



Overview of international governance and scientific issues regarding the high seas and deep-water ecosystems and biodiversity





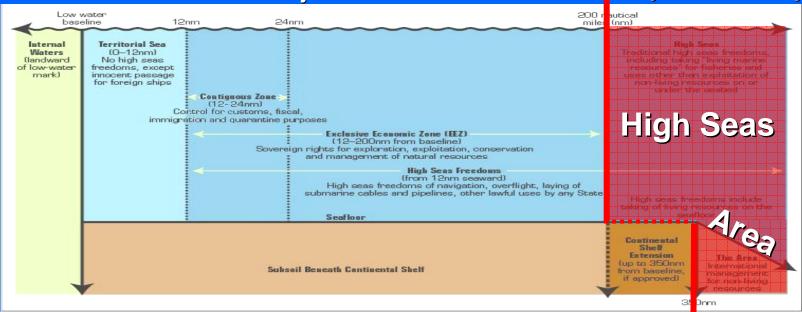


The oceans have been divided by UNCLOS ...

Maritime zones, boundaries and ocean areas



beyond national jurisdiction



Size: approx. 1/3

approx. 2/3

nearly

Depth:

shallow waters (<200m): 10-15%

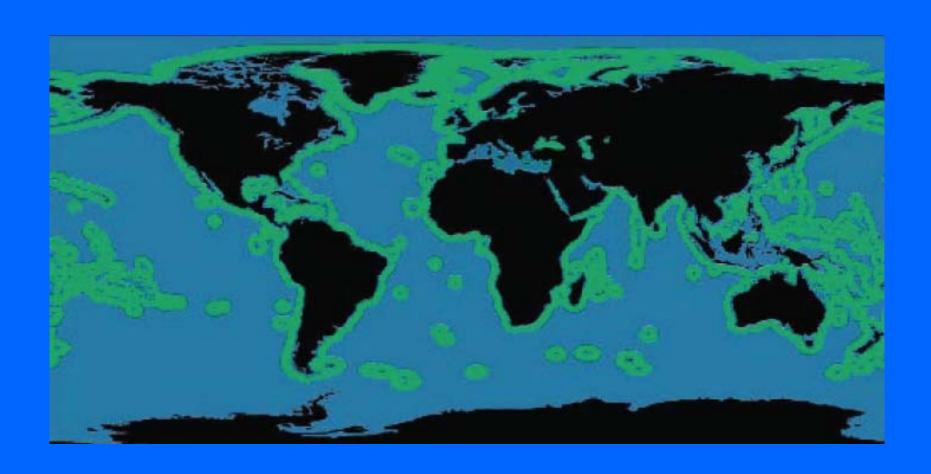
deep waters (>200m): 85-90%

all deep water





....64% lies beyond national jurisdiction







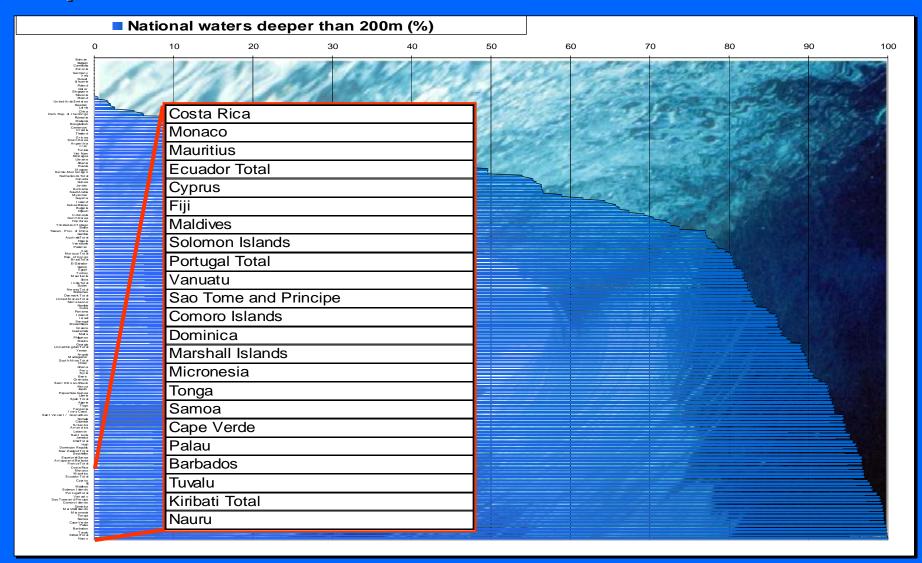
...... but there is also a large amount of deep waters under national jurisdiction







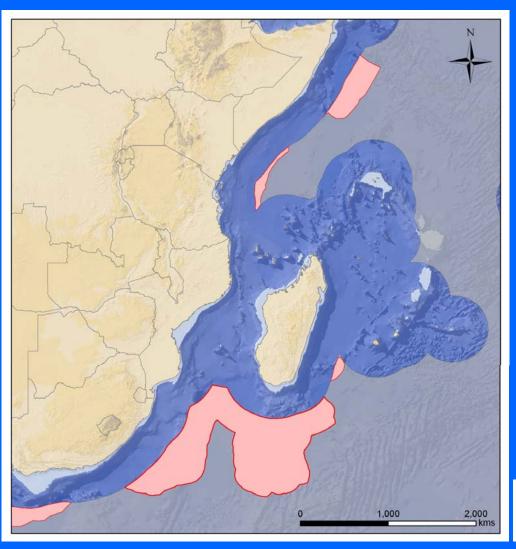
... in fact, on average about 70% of national waters are deeper than 200m ...







... and this percentage will increase ...



(more about this in the presentation on the UNEP Shelf Programme)

Example:

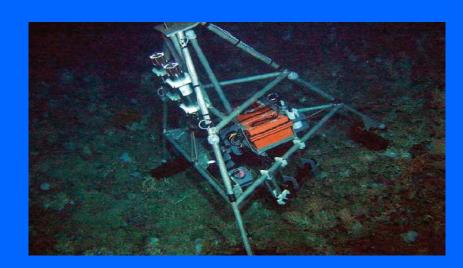
Deep waters within and beyond areas of national jurisdiction in East Africa







... although 90 of the oceans remain unexplored



Only 0.0001% of the deep seafloor has been scientifically investigated



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