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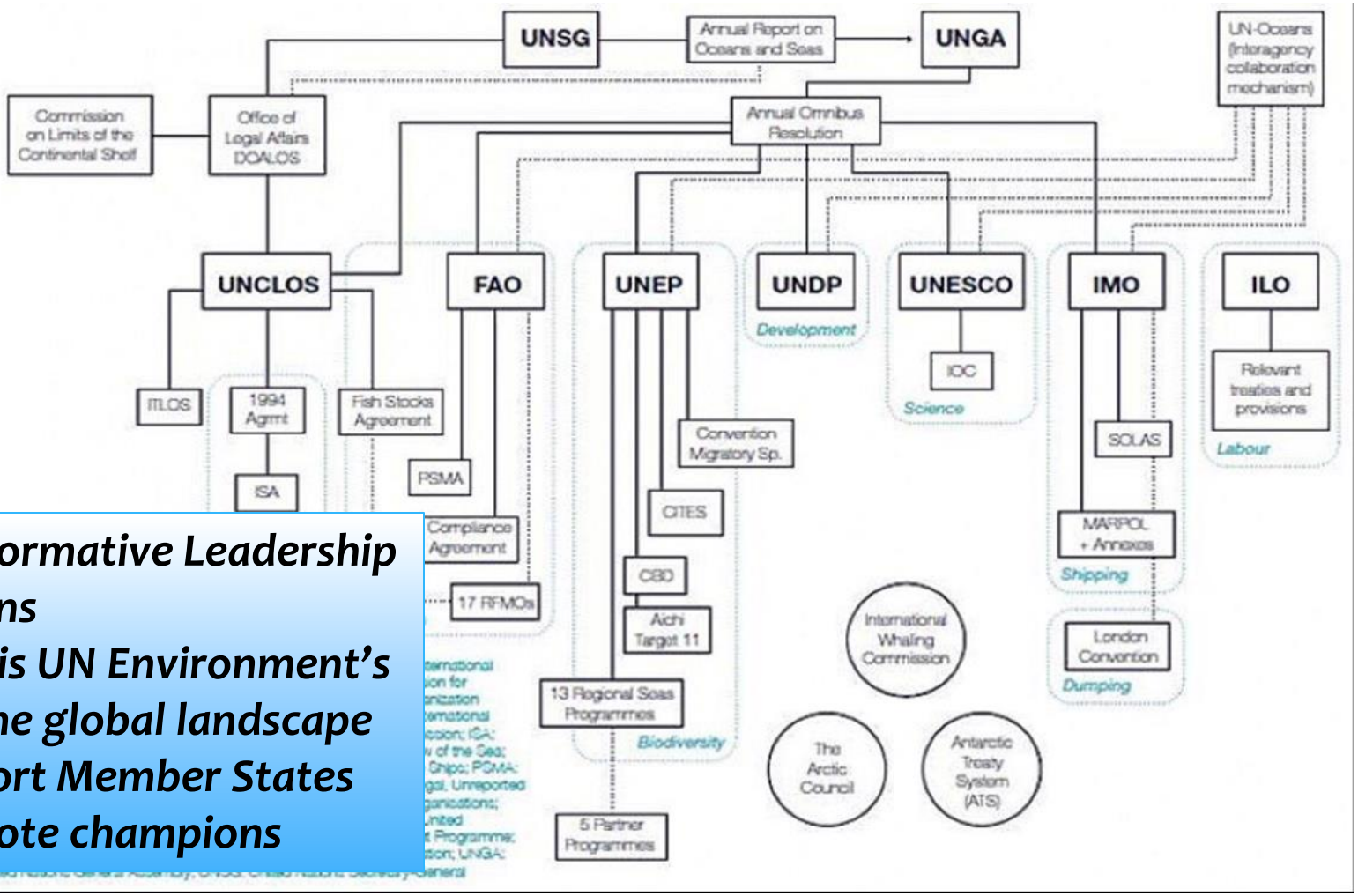
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Focus on Ocean – Why

* Oceans under stress
* Economic importance USD24tn
* Social and cultural values acknowleged
* Modern technology to exploit marine resources – but also to protect
* Knowledge and capacity increase on how to use and extract marine resouces
* Increased political relevance
* Lack of Governance the key challenge
* New Leadership in UN Environment

Patchwork of instruments



A Transformative Leadership for oceans

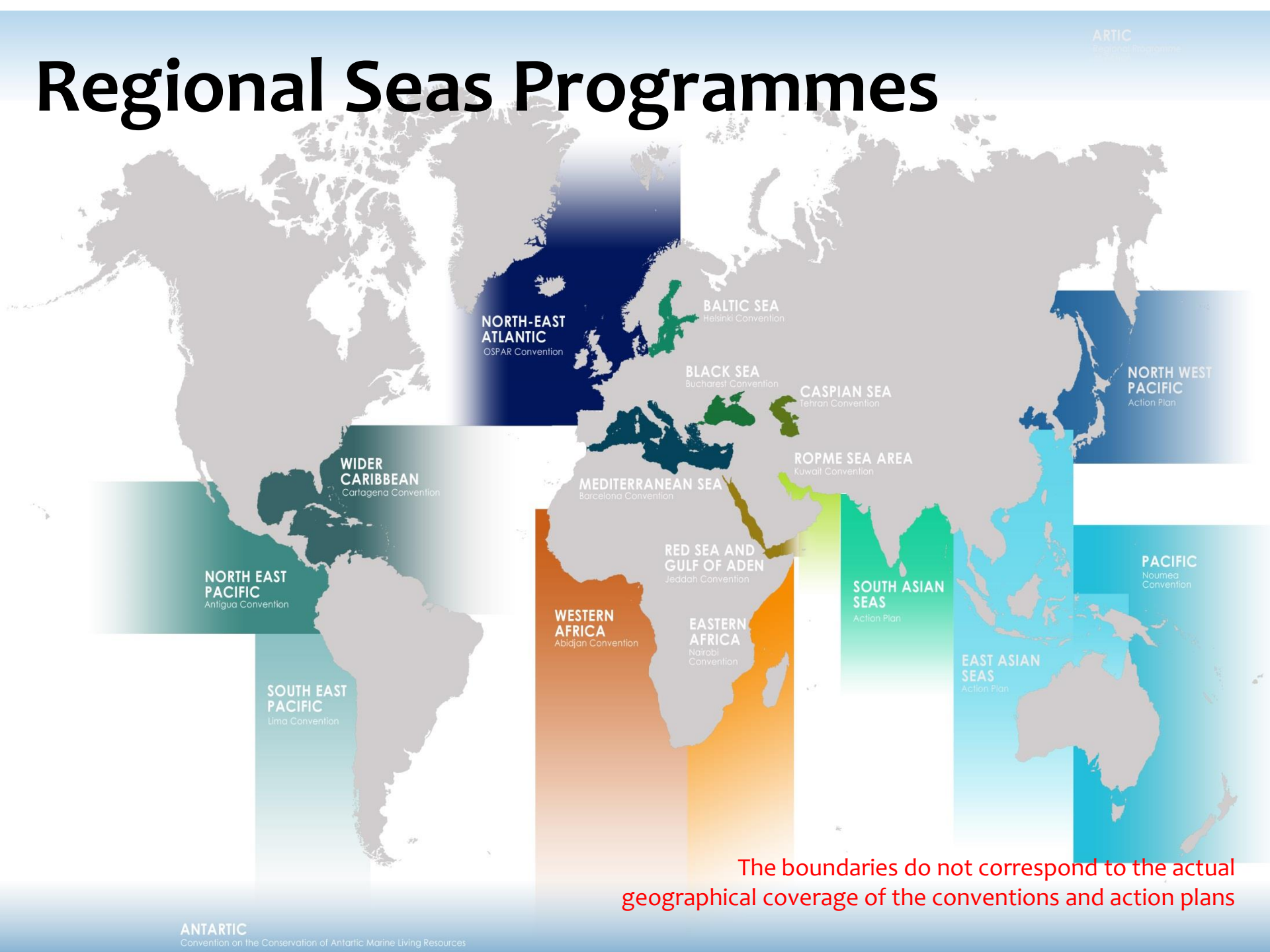
- Where is UN Environment's role in the global landscape

- ***Support Member States***
- ***Promote champions***

Regional Ocean Governance

- UN Environment assists 18 Regional Ocean Governance mechanisms (7 hosted by UN Environment)
  - Needs to be strengthened
  - Increase visibility and awareness
  - Exchange of experience and knowledge
  - Resource mobilization
  - Facilitating partnerships with scienfitc institutions and the private sector
- Coordination between Regional Seas, UN bodies, Regional Fisheries Bodies, Large Marine Ecosystems
- Implementing mechanism for agreed ocean- related SDG targets and indicators
- Platform for innovative partnership with private, NGOs, Gov

Regional Seas Programmes



The boundaries do not correspond to the actual geographical coverage of the conventions and action plans

Enhanced Ocean Partnership

- The Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA)

- Combat Land-based Pollutions– stop pollution by its source
- Marine litter, nutrients and waster water
- The linkages to coral reefs, food security, acidificaton etc
- Potential to an innovative mechansim for collaboration with private sector and other related stakeholders
- Are we fit for purpose? Need for revitalized commitment

Coral Reefs

* Linked to the climate change and pollution
* Need for science and policy interface
* Communicating the challenges and the opportunities





Communication

* Ocean Literacy
* Awarenss raising
* Accessible Data
* Knowledge about ocean health and status is crucial for both conservation and usage
* Value of the marine resources – nature-based economics
* Marine Litter Campaign



To Sum Up - Focus Area

- Global Ocean Governance – Regional Seas
- Combating land based pollution; throught enhanced Ocean Partnership
- The Economics of the Ocean – value based decisions
- Climate Change and Ocean; adaptation and mitigation, blue carbon, acidification, coral reefs
- Coral reefs (link to climate change, waste water, nutrients)
- Communication – Action based Campagins

Ocean-related resolutions at UNEA2



2/4 UNEP implementation of the Samoa Pathway



2/10 Oceans and seas



2/11: Marine plastic litter and microplastics

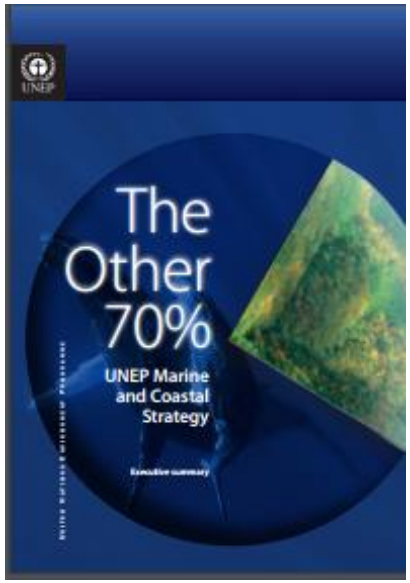


2/12: Sustainable coral reefs management



2/18: Relationship between UNEP and MEAs

Marine and Coastal Strategy



UNEA2 resolution 2/10, OP 17

- Assess effectiveness of marine and coastal strategy (2011)
- Submit a proposal for its update, revision or replacement

Focus:

- **Roadmap for the proposal**
- **Ownership from Member States**
- **Engagement from stakeholders**
- **Collective Actions**
- **Meaningful Tool**
- **Change Practice in real life**

GAP OF RESOURCES

Meeting	Focus	Place	Time
PrepCom	Preparation for UN Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14, including side events	New York	15-16 Feb
Economist Ocean Summit	Ocean stakeholders from various sectors. Launch of Marine Litter Campaign	Bali	23-24 Feb
UN Ocean Conference	Implementation of SDG 14	New York	June 6-9
World Ocean Day		World Wide	8 June
4th International Marine Protected Area	Marine Protected Areas	Chile	4-8 sept

Main Ocean Meetings 2017 (please note that this is *not* a comprehensive list of events)

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GPA 4th IGR	The review of the the GPA for the Protection of the Marine Environment from land-based Activities	TbD	TbD
Our Ocean Conference	The 4th Annual Our Ocean Conference	Malta	15-16 Oct
Annual Regional Seas Meeting	Collaboration with relevant regional bodies, inter alias, Fisheries Bodies, Large Marine Ecosystems, etc	Tbd	Tbd end Nov
UNEA3	Theme TbD	Nairobi	4-6 Dec

UN Conference on SDG 14

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* Modality resolution **adopted** by UNGA (A/RES/70/303)
  - 8 plenary meetings and 7 partnership dialogues
  - Special event on World Oceans Day (8 June 2017)
  - Declaration "**Call for Action**" will be adopted
  - 2-day preparatory meeting in 15-16 February 2017

UN Environment proposes to bring **2 key issues**

- Regional Seas Programme and GPA for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities

