

Global Regional Seas Strategic Directions (2008-2012)



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Strategic Directions 2008-2012

- 1. Enhance the sustainability and effectiveness of Regional Seas Programmes.
- 2. Contribute to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration on Land Based Activities of the GPA.
- 3. Strengthen regional cooperation on preparedness and response to pollution from maritime accidents with the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- 4. Contribute to the implementation of the 2010 biodiversity targets, the WSSD Plan of Implementation targets on MPAs (including the Ramsar Convention).
- 5. Emphasize the need to implement the ecosystem approach in integrated marine and coastal management (IMCAM).





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- 6. Assess and address the impact of climate change on the marine and coastal environment.
- 7. Intensify regional activities in support of the WSSD Plan of Implementation and the CBD Jakarta Mandate on the conservation of the marine and coastal biodiversity, focusing on: i) marine biodiversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction; deep-sea biodiversity; ii) environmental impacts of fisheries and promote an ecosystem management approach;
 - iii) participation in the Coral Reef Initiative;
 - iv) implementation of the SIDS Mauritius Strategy, as appropriate.
- 8. Recognize the need for economic valuation of marine and coastal ecosystem services for decision making and policy formulation.
- 9. Facilitating the mainstreaming of its activities within broader development and economic planning processes including the poverty reduction strategies in developing countries.





Advantages

"On the ground" presence in the regions, including legal, admin and financial arrangements and expert networks

- Ability to address trans-boundary issues in a cooperative manner
 - Ability to implement UNEP MTS 2010-2013

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Achievements

- Land-based activities and sources of pollution are addressed through new and existing protocols or through specific projects
- Preparedness and response to pollution from maritime accidents enhanced
- Significant contribution to the 2010 BD targets and proper coastal land use by 2012 (WSSD PoI)



Achievements

ng integrated coastal management (and n approach) principles in the PoW

ed partnerships (NGOs, private sector, civil 1 general), including through GEF projects

ed regional cooperation in addressing ssues, including climate change impacts conservation

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