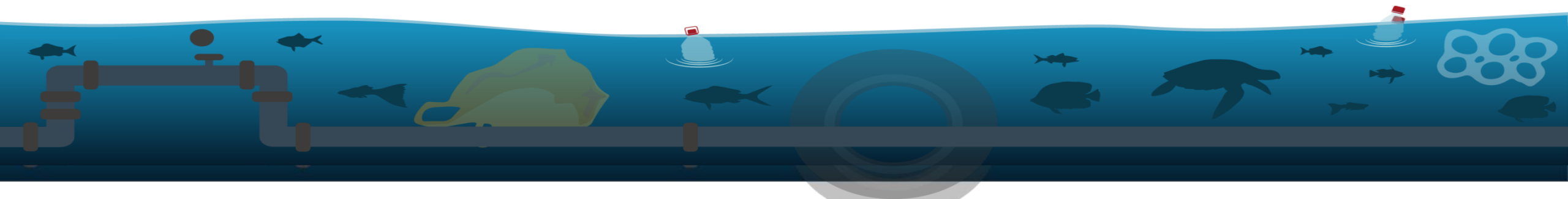


# Workshop Objectives

Provide technical guidance to projects & activities being undertaken by the Secretariat to the Cartagena Convention.

- Finalize State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR): *Data Interpretation, Visualization & sharing platforms;*
- Develop Regional Nutrients Strategy & Action Plan;
- Develop GEF CReW+ full sized project proposal;
- Identify linkages & opportunities from GEF IWEco & GEF CLME+ - *SOMEE, Indicators Compendium.*



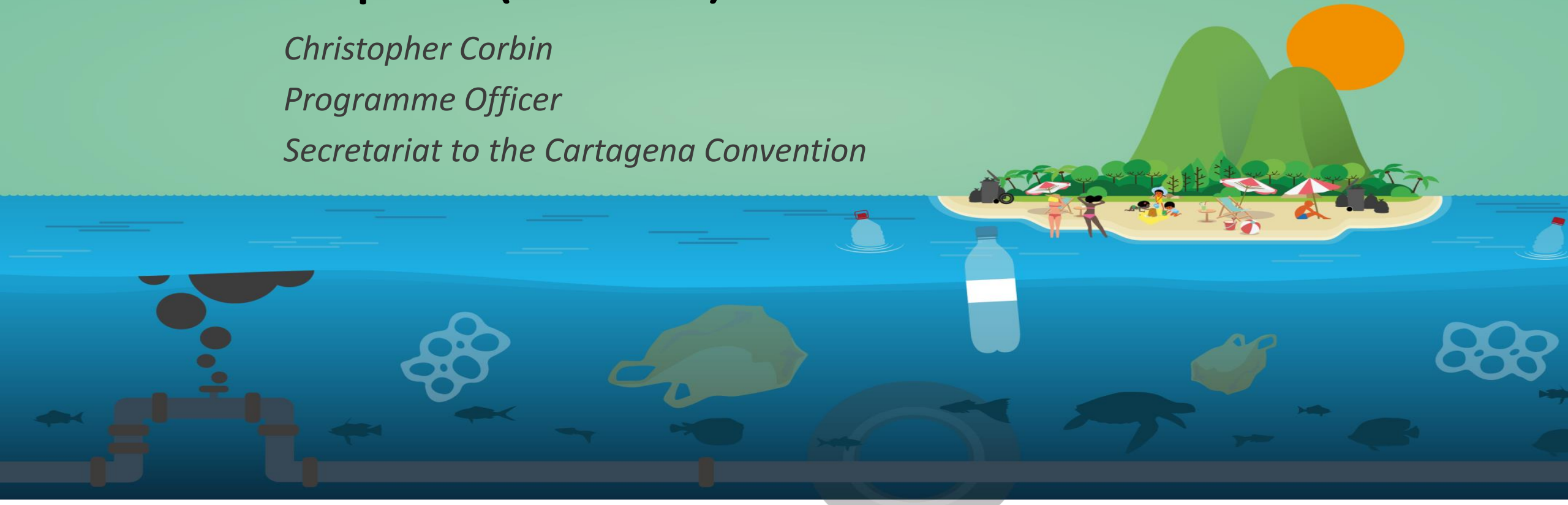


# State of Convention Area Report (SOCAR)

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# Why do we need a SOCAR?

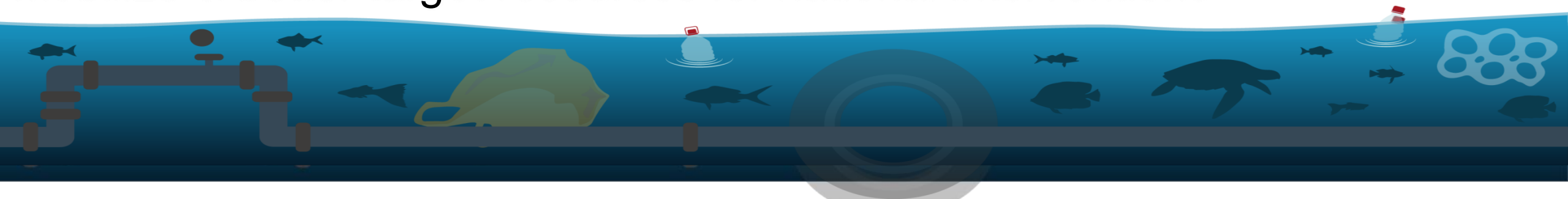
support an understanding & greater awareness of environmental issues, causes, sources & impacts

function as an ongoing component of the development & assessment of management policies, strategies & interventions

promote new legislative & policy initiatives for sustainable resource management & pollution prevention, reduction & control

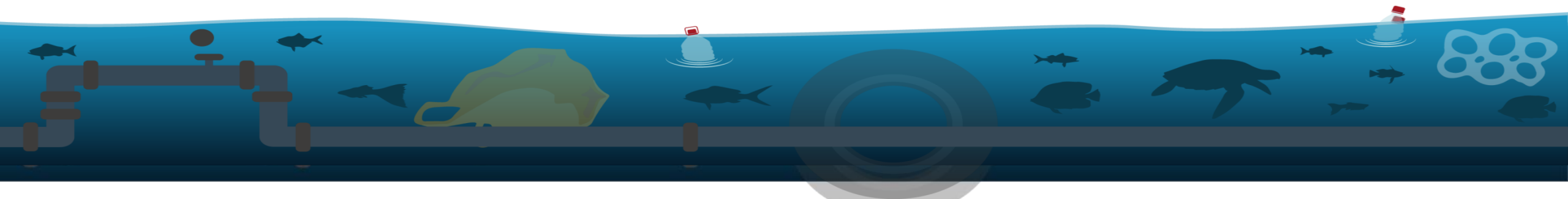
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mobilize & better target resources for national interventions



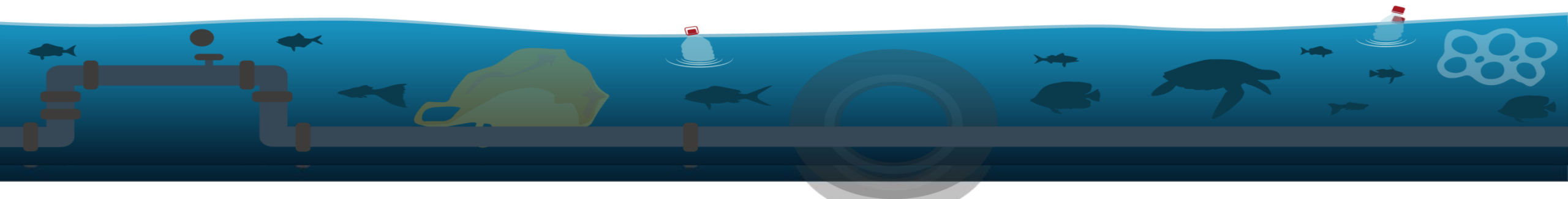
# General Obligations

- ❖ Classify recreational water bodies to ensure the most important areas are protected from the negative impacts of pollution
- ❖ Establish legally binding standards for sewage effluent & discharges
- ❖ Identify & assess major sources & activities contributing to pollution of the coastal & marine environment
- ❖ Develop management plans & demonstration projects to reduce pollution of the marine environment
- ❖ Develop National Programmes of Action for Integrated Watershed & Coastal Area management and/or pollution prevention



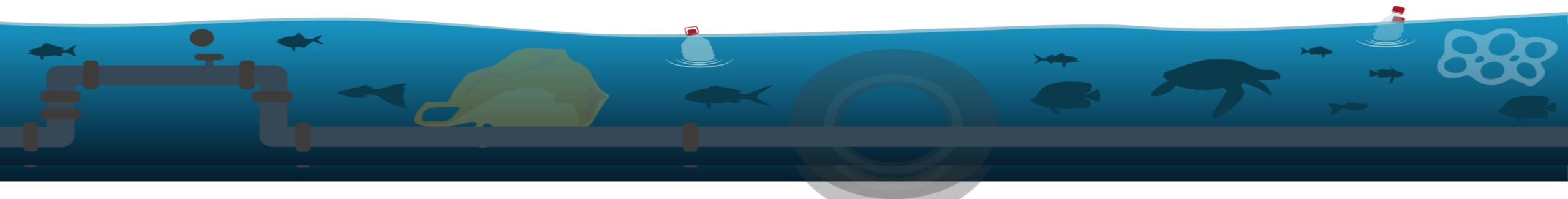
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The Contracting Parties shall transmit to the Organization information on the measures adopted by them in the implementation of this Convention and of protocols to which they are parties, in such form and at such intervals as the meetings of Contracting Parties may determine



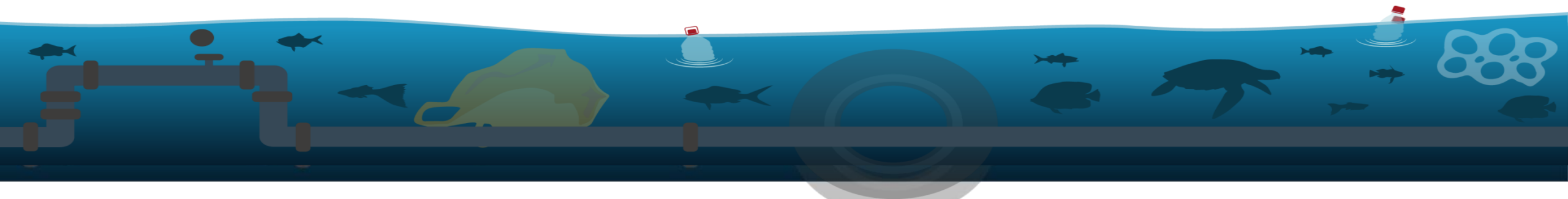
## Article 13: Scientific & Technical Cooperation

Cooperate in scientific research, monitoring & the exchange of data & other scientific information relating to the Convention



## Article 16: Meetings of the Parties

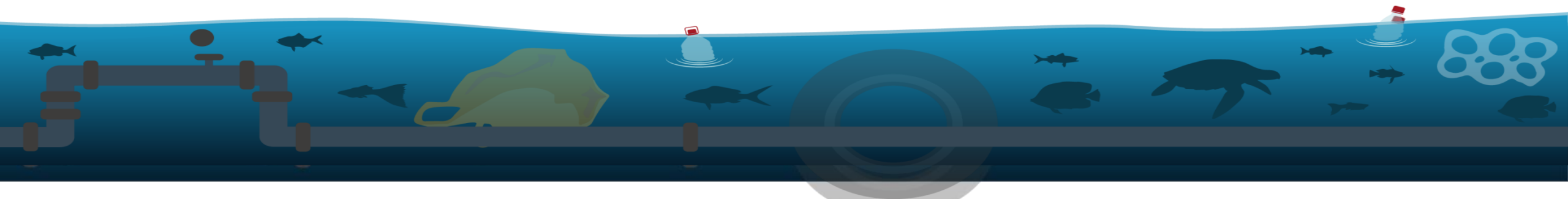
Assess periodically the state of the environment in the Convention Area



## Article VI & XII of the LBS Protocol

(vi) Identify & assess patterns & trends in the environmental quality of the Convention Area

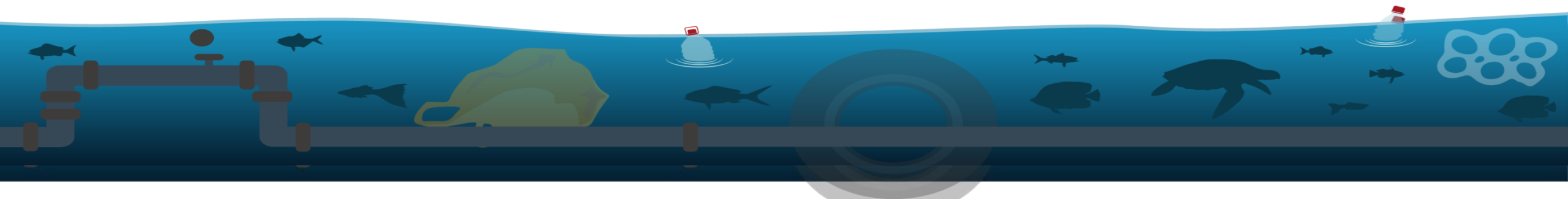
(xii) Report on the State of the Convention Area





# LBS Protocol Challenges

- ❖ Lack of government coordination
- ❖ Lack of policies, legislation & regulations on pollution prevention, reduction & control
- ❖ Overwhelming responsibilities of government environmental departments & agencies
- ❖ Financing of sewerage infrastructural work; &
- ❖ **Inadequate water quality data & lack of adequate recreational monitoring programmes**



# Reporting Linkages

## Global:

SDGs: Goals 6 on Water & Sanitation & 14 on Oceans

World Ocean Assessment of United Nations

Relevant MEAs including GPA Partnerships: Wastewater, Nutrients & Marine Litter

UNEP Live, Ocean Health Index, Environment under Review

## Regional:

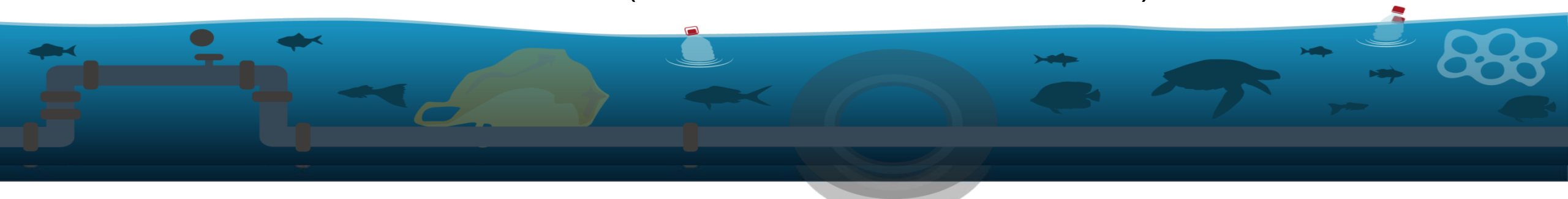
Cartagena Convention Template

Harmonized Regional Seas Indicators

GEO LAC (ILAC) etc.

Caribbean Sea as a Special Area under UN Resolutions

Caribbean Marine Atlas – IOC (Links to CLME+ & INVEMAR)



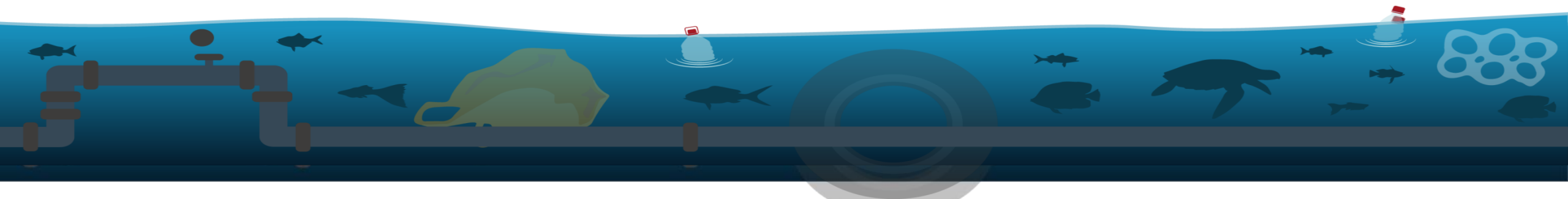
**Government Experts:** *Scientific & Technical Advisory Committees (STACs) for Biodiversity & Pollution*

**Regional Activity Centres (RACs)** for the Protocols

**Regional Activity Network (RAN):** *Collaborating Agencies & Partners*

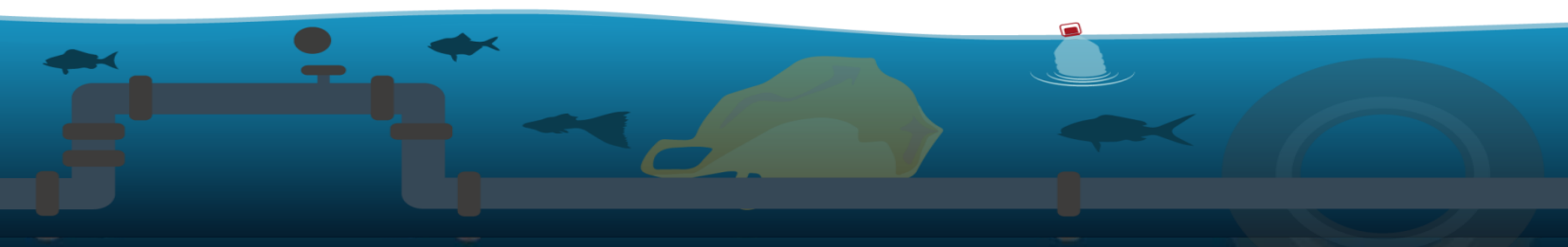
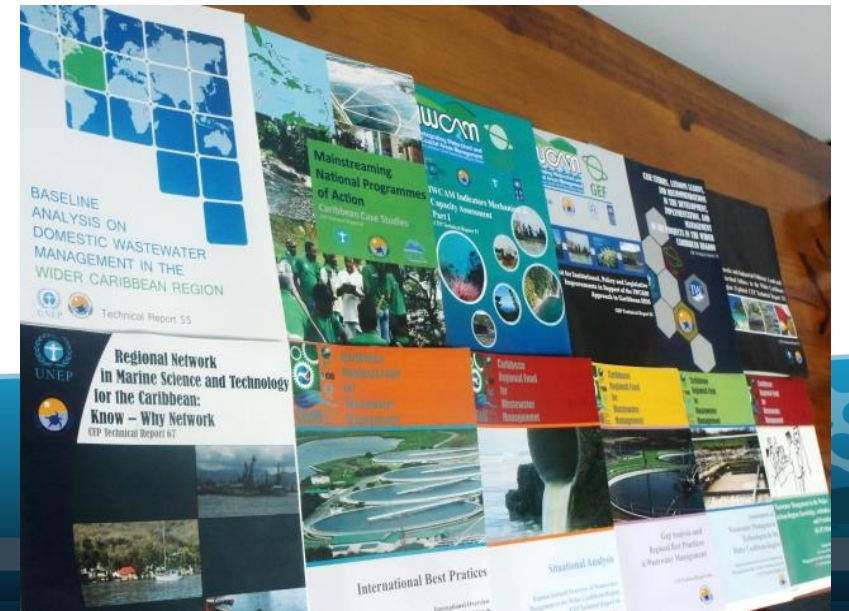
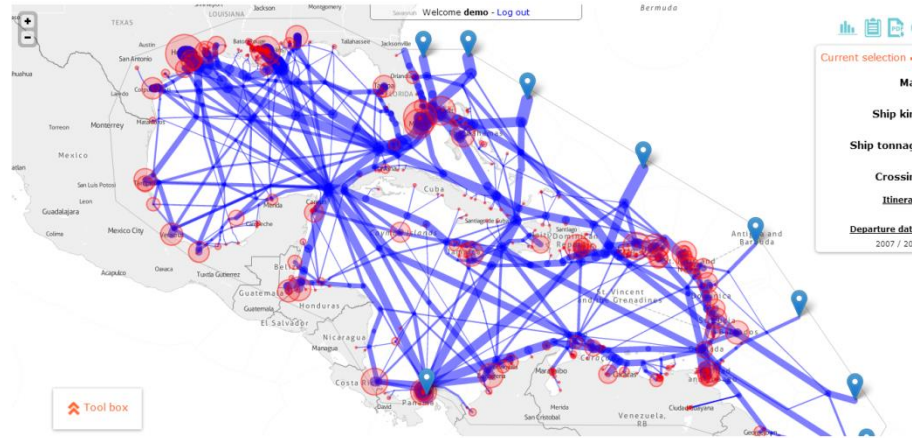
**Intergovernmental fora** for Decision-Making

**Data & Information:** CEP Technical Reports, Clearing House Mechanism, Methodologies & Manuals, Data bases, Toolkits, Guidelines



# CEP Products

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- ❖ GIS based tools



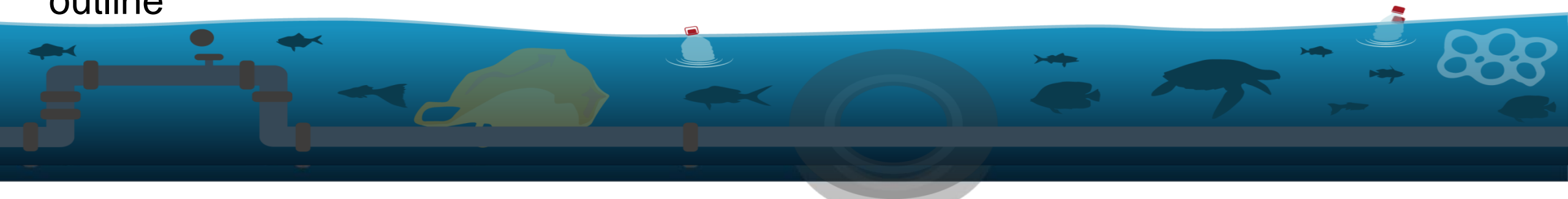
# GEF Project Support

- ❖ Strengthened national systems for monitoring of environmental status with respect to key international agreements:  
*Regional environmental indicators compendium*
- ❖ “SAP Implementation M&E” and “State of the Marine Ecosystems and shared Living Marine Resources in the CLME+” web portal (or set of portals) and report outline



*integrating water, land and ecosystems management  
in caribbean small island developing states*

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# The Journey So Far...

Obligations of the Convention  
& LBS Protocol

Previous Projects & Reports  
(CEP TRs 33, 52)

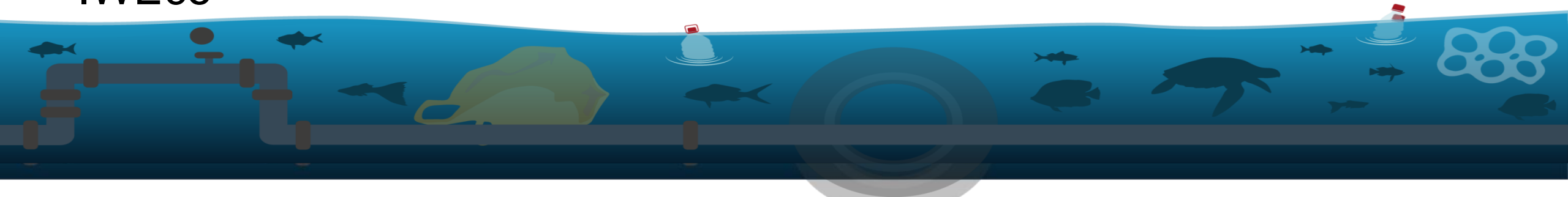
STAC, COP & IGM  
Recommendations &  
Decisions

Monitoring & Assessment  
Working Group (Jamaica &  
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GEF Projects – CLME+ &  
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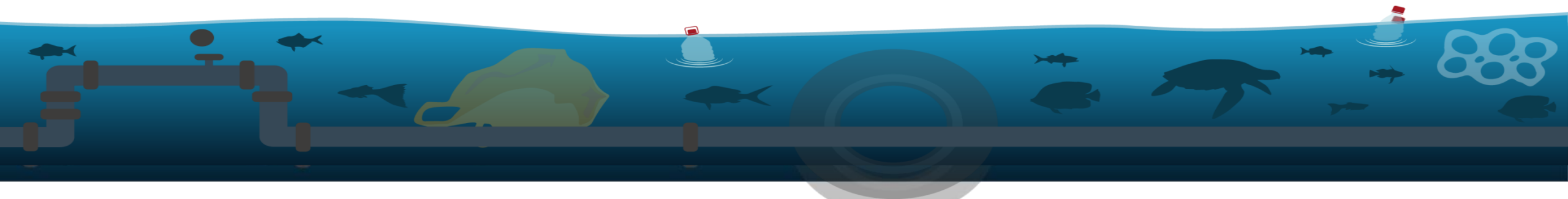
Data collection & Analysis  
SOMEE & State of Habitat  
Governance Framework  
SDGs, Regional Seas, ILAC  
etc.

Plastics & Microplastics;  
Regional & Global  
Publications on Pollution



Executive Summary;  
Introduction;  
Geographic, Ecological and Socio-  
Economic Features;  
Methodology and Approach;  
State of the Convention Area  
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Challenges in Implementing the  
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