

Workshop on Linking Global and Regional Levels in the Management of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

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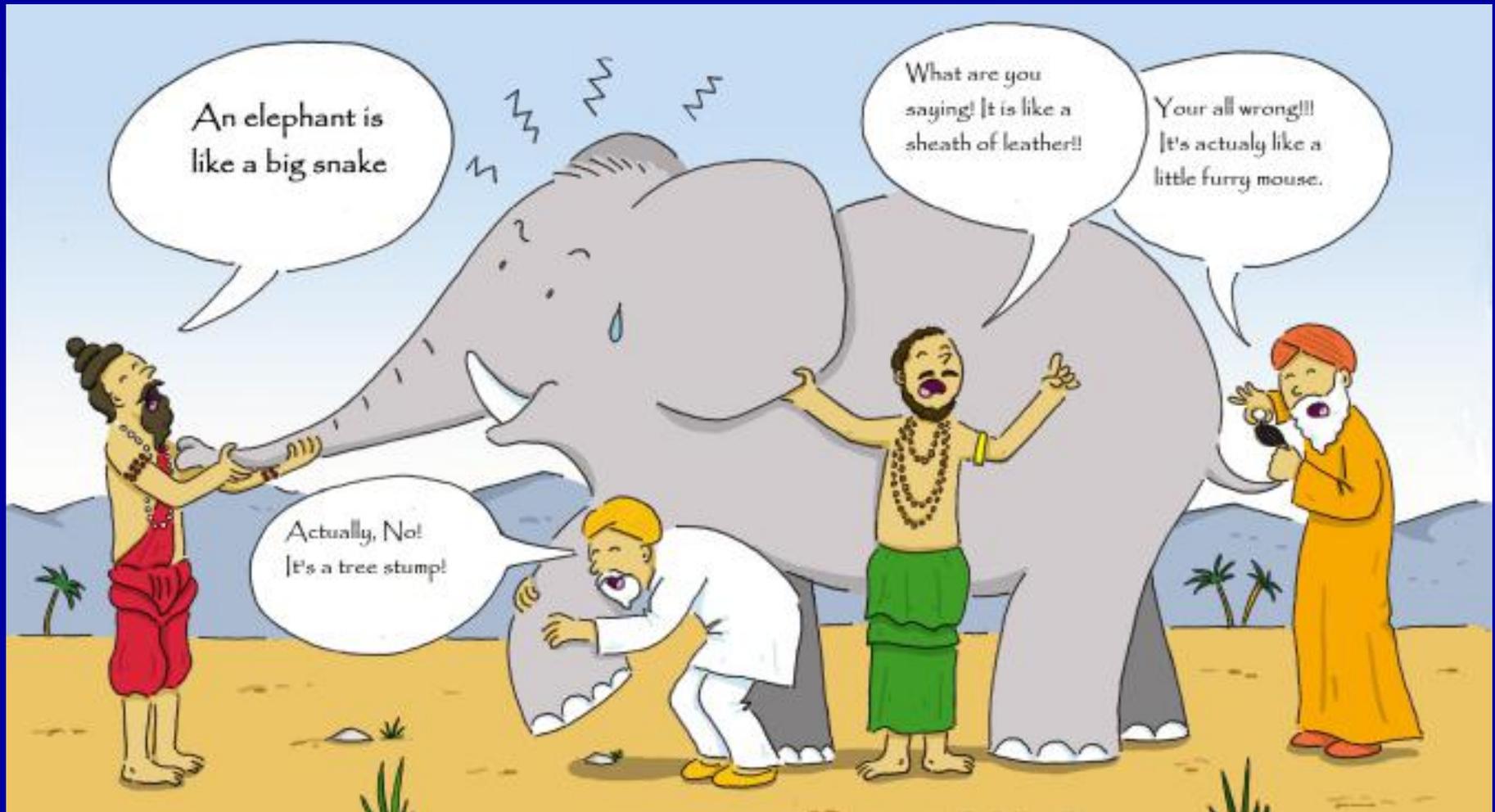
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The Blind Men and the Elephant



Observations

ABNJ represent a complex and challenging set of issues, of relevance to all peoples and countries. Countries and groups have varying perspectives on what are the problems and the possible solutions

The level of understanding regarding ABNJ among regional entities, national governments, and the public varies considerably; in many cases, awareness and understanding is just beginning

At the global level, the recent decision to develop a legally binding instrument on BBNJ will provide significant opportunities for inputting information on alternative options for addressing particular issues identified in the “BBNJ package.” All groups should avail themselves of these opportunities

At both global and regional levels, the challenge is to move from solely single sector management toward more multi-sector and area-based management, building on the various roles of existing authorities

In this regard, lessons learned from national-level experiences with integrated ocean management can be usefully applied

Existing organizations at the regional level (especially RFMOs and regional environment organizations) are uniquely positioned to address ABNJ issues, linking to global discussions, and as a conduit to national authorities in each region

Ultimately, national decisionmakers must come to understand the importance of ABNJ, in terms of their national interests in their EEZs , their global ocean stewardship responsibilities, and their effective participation in global and regional fora

Examining different regional experiences regarding ABNJ, there is significant diversity in how (and whether) regional organizations have addressed ABNJ so far in different regions

Attempts to build collaboration across various regional entities in various regions show that:

--this is not easy and takes time to develop

--this is especially difficult to do when asking global organizations to collaborate in specific regions

--successful examples, however, are present in various regions and useful lessons on processes and approaches that have worked can be gleaned (e.g. “collective management arrangement”)

Capacity development regarding ABNJ needs to be built:

--among regional leaders

--among national-level leaders

--among the public

Assessments about what type of capacity is needed and at what level are needed

Follow-up Activities

- 1. Preparation of a Workshop Summary Report for wide distribution**
- 2. Mobilization of the two Communities of Practice (Climate, Fisheries, and Biodiversity, and Multi-Sector Area Planning) and of the Public Outreach Network**
- 3. ABNJ Regional Leaders Program– Second Session , preparation of ABNJ Primer for Decisionmakers**
- 4. Second workshop, especially focused on SIDS (inter-SIDS) and on ABNJ-EEZ linkages**