



Global Reporting and Assessment of  
the State of the Marine Environment  
including Socio-economic Aspects

# **United Nations Global Ocean Assessment**



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## What does this presentation cover?

- How did we get where we are?
- Where in fact are we now?
- Where are we trying to get to?
- What are the next steps?
- An overview of the report



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## **Genesis of the Regular Process**

- The Regular Process derives from decisions taken by countries at the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in 2002 in Johannesburg, South Africa, and from resolutions subsequently passed by the United Nations General Assembly



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## OBJECTIVE

- The objective for the Regular Process is *“to improve understanding of the oceans and to develop a global mechanism for delivering science-based information to decision makers and the public”*.



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# GOALS

The Regular Process will:

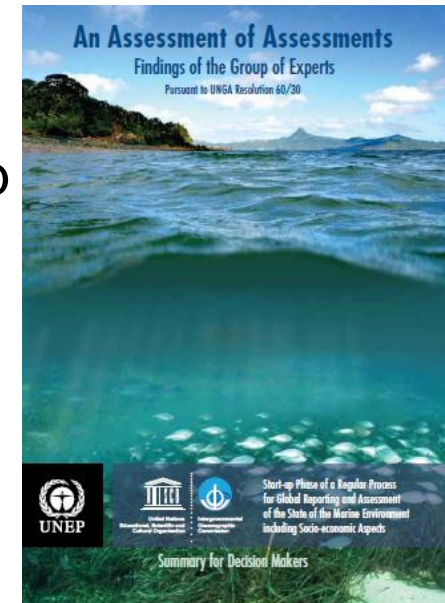
- Support informed decision by providing best scientific information available
- Provide integrated view of environmental, economic and social aspects
- Be based, upon assessments made at global and supra-regional levels, at the regional level and, where appropriate, at the national level.
- Be supported by consistent analytical frameworks and data standards, and provide products to communicate effectively to policy-makers.
- Build institutional and individual assessment capacity and promote necessary research.



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## Start-up phase – AoA

- Early 2006 - Ad Hoc Steering Group set up to manage start-up phase – the Assessment of Assessments
- June 2006 – AHSG agreed criteria for AoA Group of Experts
- By December 2006 – AoA Group of Experts nominated
- March 2007 – April 2009 – AoA Group of Experts
  - worked out their programme,
  - analysed c500 marine assessments, and
  - produced their recommendations
- August/September 2009 – AoA Group of Experts presented their findings to Ad Hoc Working Group





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## Ad Hoc Working Group 2009 -2012

Agreement (endorsed by UNGA 65/37) on

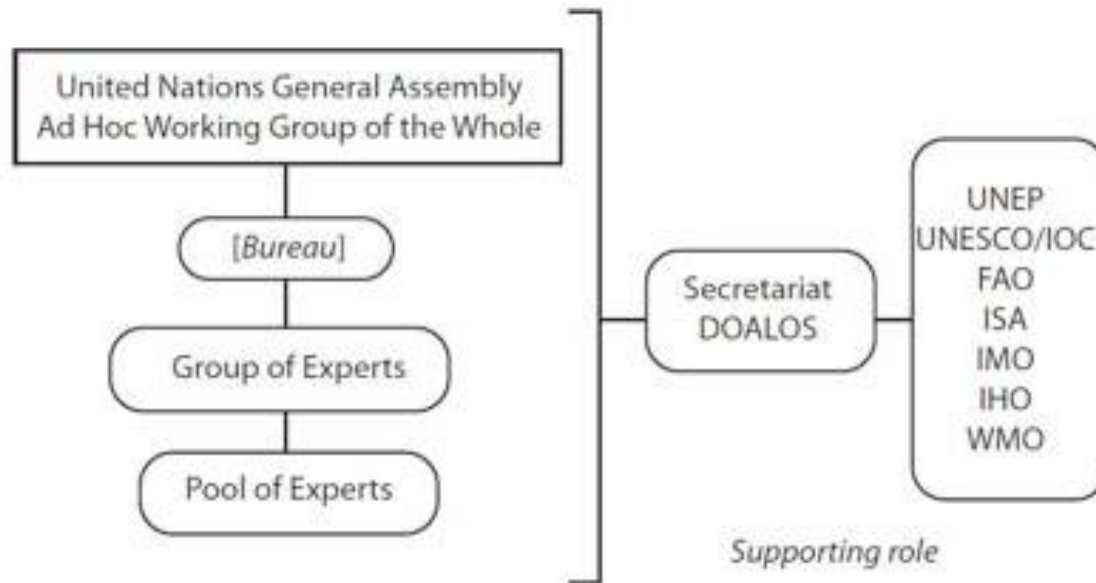
- Ad Hoc Working Group to oversee and guide Regular Process
- DOALOS to be Secretariat
- Technical and scientific support from UNEP, IOC, FAO, IMO and other specialist agencies
- creating a Group of Experts of Regular Process (GOERP)
- Members of Group of Experts asked to continue till at least 2014
- Group of Experts to provide a Set of Options
- Re-emphasis of goal of First Integrated Assessment by 2014



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# STRUCTURE & SUPPORT

*Structure of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment*







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## Where are we now? (1)

- Objective, scope and principles
- Goal of first cycle: *First Integrated Assessment by 2014*
- Oversight and guidance mechanism: *Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole*
- Secretariat: *DOALOS*
- Call for technical & scientific support: *UNEP, IOC, FAO, IMO etc*
- Group of Experts of the Regular Process
- Authority to create support mechanisms (within existing resources)
- Existence of a Pool of Experts to assist GOERP
- Holding of Workshops to link in States and existing assessment mechanisms



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## Where are we now? (2)

- Guidelines for workshops
- Organizing workshops (2 already held)
- Criteria for Experts
- Specification for nominations to Pool of Expert Collaborators

Still to be sorted:

- Management and Review Mechanism/Bureau
- Guidance to Authors (*Draft out for comment*)
- Outline of First Integrated Assessment (*Draft out for comment*)

**- and then writing/compiling First Integrated Assessment!**



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## Where are we trying to get to?

### Milestones proposed by GOERP:

**End 2011**

(In light of workshops):

- Outline of First Integrated Assessment Report
- List of Drafters for Working Papers
- List of Chapter Editors from within GOERP
- Guidance to Authors

**End 2012**

- List of Drafters of Draft Chapters

**Autumn 2013**

- Draft First Integrated Assessment Report

**Spring 2014**

- Final First Integrated Assessment Report, revised in the light of Peer Review

**September 2014**

- Presentation of the First Integrated Assessment Report to AHWG



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# REPORT OUTLINE

- I. Summary for decision-makers
- II. The Context of the Assessment
- III. Ecosystem Services
- IV. Cross-cutting issue – food security & food safety
- V. Other human activities ( Issue related LBS Protocol)
- VI. Marine Biodiversity and Habitats
- VII. Overall evaluations



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# **Process for drafting the First Global Marine Assessment**

- The First Global Integrated Marine Assessment will be carried out by the Group of Experts (under the supervision of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole) with assistance from a Pool of Experts nominated by member states.



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# POOL OF EXPERTS

- The types of expertise needed within the Pool of Experts include all aspects of marine industry and marine science (eg. ports, shipping, oil and gas, economics, biology, geology, oceanography etc.).
- It is suggested that the membership of the Pool of Experts is likely to number around 1,000 individuals representing all the different geographic regions on earth.
- **Caribbean experts needed for the pool of experts!**



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## NEXT STEPS

- **Nomination of National & Regional Experts to the Pool of Experts**
  - A Pool of Experts to be nominated by UN member states. Persons who are interested in becoming members of the Pool of Experts should be in contact with the relevant section of their government to ensure that they are considered for appointment.
- **Regional Workshop (2012?)**
  - The purpose of the workshops is to identify regional experts who might participate in the production of the first global ocean assessment while simultaneously making an inventory of existing assessments and useful data sets and identifying regional capacity building needs for the conduct of state of marine environment reporting.



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# Additional Information

- About the Regular Process:
  - [http://www.un.org/depts/los/global\\_reporting/global\\_reporting.htm](http://www.un.org/depts/los/global_reporting/global_reporting.htm)
- Pool of experts:  
[http://www.un.org/depts/los/global\\_reporting/global\\_reporting.htm](http://www.un.org/depts/los/global_reporting/global_reporting.htm)
- General Information:
  - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmC3spnYQsw&feature=share>





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**Thank you!**