ESCAP’s ocean commitments and actions

From Lisbon to Nice: Implementing SDG 14 with the Communities of Ocean Action

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• Two VCs fully delivered
  • Data partnership (May17-May19) and regional cooperation (Jun22-Dec23)

• Examples of ESCAP ocean actions
  • Regional Decade Program 2021-2030 endorsed by IOC/UNESCO
  • Four ESCAP resolutions after SDGs: 72/9, 73/5, 76/1, 79/2
  • Only Regional Commission engaged in UN-Oceans
  • Linked with climate change action

• Thematic areas of focus (partnerships, dialogues, capacity building)
  • Conservation and sustainable use of the ocean
  • Ocean accounts
  • Sustainable maritime connectivity
Ocean data and statistics: what’s the problem?

• Decisions are becoming more **integrated**
  • Nexuses: Ocean or energy or food…
  • Develop or conserve? Where to develop?
  • Short/Long-term benefits? Who benefits?

• Ocean data and statistics are produced by many agencies so are **fragmented**

• National statistical systems are used to producing **economic and social** statistics
Solution?

The ocean accounts

[Diagram showing the relationship between ocean environment, flows to economy, flows to environment, environmental assets, the economy, governance, benefits & costs, national wealth, social and governance context, and table groups.]

https://www.oceanaccounts.org/
Mapping ocean accounting efforts globally

This is a work in progress. The map only included countries that have published ocean accounting efforts and those that either share their efforts with GOAP or GOAP is supporting the development of the accounts.
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