

**ABNJ Regional Leaders
programme
First Session**

Country Presentation - Seychelles

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Context

- S.I.D
- 115 islands
- EEZ -
- 1.3 Million Km²
- Population - 90,000
- Main Economy
 - Tourism
 - Fisheries
- Rely on 80% import

Source: NSB 2013



Interests in ABNJ

- Fishing
- Biodiversity Conservation
- Shipping
- Security
- Sea Bed mining
- Marine Pollution

Issues Affecting Interests

- Illegal fishing/ Overexploitation
- Exploitation of migratory species (E.g. whale sharks, turtles)
- Shipping Lanes
- Piracy
- Possible effect of pollution
- Possible effect of mining

National and regional initiatives

- IOTC
- Joint management of extended shelf of Mascarene Plateau with Mauritius
- Indian Ocean Commission
- Regional projects - e.g. SWIOFP, ASCLME, WIOMER, WIO Marine Highway.
- EU NAVFOR

Factors constraining the effectiveness of initiatives

- Different Parties with different interests
- No mandate or framework (e.g. MPA's)
- Lack of Capacity (experts, enforcement etc...)
- Lack of management tools
- Lack of coordinating mechanisms
- Lack of Resources

How to Improve the Situation

- Gap Analysis to identify exact needs
- Encourage multilateral agreements at Regional level.
- Encourage regional networking and cooperation
- Extend Nairobi Convention mandate to ABNJ
- Create network of MPAs in ABNJ
- Build regional capacity
- Strengthen current Fisheries Management

Possible Useful Lessons Learnt

- OITC - regional efforts can work. However resources are always required.
- Importance of stakeholders involvement, especially in MPAs and fisheries management.
- The need for legally binding agreements
- Targets and deadlines are important

Thank You!!