

Secretary-General's background note for the preparatory meeting of the 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14

II. Status and Trends

1. Status and trends including key milestones.

Contributions are sought on the status of progress and trends in the implementation of SDG 14, since the United Nations Ocean Conference held in Lisbon in 2022. Entities are requested also to provide updates on the key milestones achieved of relevance to SDG14 in their respective areas since 2022.

Inputs from the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)

The 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals ([CMS COP14](#)) was held from 12-17 February 2024 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Resolutions, Decisions and Concerted Actions were adopted on over 100 distinct topics by representatives of the 133 Parties globally. Despite COP14 being held in a double-landlocked country, many of the outcomes address conservation priorities for aquatic species.

COP14 adopted Resolutions and Decisions on the following subjects:

SDG 14.1: Reduce Marine Pollution

- Deep-seabed Mineral Exploitation Activities
- Effects of marine pollution on migratory species
- Marine Noise

SDG 14.2: Protect and Restore Ecosystems

- Seagrass ecosystems
- Recreational in-water interactions
- Various decisions relating to cetaceans, sirenians, pinnipeds, otters, marine turtles and freshwater fish
- Action Plans for the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin, the Hawksbill turtle in South-East Asia and the Western Pacific Ocean Region and for the Angel Shark in the Mediterranean Sea

SDG 14.4: Sustainable Fishing

- Bycatch
- Fish aggregating devices
- Maltreatment and mutilation of seabirds in fisheries

SDG 14.5 Conserve Coastal and Marine Areas

- Important Marine Mammal Areas
- Important Shark and Ray Areas

The final Resolutions and Decisions of COP14 are still being processed, and will appear shortly on the meeting page ([CMS COP14](#)) as well as the following pages:

[Resolutions in Effect](#) and [Decisions in Effect](#).