



SUSTAINABLE OCEAN INITIATIVE GLOBAL DIALOGUE WITH REGIONAL SEAS ORGANIZATIONS AND REGIONAL FISHERY BODIES

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**CBD and
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**Seoul
Outcome?**

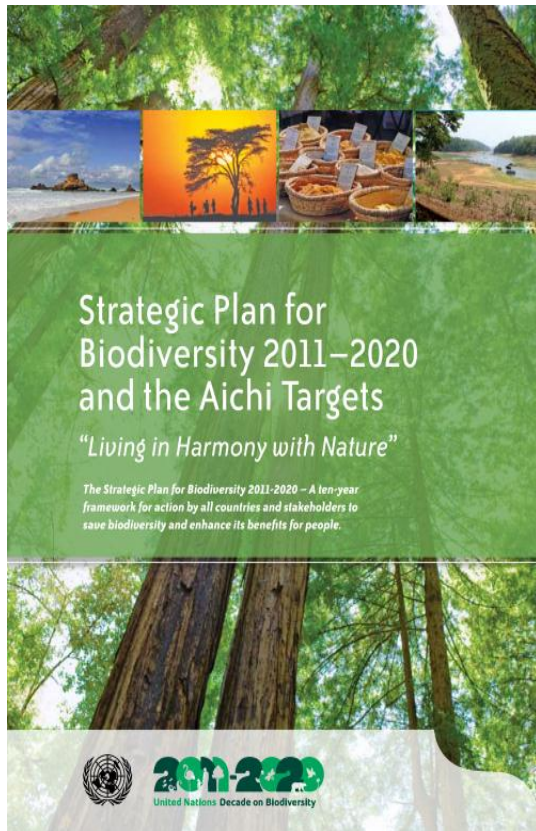
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Co-chair of SOI Global Dialogue meeting)





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

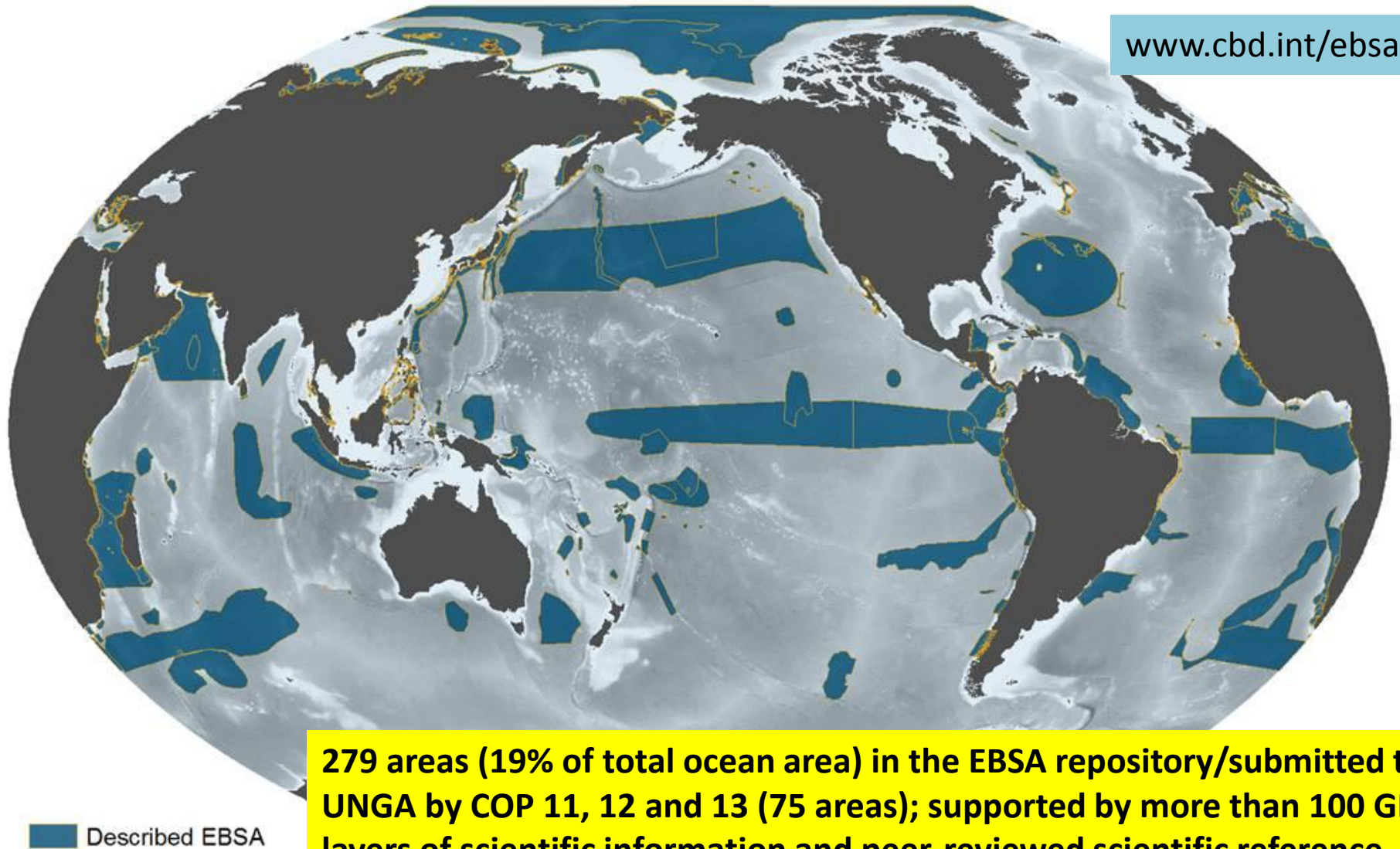
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



The Aichi Biodiversity Targets are reflected in several SDGs

Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) (13 regional workshop since COP 10 covering 74% of global ocean)

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279 areas (19% of total ocean area) in the EBSA repository/submitted to UNGA by COP 11, 12 and 13 (75 areas); supported by more than 100 GIS layers of scientific information and peer-reviewed scientific reference

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UNGA noted with appreciation the work of the SOI, in particular the SOI Global Dialogue (UNGA resolution 71/257, para 258)

Sustainable Ocean Initiative: Global Platform for Partnerships, Capacity Building and Sharing Experiences

Since 2011, benefited
more than 570
participants
from 100 countries with
capacity building
activities with financial
support from Japan,
France and RO Korea

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Goal: Facilitate dialogue to exchange experiences and to identify options and opportunities to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration among RSOs and RFBs, with a view to supporting their key role in facilitating achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the relevant Sustainable Development Goals

- Sharing of scientific information
- Exchange experiences and expertise in regionally applying tools and approaches for the conservation and sustainable use of marine living resources and ecosystems
- Discuss the development and application of regional-scale indicators for measuring progress in achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals
- Identify diverse examples and lessons learned regarding ways of cooperation between RSOs and RFBs

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15 RSOs out of 18
(20 rep)

15 RFBs out of 51
(17 rep)

**18 EU/national
gov/institutions**
(53 rep)

10 UN orgs
(17 rep)

120

8 Int'l orgs
(13 rep)

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- **essential role played by regional organizations** in supporting and facilitating actions by national governments for the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystems, and in supporting and assessing progress towards global-level goals, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- stressed the need for **enhanced cooperation and collaboration at the regional scale**, supported by continual exchange of information and lessons learned, exploring of shared objectives, and addressing issues of common interest.

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- acknowledged the **diversity of experiences, challenges, priorities and capacities among countries and regional organizations** in different ocean regions, and noted the respective mandates of various regional and global intergovernmental organizations.
- **regional cooperation is at different stages of development** in various regions, and, as such, that the appropriate next steps would vary among different regions, ranging from the establishment of dialogue to support cooperation where it does not exist, to strengthening this cooperation where it already exists.

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- **Interacting and exchanging information on the respective measures and activities** of regional organizations to promote mutual understanding, build trust, and ensure that they take their respective outputs into account, thereby complementing each other's work while respecting their different mandates;
- **Joint regional-level strategies, memoranda of understanding**, or other collaborative arrangements to identify common objectives, outline joint and/or complementary activities, and clarify roles and expectations of respective regional organizations;
- Identification of **specific issues of common interest** around which to structure cooperation and coordination on scientific and technical matters as well as management tools and approaches;

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- Promoting **harmonized approaches for collecting and accessing data**, and exchanging the scientific information produced by a wide range of entities, including governments, universities, research institutions/partnerships, non-governmental organizations, and United Nations agencies (e.g., information on EBSAs and VMEs as well as from OBIS, GOOS, etc);
- Using the above information for the production of **complementary and holistic assessments** of the status and trends of the marine environment, fisheries, biodiversity and ecosystems; and
- **Supporting national reporting through regional frameworks**, including through compatible approaches for data and reporting formats, using, where possible, existing indicators, and **aligning this with reporting on progress** towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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- Participants also stressed that cross-sectoral cooperation and coordination at the regional level is underpinned by **national-level coordination**, and that effective regional coordination on scientific as well as managerial aspects can also facilitate national-level coordination.

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- emphasized the need to continue global dialogues,,,, and welcomed the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Korea to **make this global dialogue a regular forum** , in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, regional seas organizations, regional fishery bodies, and other interested donors. Such regular global dialogues could continue, perhaps on a biennial basis, to facilitate, promote, and take stock of regional-level cooperation.
- emphasized the **need for capacity building activities in support of cooperation at the regional level.**

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- In order to prepare for future global dialogues, participants suggested that **an informal working group be formed**, consisting of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and interested UN/international/regional organizations, to **prepare substantive elements of the meeting programme, including identification of concrete topics/issues, of future global dialogues and maintain intersessional communication among participants**

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“Seoul Outcome” : Follow-up Steps

- Global RSO meeting (30 Sept -1 Oct 2016)
 - CBD COP 13 (4-17 Dec 2016) & HLS (2-4 Dec 2016)
 - COP 13 Side Event on SOI Global Dialogue (5 Dec)
 - BBNJ Prep Comm Side Event (29 March 2016)
 - The Ocean Conference -High-level UN Conference to support the implementation of SDG 14 (5-9 June 2017)
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- Inter-sessional Informal Working Group Meeting (June 2017)
 - Planning for 2nd SOI Global Dialogue Meeting
 - Facilitating regional level cooperative activities
 - Inter-sessional communication/awareness building
 - **2nd SOI Global Dialogue (10-13 April 2018)**



SUSTAINABLE OCEAN INITIATIVE SECOND GLOBAL DIALOGUE 10 - 13 APRIL, 2018 REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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Welcome to our e-newsletter, which recaps the first meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations (RSOs) and Regional Fishery Bodies (RFBs). In the articles that follow you will read brief descriptions of follow-up activities, and updates on the forthcoming second meeting of the SOI Global Dialogue, to take place in April 2018.

Thank you



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