

# Assessment of Capacity Needs in ABNJ and the Regional Leaders Program

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# Outline

- **Recall how capacity development has been and remains a central theme in ocean management and governance from UNCED to Rio+20**
- **Briefly describe the GEF/FAO/GEF project on Strengthening Global Capacity to Effectively Manage Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction**
- **Briefly describe the ABNJ Regional Leaders Program**

# Capacity Development is a Central Theme

- **Provisions in UNCLOS**
  - **Article 144: transfer of technology under the Authority**
  - **Article 202: scientific and technical assistance to developing States regarding marine pollution**
  - **Part XIV. Development and Transfer of Marine Technology**
- **UNCED 1992, WSSD 2002, UNCSD 2012**
  - **277. We emphasize the need for enhanced capacity-building for sustainable development and call for the strengthening of technical and scientific cooperation** (*The Future We Want*)
- **9<sup>th</sup> BBNJ Outcome**
  - **One of the four elements in the 2011 package to be negotiated as part of the new international instrument under UNCLOS**

# Bottom Line

- **Capacity development needs to be addressed now even as prospects of a big emphasis on capacity development and marine technology are expected in an eventual ABNJ overall framework**
- **But there are many details that will need to be figured out, including assessing what capacity is needed at national, regional and global levels**

# **GEF/FAO/GOF Project on Strengthening Global Capacity to Effectively Manage ABNJ**

## **Main Focus:**

**Capacity in applying the integrated ecosystem-based approaches and area-based management tools to ABNJ; focus on the interaction between national EEZs and ABNJ; emphasis on fisheries management and biodiversity conservation (see project leaflet)**

**Part of the *GEF/FAO Program on Global Sustainable Fisheries Management and Biodiversity Conservation in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction* (Common Oceans Program) ([www.commonoceans.org](http://www.commonoceans.org))**



## Tuna & Biodiversity

The **Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Program (ABNJ)** - often referred to as Common Oceans - is a broad scale, innovative approach to achieve efficient and sustainable management of fisheries resources and biodiversity conservation in marine areas which don't fall under the responsibility of any one country.

To achieve this goal the program is comprised of four specific areas of work:

- > Sustainable management of tuna fisheries & biodiversity
- > Sustainable use of deep-sea living resources & biodiversity
- > Oceans Partnership for sustainable fisheries & biodiversity conservation
- > Strengthening global capacity to effectively manage ABNJ



## DID YOU KNOW?

*Marine areas beyond national jurisdiction cover 64 per cent of the surface of the oceans, make up 40 per cent of the earth's surface, with marine living resources valued at well over U.S. \$10 billion annually.*



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# Capacity Project Partners

- **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat**
- **Deep Sea Conservation Coalition**
- **French Marine Protected Areas Agency**
- **Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology**
- **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC-UNESCO)**
- **International Maritime Organization (IMO)**
- **International Ocean Institute**
- **Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI)**
- **Nausicaa Centre National de la Mer, France**
- **Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)**
- **SeaOrbiter**
- **UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (UNDOALOS)**
- **UNESCO Natural Sciences**
- **University of Delaware**
- **Vietnam National University (VNU-University of Science)**
- **Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA)**
- **World Ocean Network (WON)**

# Major Activities

## *1. Cross-sectoral Multi-stakeholder Dialogues*

### **Workshops**

- **Linking global and regional levels in the management of ABNJ**
- **Building on experiences and developing synergies to enhance the application of ecosystem-based approaches to ABNJ**
  - **First (this) workshop, February 17-20, 2015, FAO, Rome**
  - **Second workshop will be focused on SIDS, under planning**

### **High-level Policy Dialogues**

### **Coordination with other Common Oceans projects**



# Major Activities

## 2. *Capacity Development*

- *Global survey of ABNJ capacity*

Assess level of awareness and capacity development needs regarding ABNJ—among national and regional ocean leaders (RFMOs/RFBs, Regional Seas, LME programs, national ocean leaders)

- *ABNJ Regional Leaders Program*

Strengthen the capacity of leaders at the regional and national levels to better address management of ABNJ resources and issues and to more effectively participate in global and regional ABNJ discussions

- *Communities of Practice*

1) Fisheries, biodiversity and climate change; and 2) Multi-sector area-based planning)

# Major Activities

## 3. *Knowledge Management*

### **Public Outreach Network**

- **Build the capacity of outreach specialists in museums and aquaria and journalists about the special issues associated with ABNJ to ultimately foster public understanding of this important realm**

### **Common Oceans Web Portal**

- **For stakeholders and the general public, to:**
  - i) enhance existing data sources;**
  - ii) contribute to data standards and harmonization;**
  - iii) capture new and already-existing relevant data and information, including spatial information;**
  - iv) promote harmonized information sharing in ABNJ**

# Face-to-face meetings of CoPs and Public Outreach Network



# **ABNJ Regional Leaders Program—First Session (January 2015)**

**Bring national and regional level leaders to the first ever ABNJ Regional Leaders Course at the UN in New York in conjunction with the 9th BBNJ process to:**

- **Participate in an intensive course on ABNJ (with participation from experts from DOALOS, ISA, IMO, FAO, CBD, IOC, ICPC, NEAFC, Sargasso Sea, UN diplomats, other experts)**
- **Observe the BBNJ process**
- **Facilitate linkages with the respective UN Permanent Missions**
- **Have the opportunity to present regional and national perspectives to the global negotiators**

*(Great interest in the program, 108 applicants from highly qualified national and regional leaders, 14 Regional Leaders selected; thanks as well to Government of Singapore, WECAF, and SOA for supporting additional participants)*

# Discussion of Regional and National Perspectives on ABNJ

## Africa (Atlantic and Indian Ocean)

- Abou Bamba, Cote d'Ivoire and Abidjan Convention
- Rose Mtui, National Environmental Council, Tanzania
- Steven Ambabi, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Namibia
- Mohammed Badal, Prime Minister's Office, Mauritius
- Rodney Quatre, National Parks Authority, Seychelles

## Latin America and the Caribbean (Atlantic)

- Andrei Polejack, Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation, Brazil
- Amrikha Singh, CARICOM Secretariat
- Raymon Van Anrooij, Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission

## Asia and the Pacific Islands

- Hendra Siry, Indonesia, and the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security Secretariat
- Zheng Miao Zhuang, China Institute for Marine Affairs
- T. Suka Mangisi, Kingdom of Tonga
- Michael Donoghue, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, Samoa



# January 2015 Regional Leaders



# **Measures of Improvement in Knowledge and Leadership Skills in ABNJ**

- **To determine participants' level of knowledge on ABNJ as well as the context of their organization's mandate in ABNJ**
  - Pre-course survey
- **To determine extent of improvement in knowledge and leadership skills in ABNJ**
  - Quiz
  - Presentation of national and regional perspectives in ABNJ
  - Presentations during a side event at the 9<sup>TH</sup> BBNJ
  - Post-course evaluation
  - Regional Leaders involvement in other ABNJ capacity project and future ABNJ activities

# Feedback from a participant

*Thank you indeed for making the experience truly memorable and an educational one as well. The Ambassador from Seychelles spoke true last week at the side event indicating that **a primary goal of our meeting was to have us talking to each other on this one topic of BBNJ/ABNJ**. We are committed to many other issues and wearing many other hats but the ABNJ Regional Leaders Program had allowed us to speak and learn on this one important topic.*

**- T. Suka Mangisi, Permanent Mission of Tonga to the UN, new York**