



**MARINE
REGIONS
FORUM**

Towards a Marine Regions Forum 2023 in the Western Indian Ocean

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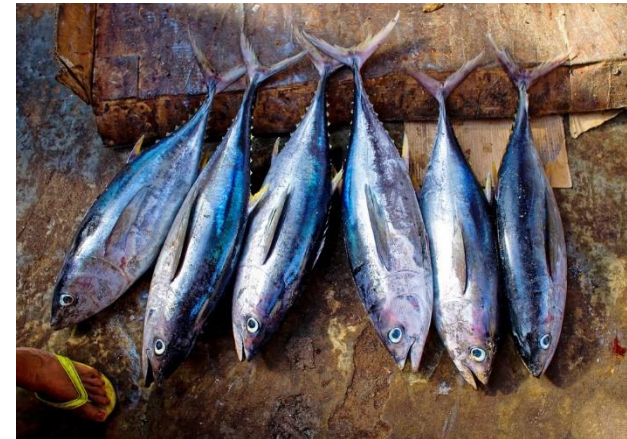


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Need for cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder engagement



The Marine Regions Forum – a commitment

Partnership for Regional Ocean Governance: International Forum for Advancing Regional Ocean Governance

by Germany (Government)

DESCRIPTION

SDG 14 TARGETS COVERED

DELIVERABLES

RESOURCES MOBILIZED

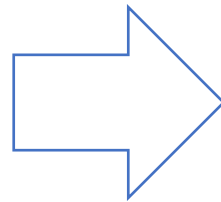
UN Ocean Conference, 2017



Our Ocean conference, 2017



MARINE REGIONS FORUM



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PROTECT ONE OCEAN

14 LIFE BELOW WATER



Create a multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral dialogue space to strengthen regional ocean governance

Concept & approach

- Engages actors across stakeholder groups and sectors
- Informal space for exchange and joint learning, to support regional action, feed into governance and complement existing processes
- Knowledge driven with a co-creative and participatory approach



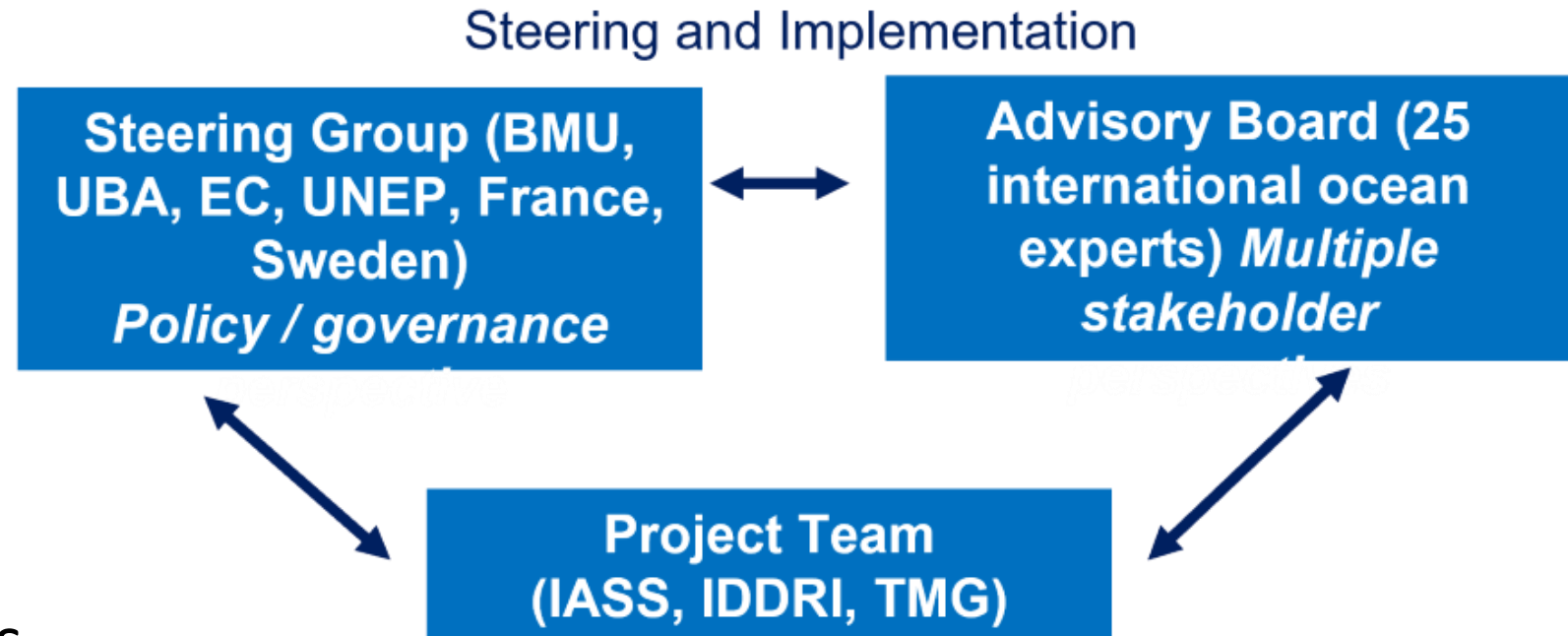
Concept & approach

- Advance dialogue, support progress, and give ocean actors a voice in governance processes
 - *within* marine regions
 - *among* marine regions
 - *between* the *regional* and the *global level*



Consortium and partners

- Project team
- Steering Group
- Advisory Board
- Ocean experts & stakeholders
 - Governments, IGOs, science and research, civil society, NGOs, networks, *private sector*



Consortium and partners

The Marine Regions Forum Advisory Board



Activities

- **Conferences** with an engaging and participatory programme
- **Online-workshops** on selected topics
- **Friends of the Marine Regions Forum** meetings
- **Side events**, e.g. at UNOC 2022
- **Policy Brief(s)**



Marine Regions Forum 2019

Achieving a
Healthy Ocean -
Ocean Governance
beyond 2030



Berlin, Germany

Marine Regions Forum 2019

Direct outputs

- ✓ Key Messages document
- ✓ Conference report
- ✓ IISD Reporting Services, Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB)
- ✓ IISD Op-Ed '*No "Ocean Super-Year" without Marine Regions*', with Peter Thomson



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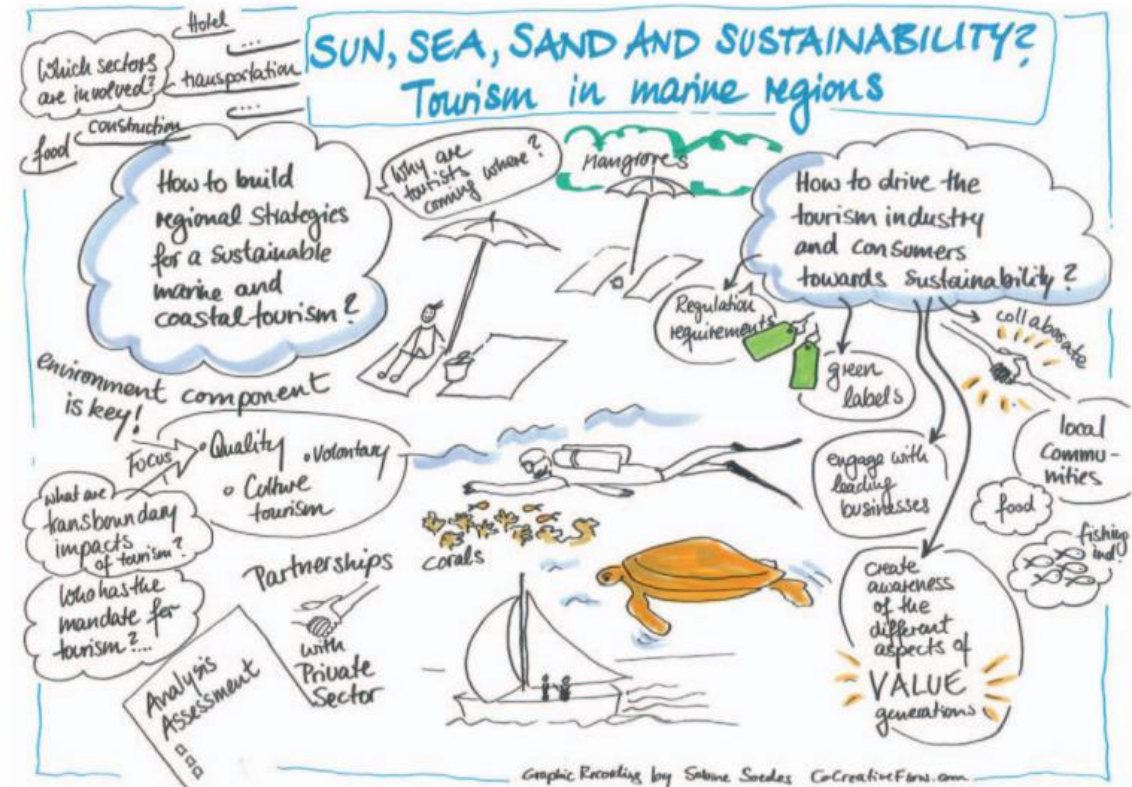
Facilitated outcomes

- ✓ Cooperation between WIOMSA and Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust (SeyCCAT)
- ✓ Cooperation between the Germany and Caribbean Environment Programme
- ✓ Contribution to the Ocean Governance Strategy for the Western Indian Ocean



The added value of the Marine Regions Forum?

- (Regional) contextualisation of global policy frameworks and processes
- Informal, collaborative space for marine regions - which are still rare
- Facilitates recognition of the need for common goals and collective harmonised action
- Supports joint learning and knowledge integration *within* (rather than *for*) processes



An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue on the left. The sand is a bright, clean white. A small boat is visible near the shoreline on the right. The overall scene is serene and idyllic.

Taking the Marine Regions Forum forward -
and to the
Western Indian Ocean

Marine Regions Forum 2023 in the WIO

- 1. Regional focus within the Western Indian Ocean** to enhance cooperation and coordination and support transformative ocean action
- 2. Foster exchanges between marine regions** and feeding into global processes
 - Provide a platform to facilitate ocean governance processes for the WIO region
 - Showcase the WIO region's achievements and good practice examples



Marine Regions Forum 2023 in the WIO

- **WIO co-host countries**
- **Regional partners** (Nairobi Convention Secretariat, CORDIO East Africa)
- **3 day in-person conference**; participants from the WIO & other marine regions; participatory and outcome-oriented
- **Engagement process**, to build relations and bring with regional actors on board



Aim of this workshop session

To co-develop the Marine Regions Forum 2023 in the WIO with experts / stakeholders from the region

1. **Identify the needs** – e.g. in terms of cooperation within the WIO region, or regional-global cooperation
 2. **Explore linkages** with existing ocean policy processes
 3. Explore **how the Marine Regions Forum can add value**, be relevant to the region and affect change
- Further develop the **conference programme & design**
 - Widen **network of partners** of the Marine Regions Forum and identify possible **contributors & participants**



Marine Regions Forum 2019

Conference impressions film



Contact

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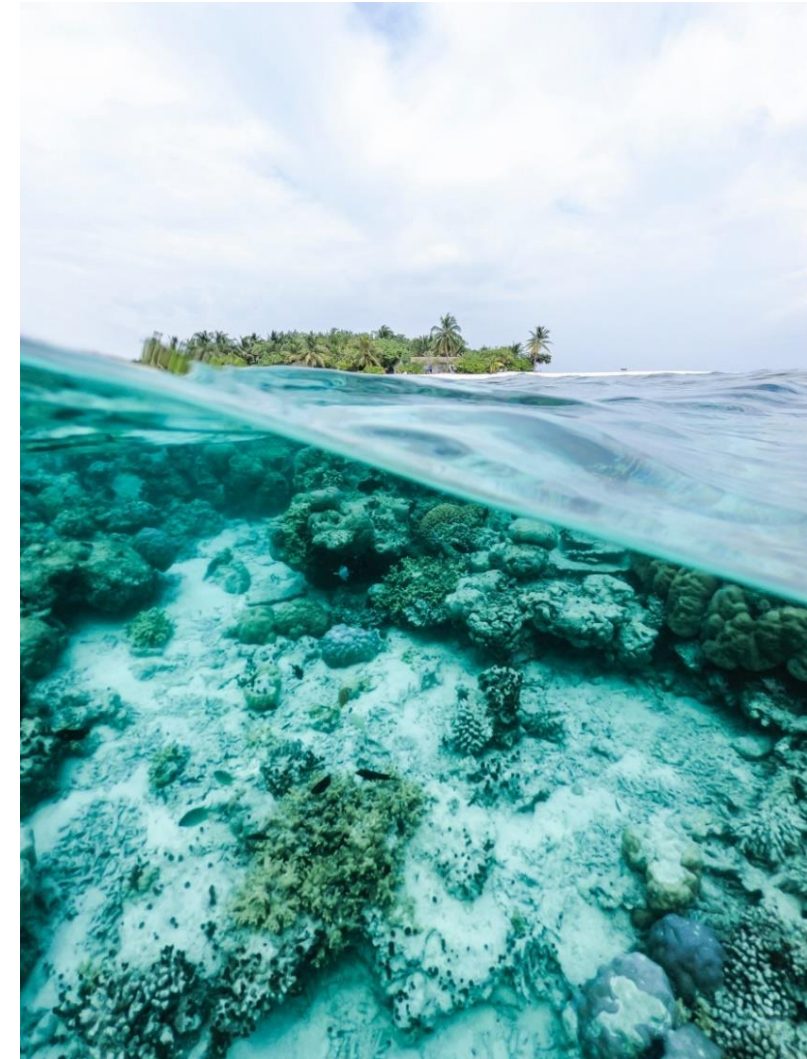
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Group work

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3. **Who is not involved in these initiatives – but should be?**

Group Work 2

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- 2. What kind of results would you like to see from this conference?**