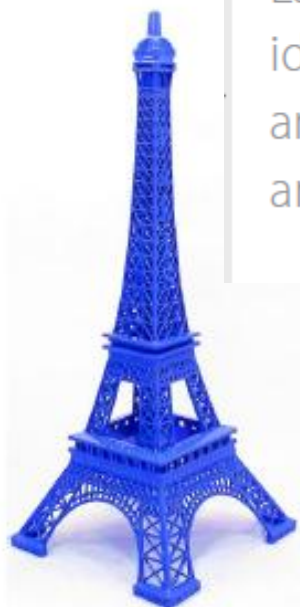# GEF LME:LEARN
Regional Networks

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REGIONAL NETWORK FOR MARINE PROJECTS

The GEF LME:LEARN supports Regional Networks to improve regional governance and cooperation within and among respective LME regions by facilitating collaboration between LME, MPA, MSP, ICM, fisheries, biodiversity and climate change projects funded by the GEF and other sources of financing. To date, LME:LEARN's direct involvement has actively supported projects in three regional networks: Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia. Regional Networks work on the prioritization of training needs; identification and prioritization of the twinning opportunities; identification of scientific research needs and Inter-project Collaboration Opportunities (ICO). Regional Networks convene at least once a year and are supplemented by regular virtual communication.
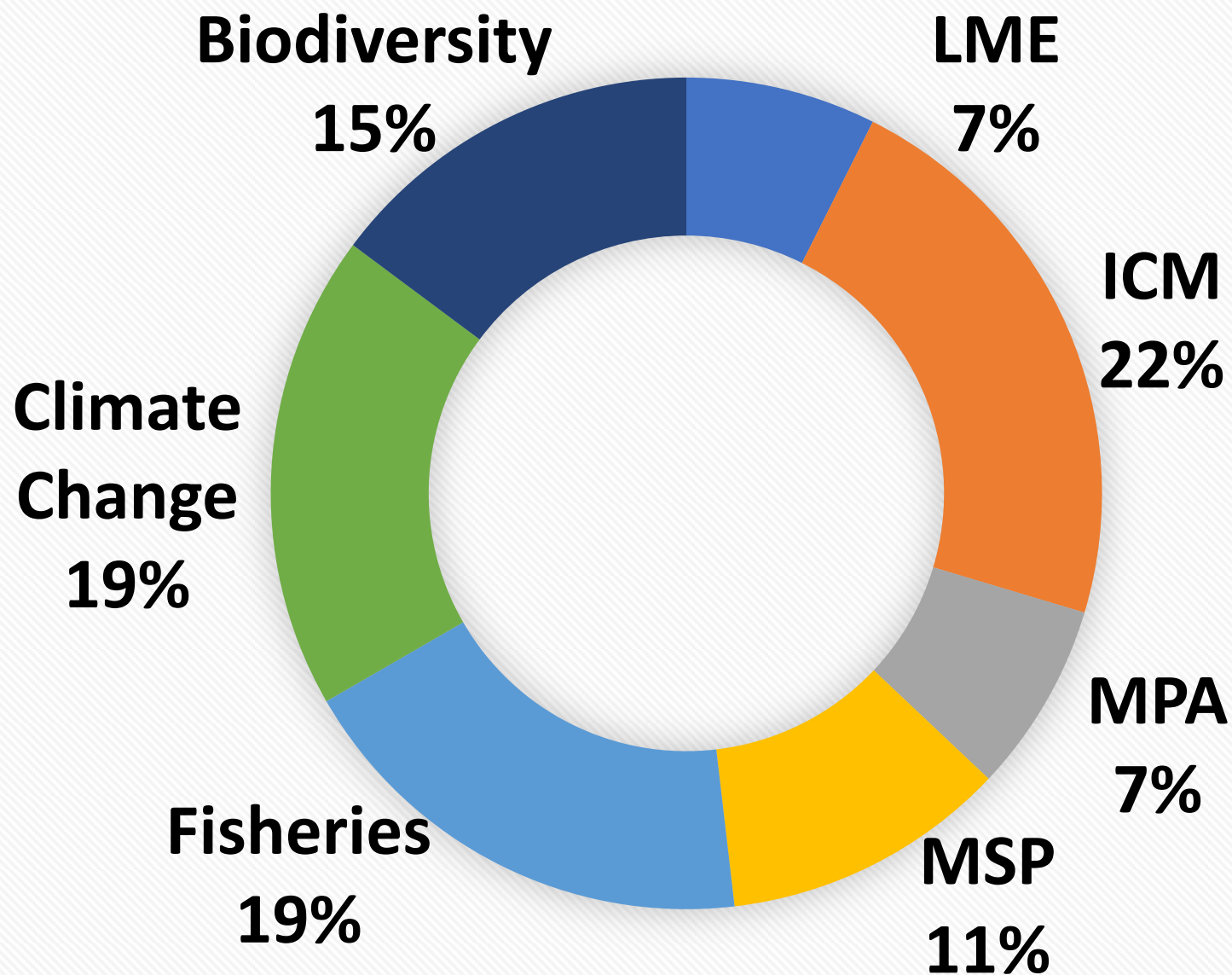
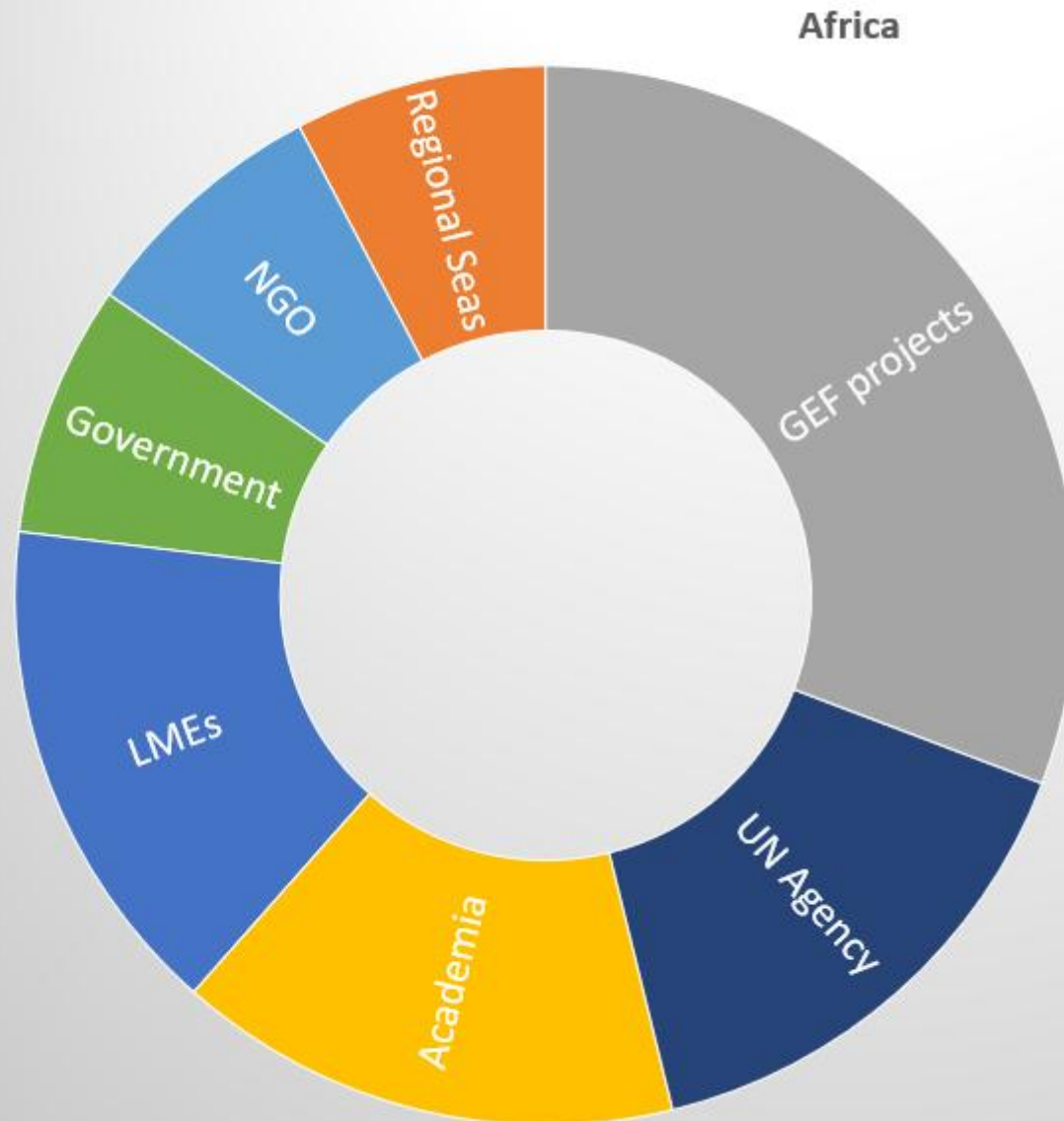29 September – 2 October 2015

Paris, France

1st Africa Regional Network Meeting
2-4 August 2017

Africa Regional Network

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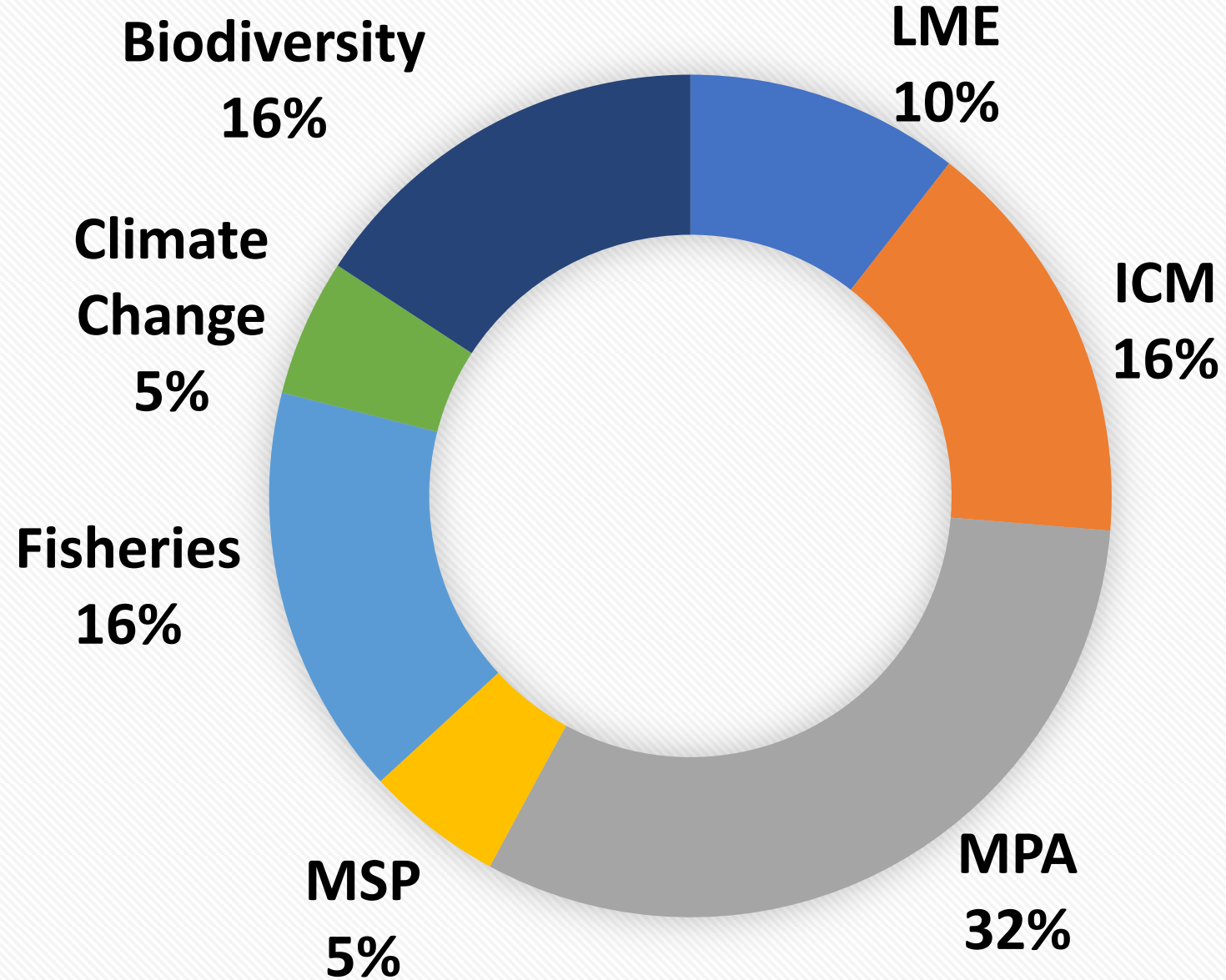## 12-13 October 2017

LME:LEARN
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MEETING

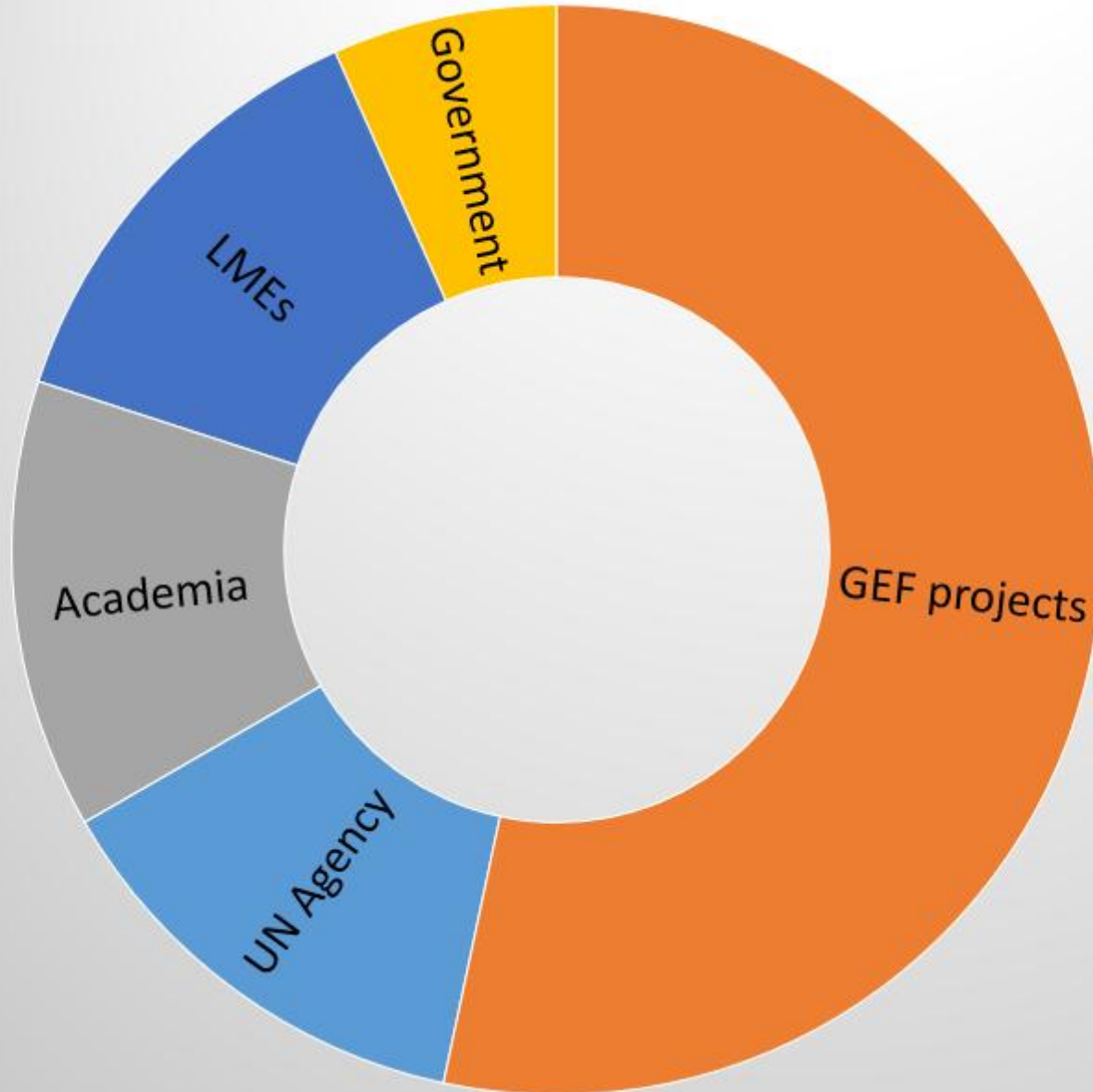12-13 October 2017
Montevideo, Uruguay

Latin America-Caribbean Regional Network

Latin America-Caribbean

Progress report (August-November 2017)

Africa

- Proposal for Twinning between *EMIS and WACOM* (ICM data and info sharing)

Latin America and the Caribbean

- Twinning in Cape Town! *Gulf of Mexico and ECOVALOR (Cuba)*

- Inter-project Collaboration Opportunities Grants
  - *CLME+* (CERMES) and *Caribbean Regional Oceanscape Project* (CROP)
  - **GEF-FAO Project on Aquaculture** and the Climate Change Adaptation in the Eastern Caribbean Fisheries Sector (*CC4FISH*), with *Unidad de Adaptación al Cambio Climático*

Virtual Interactions

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LAC Regional N... ⌄

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Friday, October 13th

Natalie Degger 6:44 PM
joined #oceangovernance along with 17 others.

Sunday, October 29th

Natalie Degger 2:09 PM
set the channel purpose: This channel is for discussions, file sharing, lessons learnt, best practices, solution finding for those involved in Ocean Governance

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Monday, November 6th

Jason Flower 5:16 AM
joined #oceangovernance along with Lrodriguez.

Monday, November 20th   new messages

Patrick McConney 8:29 PM
Looking forward to more news about governance soon given the big training event coming up in South Africa. Visit the UWI-CERMES web page on "Ocean Governance in the Wider Caribbean Region and Beyond" [https://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/cermes/projects/ocean-governance/index.aspx] for some resources

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GEF LME:LEARN
REGIONAL NETWORKS

What is the GEF LME: LEARN Project?

A key element of improved ocean governance is mainstreaming cooperation and coordination between Large Marine Ecosystems, Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) and Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) projects with overlapping themes and geographic areas, both for GEF projects and for non-GEF projects.

GEF LME:LEARN aims to reach a variety of marine and coastal stakeholders including project managers, international and local project staff, government officials, implementing agency staff, non-governmental organizations, business community and others.

How many Regional Networks is the GEF LME:LEARN project establishing?

Three regions have been selected :
* Africa
* Latin America - and the Caribbean
* Asia and the Pacific

How will the Regional Networks Interact?

Face-to-face

Annual face-to-face meetings will be arranged in each region to gather the network to further enhance collaboration and partnership building among its members, but also to identify constraints and opportunities.

Online

Each network has a dedicated platform on Slack.com. Members share their news, stories, activities and photos with their community, and have access to Lightning Chats for solution exchanges.

What are the benefits of being part of a GEF LME:LEARN Regional Network?

* Networking across the region
* Linkage to multiple projects and stakeholders
* Partnership building
* Twinning exchanges
* Inter-project Collaboration Opportunities
* Webinars
* Lightning chats
* Training

Who should join?

* GEF-funded marine, coastal and protected area projects
* Marine, coastal and protected area projects funded by other donors
* Regional bodies and Conventions
* National government line ministries
* Transboundary commissions
* Regional fisheries management organizations
* NGOs and Academia
* Private sector

To join a regional network or request more information, please contact:

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Regional Network Flyer

To join one of our Networks

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Regional Networks

Future Activities

2018-2019

Growing the networks

- **Double or triple by the next Annual Meeting 2018**

- **Bring in projects from outside the GEF portfolio, Academia, NGOs, Private-sector**

What help do we need?

- Distribute the flyer (PDF)

- Sign up to Slack

To sign up and join a regional network on Slack

Email: natalie@iwlearn.org

Virtual Interactions

Virtual Interactions

Lightning chats

What are they?

- Solution exchanges
- Slack platform
- 1 hour
- Expert
- Multiple thematic areas
- Every 2nd month from February 2018

What help do we need?

- Experts in thematic areas
- 1 hour of your time
- Respond to live questions

If you are an expert and want to be involved

Email: natalie@iwlearn.org

Virtual Interactions

Webinars

- Multiple thematic areas
- Every 3r^d month in 2018

What help do we need?

- Suggestions for webinars
- Existing webinars
- Experts in thematic areas
- 1 hour of your time
- Respond to live questions

If you know of existing webinars or want to be involved

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Face-to-Face Interactions

Training

- **Big 2018 activity**
- **Based on the toolkits**
- **ICES**
- **Back to back with meetings**
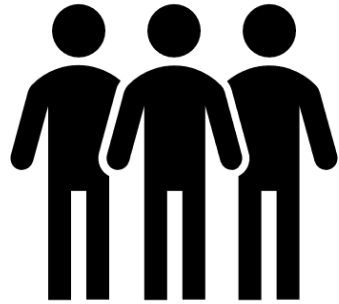
What help do we need?

- GEF projects (and others)to attend the training

- Attend tomorrow's training

- Network to announce any training/workshops they are offering

Face-to-Face Interactions
Twinning and Inter-Project Collaboration Opportunities

- Get involved!

What help do we need?

- Submit your proposals

- Visit our website

- Reach out to us with your ideas

INTER-PROJECT COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES (ICO)

Inter-project Collaboration Opportunities (ICO) are seed funding grants for GEF marine and coastal projects to collaborate with each other, non-GEF projects and/or Regional Bodies that are active in the LME:LEARN Regional Networks. The funding allows them to team up and address common/transboundary issues, maximize resources and human capacity, and/or facilitate networking. The grant funds will cover necessary air tickets and DSA (per diem) allowances to facilitate the execution of the ICO grant.

marine.iwlearn.net/services/regional-networking