

# Mainstreaming the Global Programme of Action – the Role of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans



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# Today ...

1. What is the GPA?
2. What is MCEB in Nairobi doing?
3. Dialogue – how can the RS Secretariats and Nairobi work together more effectively and more efficiently



# Turning the tide ... norm reform

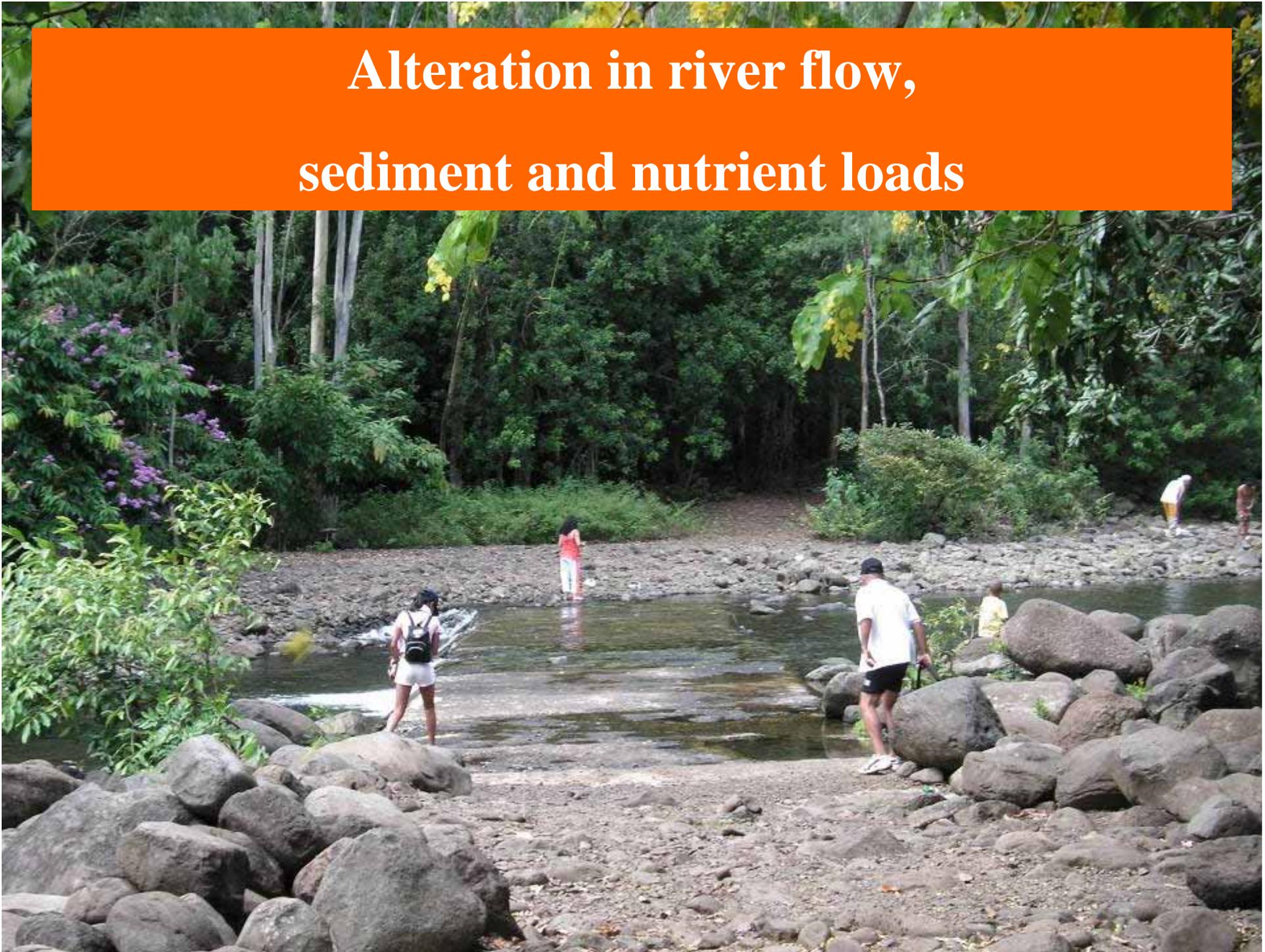
A **multilateral initiative** to prevent the degradation of the marine environment from land-based activities by facilitating the realization of the **duty of States** to preserve and protect the marine environment.

Through the GPA, States commit “To develop **comprehensive, continuing and adaptive programmes of action** within a framework of integrated coastal area management”.

# Pollution from land-based sources



# Alteration in river flow, sediment and nutrient loads



# Physical alteration and destruction of habitats



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The GPA is also a commitment by regional and international organisations to cooperate at regional and global scales **to support national action** aimed at protecting the marine environment.

Regional Seas have negotiated legally-binding conventions/protocols and action plans that contribute to and/or parallel the objectives of the GPA

# Turning the tide



Regional and international cooperation facilitate and support comprehensive, continuing and adaptive national action that builds enduring wealth

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