

Template for IPWG 8 inputs

Theme: Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

The co-conveners of the IPWG 8 kindly request its members to provide information relevant to the drafting of the concept paper on **“Leveraging interlinkages between Sustainable Development Goal 14 and other Goals towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda”** including suggested key questions for the interactive dialogue on this topic and some key recommendations on how build on these interlinkages. Please use the following template for your input(s).

In preparing your responses, please keep in mind that the overarching theme of the 2020 UN Ocean Conference is: “Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions”. It is suggested that your input should accordingly highlight the theme of the Conference in its various aspects as necessary.

Kindly also note that issues related to means of implementation, in particular capacity-building and financial resources, are considered cross-cutting and therefore should also be discussed in your response to the extent possible.

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1. Give an analysis on what are some of the interlinkages between SDG 14 and other SDGs?	Achievement of the SDG14 will have fundamental positive impacts also upon many of the other SDGs – and indeed the full 2030 Agenda – and vice versa. A healthy and resilient ocean is key to ensuring fundamental ecosystem services for the hundreds of millions of people in coastal and island states, but also far inland. Restoring fisheries will help provide food and nutritional security, and together with improving access to markets will increase livelihood opportunities and incomes for many. Restored and protected habitats such as coral reefs, mangroves, seagrass beds will help against storm surges and avoid coastal erosion, as well as help increase fish production due to nursery functions, for example, reducing pollution in our waters and seas will improve the health of people dependent upon the sea for food. Reducing consumption and increasing recycling, will reduce pressure for further extraction of

	<p>terrestrial and marine resources, and of course, reducing carbon emissions and building resilience and adaptation to climate change will assist us all, but vulnerable communities in particular to withstand the impacts of a changing climate.</p> <p>Nature is essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. However, current negative trends in biodiversity and ecosystems will undermine progress towards 80 per cent of the assessed targets of Goals related to poverty, hunger, health, water, cities, climate, oceans and land (SDGs 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 13, 14, and 15). IPBES, 2019. Yet four SDG 14 targets have an end date of 2020. MSs adopted a political declaration “Gearing up for a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development” committing to “launching an ambitious and accelerated response to reach our common vision by 2030, and pledging to make the coming decade one of action and delivery” and “to maintain the integrity of the 2030 Agenda, including by ensuring ambitious and continuous action on the targets of the SDGs with a 2020 timeline”.</p> <p>The 2020 Oceans conference is the opportunity to 1- translate this commitment to action and 2- propose a way forward for the continuation of said targets.</p>
2. What are some ways in which these synergies/interlinkages that can be leveraged?	<p>By ensuring that all stakeholders are included in important decisions on ocean management and resource use; by having an integrated management system that covers source to sea; by making smart investments using the Sustainable Blue Finance Principles, to name a few.</p> <p>By ensuring bold and ambitious and transformational decisions on Oceans, High Seas/BBNJ, Nature at HoS Summit on Biodiversity and COP15 in Kunming China and Climate at COP26 in the UK in 2020</p>
	<p>We have developed the Sustainable Blue Finance Principles with partners, these are</p>

<p>3. What are some of the ways in which your organization has taken steps to leverage these interlinkages? What was the impact?</p>	<p>now being taken up into decision making framework in MDBs and other investment bodies. We are working to gather lessons learned from communities across the world to learn and multiply lessons from co management that is based upon the ecosystem approach. We work to ensure that the linkages between ocean and climate health are being seen and included in decision making, etc, as a few examples.</p> <p>Supporting the member states in defining the next steps for the SDG targets with an end date of 2020 with options paper and key publications like Nature in All Goals.</p>
<p>4.What gaps have you identified in the area relevant to the topic of this IPWG under your respective mandate?</p>	<p>A lack of integration between sectors, including between departments in government administration that lead to fragmented management decisions that do not take the interlinkages into account.</p> <p>A lack of understanding as to how the ocean and its services underpin the delivery of the broader 2030 Agenda.</p> <p>A lack of action on ensuring continuity and integrity of 2030 Agenda. A lack of ambition for nature more broadly.</p>
<p>5.Please describe concrete examples where ocean action is scaled up based on science and innovation in to leverage these synergies.</p>	<p>See The Coral Reef Rescue Initiative below and the Sustainable Blue Finance Principles being taken up by the ADB, EIB, World Bank and others.</p>
<p>6.What kind of measures/interventions should be promoted to fill existing gaps and to assist Member States in scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation in relation to the topic of this theme?</p>	<p>Cross sectoral and cross disciplinary engagement at all levels, from community level, and all the way up to global policy and industry decision making. Capacity building of all stakeholders.</p>
<p>7.What kind of new partnerships/opportunities have you identified which could be showcased at the 2020 UN Ocean Conference in relation to this theme?</p> <p>Also, please articulate good practices and lessons learned in the implementation of partnerships relevant to the topic of this IPWG that you may wish to share?</p>	<p>The Coral Reef Rescue Initiative, a partnership that will apply this approach to building reef productivity and resiliency around the world with a target of safeguarding the food security and livelihoods of over 120 million reef dependent people over the next decade. The world's leading coral reef conservation and development NGOs are using their collective convening power to take on the coral reef crisis. By identifying the most resilient coral reefs (regeneration</p>

	reefs) and protecting them, we can ensure that the larvae they produce can benefit nearby reefs that can ‘bounce back’ as a result. Our goal is that reef-dependent people can benefit from resilient reefs for their food security and livelihoods. The initial focus is on projects in Indonesia, Philippines, Cuba, Fiji, Tanzania, Solomon Islands and Madagascar
9. Please outline key questions you consider relevant to the panel discussions to be held at the interactive dialogue on the topic of this IPWG.	<p>How do we best ensure that the voice and needs of those most vulnerable to the effects of climate change and the ocean crisis are heard and their needs addressed in a consultative and transparent manner?</p> <p>How do we ensure integration between the various sectoral interests in and around ocean and broader 2030 Agenda issues?</p> <p>How do we live within the boundaries of our one planet now and into the future, what role does the ocean and wider community have to play?</p> <p>How do we capitalize on current and new opportunities in terms of both tried and tested and innovative solutions to the problems we face (i.e. how do we ensure we do not only look at innovation but also implement the solutions we already have but that are not yet implemented)?</p>
Please identify any additional recommendations that should be put forward for consideration by the 2020 UN Ocean Conference relevant to the topic of this IPWG.	The crucial linkages between the ocean, biodiversity and climate must be acknowledged and addressed in a coherent policy response at all levels.