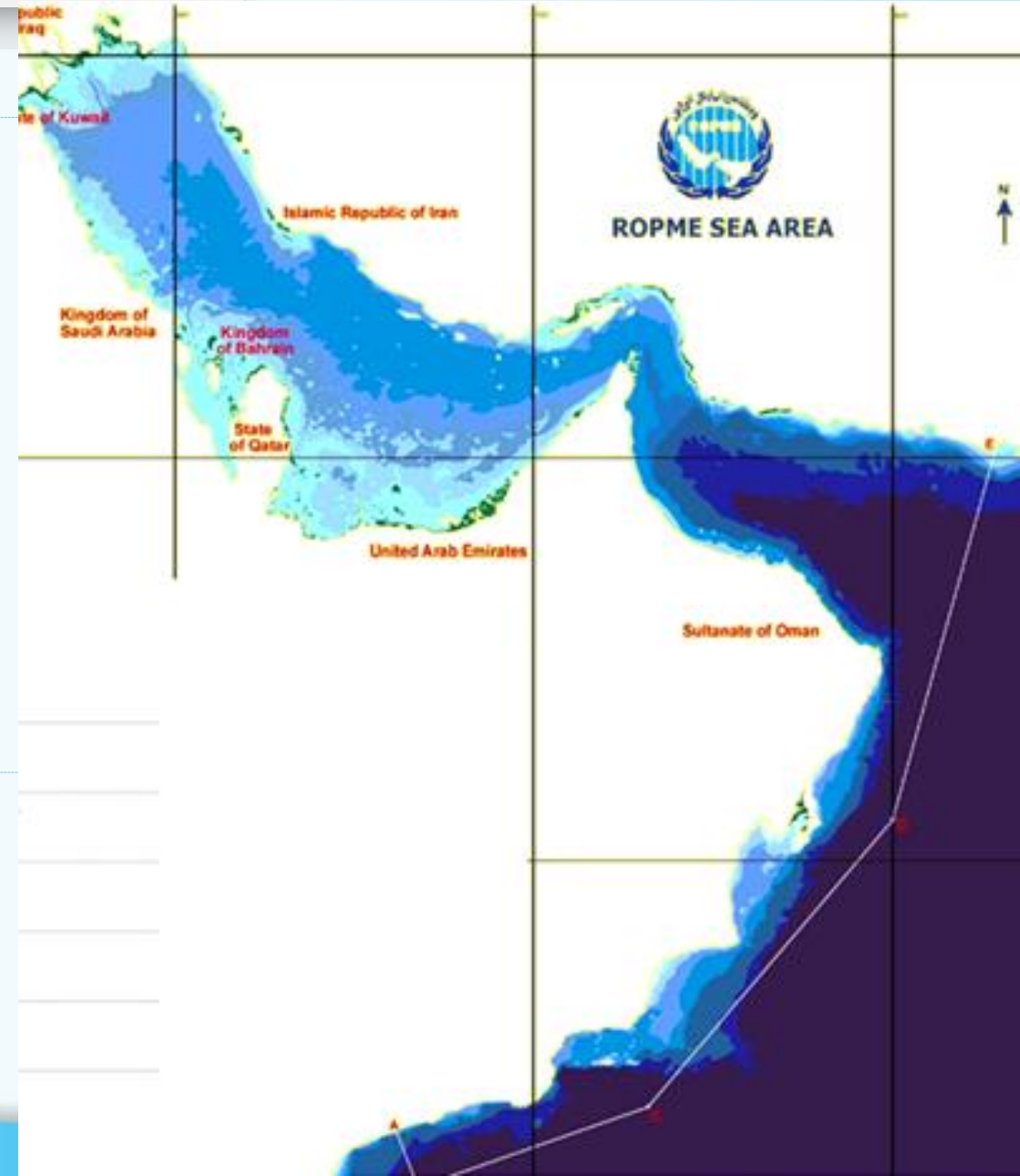
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ROPME:

The ROPME (Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment) Sea Area sounded by 8 member states as defined by the Kuwait Regional Convention (1978).

- Inner RSA
- Middle RSA
- Outer RSA

“ROPME Secretariat has to promote a shift towards more integrated ecosystem-based approaches to the management of the ROPME Sea Area (RSA)”



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EBM PROMOTES INTER-SECTORAL COORDINATION

ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT

Fisheries
Policy

Maritime
Policy

Energy
Policy

Agriculture
Policy

Coastal
Development
Policy

Environmental
Policy

Other Sector
Policies

Visioning

Planning

Implementation

No EBM or Low EBM

Individual species management

Single sector management
— fisheries, for example

Incremental EBM

Managing groups of species

Integrated management of
two sectors — fisheries and
offshore energy, for example, to
avoid user conflicts

Comprehensive EBM

Managing whole ecosystems

Integrating all sectors that
impact, or are impacted by, the
ecosystem



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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Workshop “Toward the Development of a Regional
Ecosystem Based Management
Strategy for ROPME Sea Area”
Dubai, UAE, 4-7 April 2016

(In Cooperation with UNEP/DEPI & UNEP/ROWA)



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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Towards the Development of a Regional Ecosystem Based Management Strategy for ROPME Sea Area

Objectives:

- ***To explore opportunities and processes for the development of a Regional Strategy, identifying gaps of existing policies and mechanisms***
- ***To form a Regional Working Group for the development of the Regional EBM Strategy***

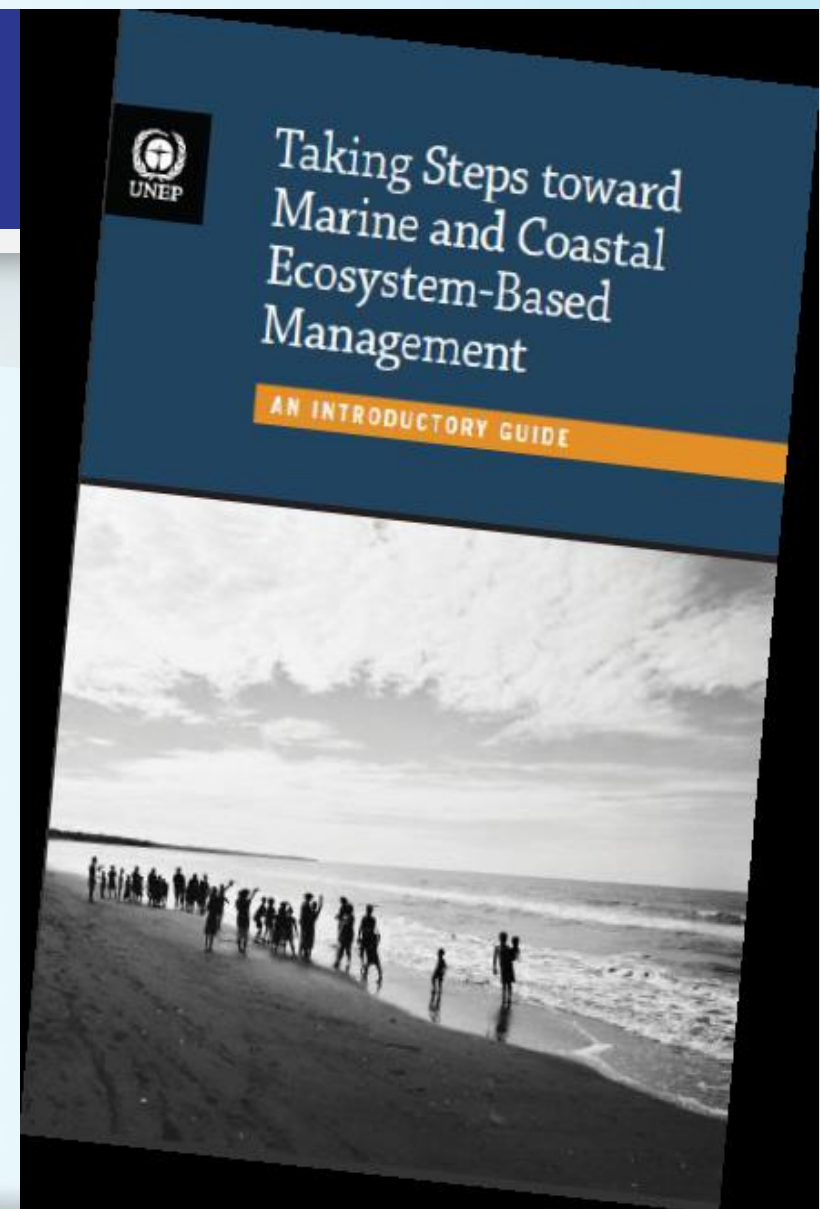


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Towards the Development of a Regional Ecosystem Based Management Strategy for ROPME Sea Area

Recommendations:

1. Recognizing the importance of the Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) for the sustainable in ROPME SA .
2. The EBM Strategy will set clear regional ecological objectives and associated targets and indicators. The EBM Strategy will provide overarching framework.
3. A Working Group should be established comprised of the government designated representatives for the development of the EBM Strategy.



Towards the Development of a Regional Ecosystem Based Management Strategy for ROPME Sea Area

Recommendations:

4. The EBM Strategy should be consistent with the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
5. Recognizing the current level of understanding of the marine and coastal ecosystems in the ROPME Sea Area and the existence of knowledge gaps.
6. Recognizing the need for enhanced data and information sharing, existing data should be collected and gaps should be identified.



Towards the Development of a Regional Ecosystem Based Management Strategy for ROPME Sea Area

Recommendations:

- 7. In order to create further synergies between different policies and projects across the region, an inventory of policies, legislation, organizations, projects.**
- 8. A network of regional technical professionals for EBM in the ROPME Sea Area should be established by ROPME affiliated with the Working Group for the EBM Strategy.**
- 9. Cooperation with other regional and appropriate organizations should be made for the development of the EBM Strategy.**



Towards the Development of a Regional Ecosystem Based Management Strategy for ROPME Sea Area

Recommendations:

10. Considering the identical geographical coverage and membership of ROPME and RECOFI, it would be highly desirable and advisable to establish an effective and viable cooperation framework.

11. Recognizing the range of scientific and technical fields that need to be involved for the development of the EBM Strategy.

12. Pilot projects in support of the EBM Strategy should be developed and implemented with financial support by ROPME.



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Provisional Work Plan of the Working Group on a Regional EBM Strategy for ROPME Sea Area

Timeline	Activity	Responsible members	Remarks
Apr. 2016	Agreement on the work plan	Working Group members	Achieved
Aug - Sept	ROPME will send an official letter Finalization of initial membership of the WG	ROPME Secretariat	Achieved
May	Preparation of terms of reference for a scoping study and inventory	ROPME and UNEP	Achieved
May – Sept	Preparation of a report which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping study, which will identify elements for the Strategy; • Inventory of existing policies, activities, projects and institutions relevant to EBM based on information provided by the countries. 	ROPME Secretariat	Ongoing
May – Sept	Preparation of a preliminary ecosystem assessment report	UNEP ROWA (ROPME will decide on a partner)	Ongoing
Oct. 2016	Organization of the First Working Group Meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalized Working Group to decide on Chairmanship; • Clarify the responsibilities of the Working Group Members; • Review preliminary results of the inventory study; • Identify regional priorities. 	ROPME and Working Group members	Achieved
Nov. 2016	Preparation of national information gathering form	ROPME Secretariat	



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Rapid Ecosystem Assessment of ROPME SA

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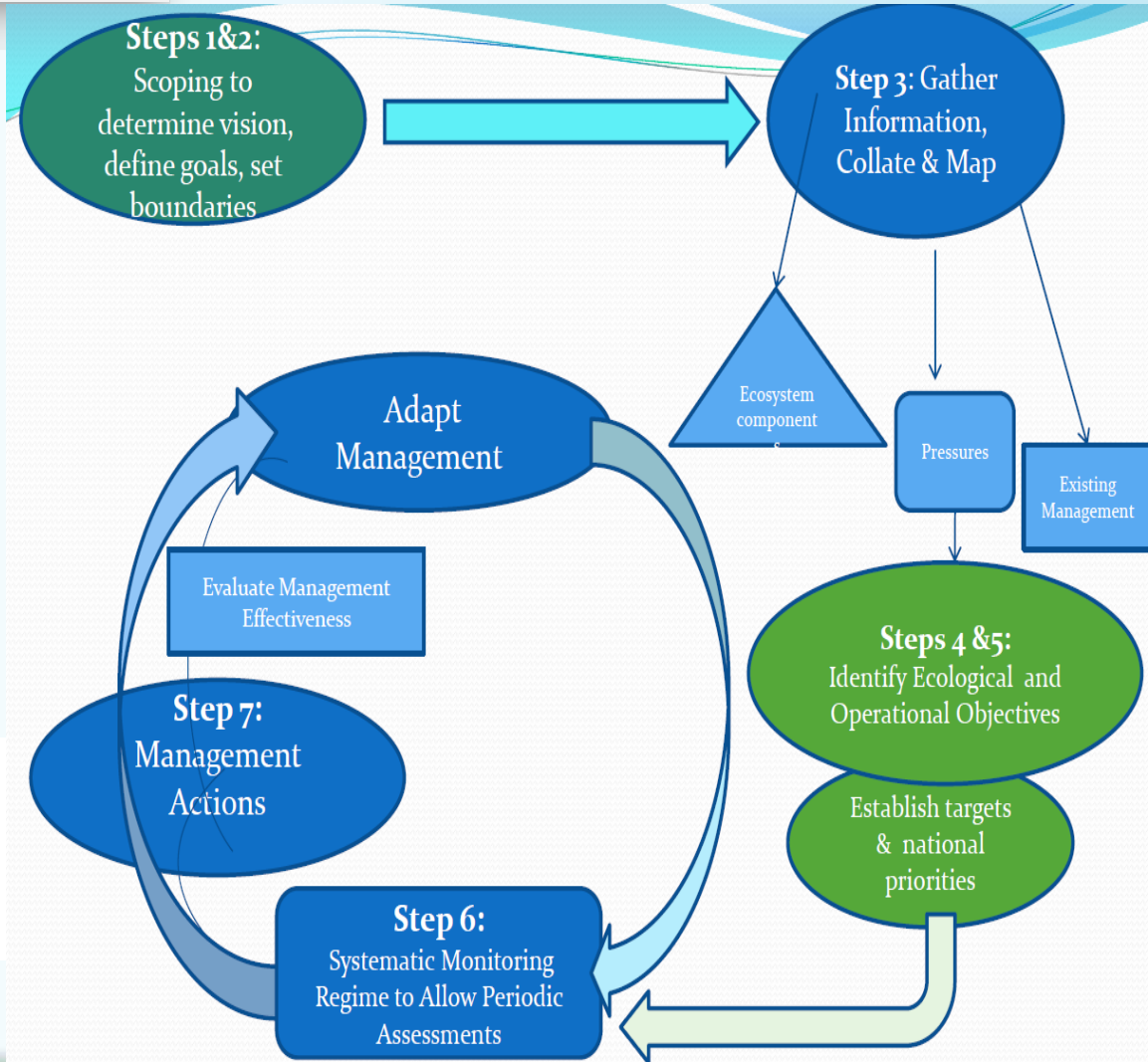
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Sea Area**

January 2017



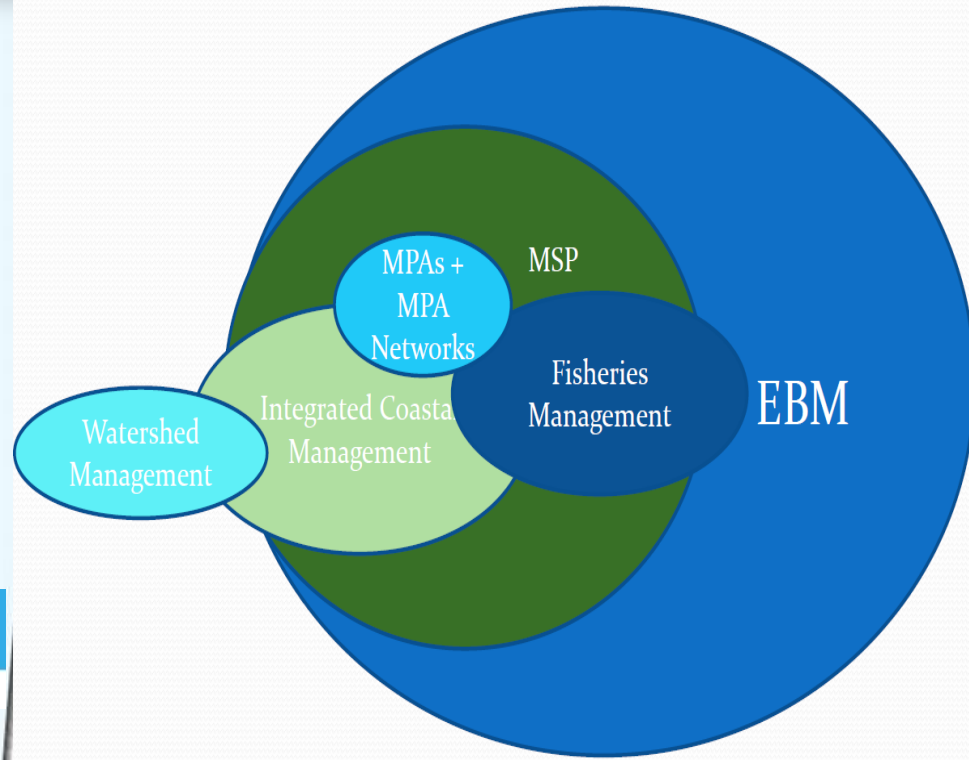
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MPAs Network - ROPME and RECOFI



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ROPME and RECOFI

Marine resources, environment, ecosystems and biodiversity

- Promotion of ecosystem-based approaches
- Conservation, protection, management and sustainable use.
- Sustainable management of native species and ecosystems, and protection against invasive alien species;
- Management of coastal and marine resources and ecosystems;
- Mapping, protection and management of biologically sensitive areas
- Awareness and conservation of the marine environment;

Fisheries and aquaculture

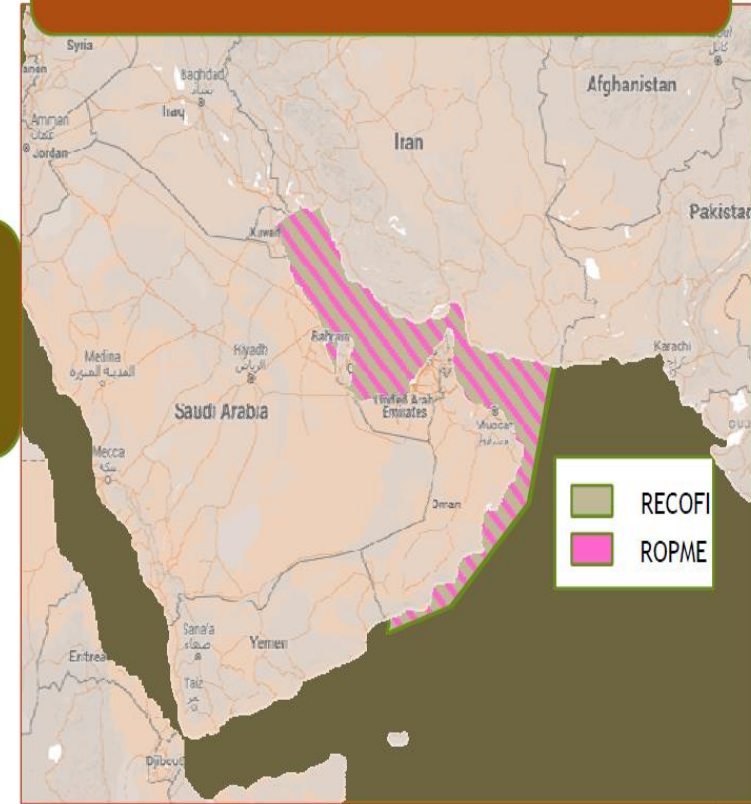
- Mitigation of the impact of fisheries and aquaculture.
- Monitoring of impact of environmental changes.

Joint organization of seminars, workshops and technical training.

Exchange of scientific and technical information and data.

RECOFI and ROPME SYNERGIES

Same convention area and member countries





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