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- 1. Regional Seas Contribution to Sustainable Development.
- 2. Political Commitment & financial sustainability.
- 3. Visibility.
- 4. Support Knowledge-based policy making, public participation & awareness.
- 5. RS as a platform for implementation of Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs).
- 6. Integrated management based on the ecosystem approach.

Achievements

- High-level participation in the decisionmaking process for the sustainability of the marine envt.
- Regional Seas facilitated the implementation of global initiatives (MDGs, WSSD/JPOI Targets)
- Unique regional approach to address transboundary issues (GEF financing)

Achievements - cont'd

- Increased global interest in the marine environment.
- Increased partnerships (NGOs, private sector, civil society in general, GEF projects etc.)
- Increased regional cooperation, particularly in the development of legal framework & (forum) facilitate the ratification of MEAs.

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