GPA 3rd Intergovernmental Review and Global Conference on Land – Ocean Connections

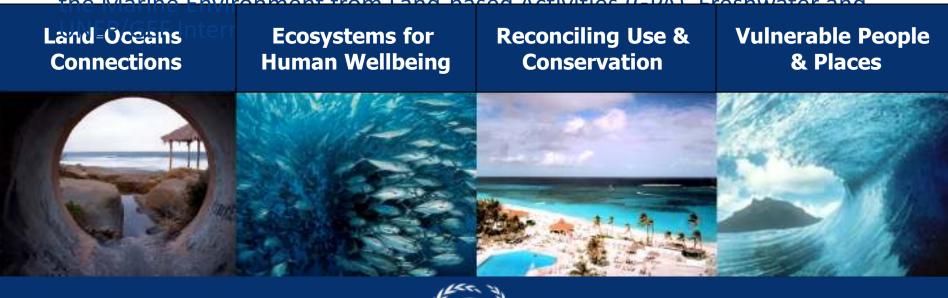




UNEP – Freshwater & Marine waters

- Marine and Coastal Strategy "prosperous and healthy oceans and coasts where conservation, productivity and resource use are sustainable"
- Water Policy and Strategy

• Specialized Programmes - Marine & Coastal Ecosystems; Coral Reef, SIDS, Regional Seas Programme, Global Programme of Action for the Protection of





GPA

- The GPA is a flexible multilateral programme to protect coastal ecosystems from land-based activities
- Intergovernmental mechanism explicitly addressing the linkages between freshwater, coastal and marine environments
- Priority source categories include sewage, nutrients, marine litter, and physical alteration and destruction of habitats (PADH)
- Regional implementation facilitated and supported by/through RSCAPs
- Intergovernmental reviews every 5 years next 25-27 January 2012











Land – Oceans Connections

- To fill knowledge and policy gaps among the land, water and marine managements
- Water entering coastal areas and land-based human activities are managed to maintain, or where necessary, restore conditions that optimise ecosystem services and associated benefits. This encompasses management of river basins, addressing land-based pollution, coastal habitat management, and promoting best available practices and technologies
- Understand and communicate factors affecting functions of coastal ecosystems
- Source categories (nutrients, sewage, marine litter, physical alteration and destruction of habitats, etc.)
- Support to national efforts in addressing land-based activities affecting the marine and coastal environment, and mainstreaming these in national development planning and framework

Freshwater/ river basins	Delta/Estuaries	Coastal areas	EEZ	High Seas

3rd Inter-governmental Review of GPA

- Review the progress of GPA implementation since IGR2, adopt the Programmme of Work for next five years, Receive policy guidance on a further implementation of GPA, Manila Ministerial Declaration;
- Held in Manila during 25-27 January 2012
- Seeking discussion and adoption on policy direction. UNEP intends to use this as the inter-governmental mechanism to discuss not only pure GPA issues, but also the marine and coastal issues relevant to UNEP's Freshwater, Marine and Coastal Programme e.g., green economy in a blue world, blue carbon.
- The results should feed into Rio+20, meaning alignment of discussion to green economy, governance and emerging issues. The last global marine and freshwater related inter-governmental meeting UNEP has before the Rio+20.



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- Scientific and Technical Sessions, 23-24 January 2012 to discuss emerging issues and science-policy linkages, feeding results into the IGR-3
- More flexible arrangements, involving our governmental, international and regional organisations
- A number of emerging issues will be highlighted. Emerging issues selection ongoing in alignment with UNEP Foresight Process
- Science-policy linkage discussion from the green economy perspective, governance/policy perspective (Integrated Coastal Management, River Basin Management)



Opportunities for regional seas conventions and action plans

- Regional Seas coordinated under the UNEP umbrella, to provide regional seas input to UNEP's sole global intergovernmental mechanism where Governments discuss a wider Marine and Coastal environmental issues;
- GLOC international conference where regional seas conventions and action plans can bring their key programmatic issues to global discussion. The proposed session (3 hours) on regional seas is an opportunity to discuss further input to IGR-3.
- GLOC and IGR-3 opportunities to demonstrate achievements and partnerships in regional seas and develop new partnership
- IGR3 Opportunity to bring to inter-governmental attention issues that require intergovernmental attention and discussion, particularly future Rio+20 discussion.



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the NAPs facilitated, e.g. Mediterranean.

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oastal and ecosystem management initiatives



