



**Final Report
IX UN Oceans Meeting
17 June 2011**

Location: UNDP Environment & Energy Group, FF-9th floor, Rio Room, New York

Agencies Present & Meeting Agenda: see attached attendance list and Agenda

1. Opening: Andrew Hudson, UNDP & UN-Oceans Coordinator

The Coordinator welcomed UN-Oceans members to the meeting and to UNDP, the first to be held in New York since UN-Oceans agreed (in 2010) to hold its regular meetings at the location of the agency acting as Coordinator and Secretariat.

2. Housekeeping:

Jane Fulton, UNDP, provided participants with information on coffee breaks and lunch plans.

3. Rapporteur: Jackie Alder, UNEP, kindly agreed to serve as the meeting rapporteur. Agenda numbering was corrected (see attached for corrected agenda) and the agenda was approved.

4. Oceans & Rio+20

UNESCO Briefing on Secretary- General's Sustainable Oceans Initiative

Wendy Watson Wright of IOC provided the history to the initiative, recalling the increased attention given to oceans at the Second Rio+20 PrepCom (March 2011) and the Secretary General's interest to raise the profile of Oceans in the context of Rio+20 through the Global Sustainability Panel. Following a number of consultations with the SG Executive Office, UNDP, and DESA, UNESCO through its IOC agreed to initiate a number of activities, in close consultation with other Agencies, Funds and Programmes.

The three key activities proposed include:

- a. **UN-Oceans Review** – Bringing to UN-Oceans a proposal for the conduct of an independent study, reviewing the UN-Oceans interagency mechanism and proposing tangible recommendations for the improvement of its efficiency and effectiveness. The review would be conducted in a participative manner and would require inputs from all UN-Oceans members. IOC, UNDP and SG/EO will



present a proposal at the coming HLCP meeting (7 July, Geneva) with a view to initiate the Review as soon as possible. This process would lead to the formulation of recommendations for discussions at the next CEB and through the convening of a possible meeting of UN agencies in October 2011.

Proposals emerging from this process would then be forwarded to DESA as UN-wide input to Rio +20 (Deadline of 1 November). The TORs for the review were presented and UN Oceans members were asked to submit comments to IOC by Friday, 24 June 2011.

b. Ocean Input to the Global Sustainability Panel – Blue Paper.

Discussions with the Secretariat of the GSP have defined a need for ocean issues to be addressed specifically and therefore UNESCO/IOC has been invited to provide an input to the work of the Panel in the form of a short paper - so called Blue Paper. This paper should be action oriented and address cross cutting issues such as **food, climate and energy security. Whilst a first draft has been prepared, IOC is requesting the assistance of UN-Oceans members to help developing some part of it, as they are relevant to respective mandates of agencies. The 1st draft of the Blue Paper should be ready in August, and finalized for discussion at the September meeting of the GSP.**

c. Friends of the Ocean Group – A Number of countries have expressed interest in forming such a group, many interested especially Australia and Barbados, others also showing interest. Group needs to ensure there is no overlapping with similar initiative underway by Global Oceans Forum and could play an advocating role for oceans during the negotiation process.

A brief discussion followed with the representative of UNDP noting that a lot of work needed to be done, and hoping that the proposed 'Blue Paper' report would provide actionable outcomes for Rio+20. Other members noted that they needed more time to consider the draft terms of reference for the review of UN-Oceans.

Follow Up Action: 1) IOC will circulate the final version of the UN-Oceans Review ToRs once these have been cleared by all members. 2) IOC will circulate an outline of the Blue Paper identifying sections and areas where UN-Oceans Members would be invited to contribute. 3) IOC will coordinate with UNEP in order to identify synergies between 'Green Economy in a Blue World' and the Blue Paper (see below).

IAEA is working with the government of Monaco in the organization of a high level expert panel on the oceans to be convened in Monaco in late November, and Monaco is planning to organize an oceans-related event at Rio+20. By July the exact agenda will be known and IAEA will provide more information once available.

Follow Up Action: 1) IAEA will provide more information on the Monaco meeting once it is available.

UNEP Briefing on Rio+20 Initiatives

UNEP made a presentation on their initiatives leading to Rio+20, outlining four main initiatives

- 1a. Green Economy in Blue World
- 1b. SIDS in a Green Economy
2. Governance Institutions Review for areas within and beyond national jurisdictions
3. Emerging Issues – noting that UNEP is using a science panel to identify key emerging issues for Rio+20, and including oceans in this process
4. Regular Process – included in discussions at Rio+20

It was noted that there is some overlap between the SG initiative coordinated by IOC, and UNEP's initiative on the Green Economy in a Blue World. UNEP welcomed inputs from other UN agencies and expressed its desire to have it as a UN Oceans publication. Agencies noted that the sections are sectoral and miss other ocean elements such as pollution, poverty eradication and ecosystem services. UNEP explained that their The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) team who are responsible for Green Economy have a set format and therefore the current sections of the report are primarily sector focused, but welcomed other sections that are cross cutting or relevant for the report.

Follow Up Action: 1) UNEP to provide project concept note for the report to members for their comments and possible inputs. 2) UNEP to provide TOR for governance institutions review to IOC and other interested members. 3) Drafts of the three papers (1a, 1b, 2) will be circulated to all members for their review.

Follow-up Action: the UNEP lead 'Green Economy in a Blue World' report and the IOC-led Blue Paper would aim to be as harmonized and consistent as possible in terms of themes, analysis, action items and messaging. The Blue Paper is much shorter (20 pages max) and will focus mainly on specific actions, whereas the UNEP report will feature more detailed sectoral review and analysis, also leading to proposed action items.

UN-DESA is the secretariat of Rio+20 and is cooperating with governments on expert inputs to the process including with the Government of Monaco on the above-mentioned meeting. It is also focusing its Rio+20 efforts on showcasing successful models for partnerships, including in the oceans area, and invited member agencies to share best practice in the creation and management of effective partnerships both within and beyond the UN system. It was noted that at the second preparatory meeting for Rio+20 held in New York in March, oceans and related issues were highlighted by the international community and major groups. Theme days, including on "Oceans", will be held in Rio during the four days between the 3rd PrepComm and the Rio+20 Conference.

5. Yeosu World Expo 2012

The 2012 World Expo will be held in Yeosu, Republic of Korea, the theme for which is The Living Ocean and Coast – Diversity of Resources and Sustainable Activities. UNEP is playing a lead coordination role for the UN at Yeosu. Agencies including IOC, FAO, UNDP, UNEP, CBD Secretariat are planning exhibits, special conferences and other activities within the Expo structure.

Presentation by KORDI on Yeosu

A presentation was made to UN-Oceans by Mr. Dosoo Jang, KORDI, to outline the objectives of the Government of Korea, in particular the Yeosu Declaration, which is seen as a legacy of the EXPO. There is a drafting and review committee at domestic and international levels. The declaration is not sector specific but aims to be universally acceptable and actionable. They hope the UN will use the EXPO as an outreach opportunity for ocean and non-ocean communities. Mr Zoowin is the focal point in the UN and responsible for space etc. There is a meeting in July to meet the Korean Organizing Committee.

IOC informed that they have two big meetings in Yeosu: Effects of Climate Change on the World's Oceans and JCOMM, and one exhibition on GOOS in the 'Good Practices' Pavilion.

CBD Secretariat will contribute to One-UN Pavilion and is planning to organize a high level event on 20th June in conjunction with the Monaco Blue initiative meeting.

FAO will have a 2-day symposium in August 2012 as well as they are inputting into the declaration. They will have a booth in the international pavilion. They see many opportunities for communication. FAO's ADG has gone to Korea a couple of times to talk to the organizers.

DOALOS representative noted that DOALOS may not participate with an exhibition or separate booth but would be ready and willing to contribute to the UN pavilion at the EXPO.

Following an invitation from the government of the Republic of Korea, UN-Oceans has committed to hold its 2012 meeting at the Expo site (see also agenda item 13 below).

Follow Up Action: UNEP to liaise with the New York office to find out latest instructions from Secretary General's Office as to the coordination of a UN presence at the Yeosu Expo.

6. Reports on Agency Programmes

IAEA

- Major involvement in aftermath of Japan's nuclear power plant malfunctioning as a result of the Fukushima tsunami disaster, and they are looking to collaborate with other agencies to report on disaster including marine related issues.
- DOALOS was contacted regarding Fukushima tsunami report; FAO as well was contacted.
- Hosted GESAMP annual meeting in Monaco in May 2011, which was highly successful.

UNEP

There is a Spanish funded LifeWeb initiative currently underway with focus on marine protected areas with three projects in West Africa and a Marine Mammals Corridor project in Latin America and Caribbean. UNEP is making considerable progress on the Blue Carbon/Blue Forest GEF project proposal. Valuation Studies were undertaken with the first one in East Pacific Coast through the CPPS Regional Sea Program. The Coral Reef Unit was re-established earlier this year, and it is based in Bangkok and staffed by Jerker Tamelander. The GPA - IGR3 will be held in January 2012 and UNEP will provide details on time and venue as they become available. UNEP continues to support the Regular Process with a focus on supporting countries with capacity building through Regional Seas in 3 major areas (Asia, Eastern Pacific and East Africa).

IOC

Rio+20 (was reported by IOC ADG)

IOC has attended and cooperated in the organization of many international conferences programmed by the UN agencies such as CBD Conference in Nagoya and the COP-16 in Cancun and others. IOC has also co-organized with the Global Oceans Forum, the **5th Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands**, May 3-7, 2010, UNESCO, Paris. The conference featured both technical and political segments including 3 High-Level Roundtables: National Oceans Leaders Roundtable, Ocean Parliamentarians Roundtable, Regional, Provincial, and Local Authorities Roundtable.

The establishment of a **UN Regular Process for Global Ocean Assessment** is one of the major overall achievements of Chapter 17 of Agenda 21. The UN Regular Process was formally approved by the UNGA in 2010 after many years of work and coordination by IOC, UNEP and DOALOS.

The creation of **new framework structures of cooperation** like WAMS (World Association of Marine Stations) were achieved in line with Chapter 17 of Agenda 21. WAMS has the potential to become a keystone in a global network of marine stations, uniting the existing marine stations and their regional networks, and create opportunities for expanded collaborations all over the world. IOC has been in the origin

of WAMS and would like to use WAMS as a strategic framework for capacity development.

IOC has also adopted OBIS and is pleased to invite UN-Oceans to use this database, which constitutes the legacy of CoML.

IOC with the UNESCO SC convened an international expert meeting in November 2010 on geo-engineering science and associated governance issues. A policy brief on Geoengineering Techniques is *in press* (UNESCO-SCOPE series). A new international work-shop will be organized by the end of 2011 (IOC+UNESCO SC+ Royal Society of London).

The IOC Secretariat has jointly with the International SOLAS (Surface Ocean - Lower Atmosphere Study) Project prepared a summary for policymakers on **ocean fertilization**. The summary was prepared in response to a request from the Parties to the London Convention as well as to serve IOC Member States. The Summary was published in January 2011 and considers the practicalities, opportunities and threats associated with large-scale ocean fertilization. This overview of the current scientific understanding of Ocean Fertilization will assist the regulatory framework through the London Convention and London Protocol (LC/LP).

Marine plastics IOC with GESAMP and partially funded by SIDA and the EU has organized in June 2010 an international workshop on: Micro-plastic particles as a vector in transporting persistent, bioaccumulating and toxic substances in the oceans. GESAMP established a new working group to be led by IOC and UNEP on a global assessment of (micro)-plastics. This group will work during 2012-2014 and will be sponsored by several UN agencies and by Plastic Europe.

Following the devastating earthquake and subsequent tsunami off the Pacific coast of Japan on 11 March 2011, the Japanese Meteorological Agency (JMA) issued a national tsunami warning within 3 minutes and after upgrading the earthquake magnitude a few minutes later, IOC's Pacific Tsunami Warning System issued a basin wide warning to all Member States bordering the Pacific. In response to the request of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO, IOC is coordinating the many international tsunami survey teams that are made up by non-Japanese members. This work is done in close collaboration with the Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE). Comprehensive post tsunami site surveys are of great importance as such surveys provide critical information that can help improve preparedness and minimize impacts of tsunami disasters in future. The findings of these surveys are expected to be reported and discussed more fully at an international symposium in 1st half of 2012.

FAO

Overview of some outcomes from the 29th session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI, 31 January – 4 February 2011):

- **Port State Measures treaty** – 2 countries ratified (Sri Lanka and Myanmar) and 13 are currently following their domestic processes towards ratification. Total of 25 needed to bring it into force. COFI also recognized PSM as a potent and cost-effective tool to combat IUU fishing.
- **Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels (Global Record)** – continued development endorsed by COFI, preliminary processes already underway (design, outreach and project manager).
- **Guidelines for the Ecolabeling of Fish and Fishery Products from Inland Capture Fisheries** – adopted
- **FAO Technical Guidelines on Aquaculture Certification** – approved
- **International Guidelines on By-catch Management and Reduction of Discards** – endorsed
- **Voluntary Guidelines on Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries – COFI requested the development of an** internationally-negotiated instrument in the form of voluntary guidelines on small-scale fisheries. This is currently underway and will require an extensive process of stakeholder consultation.
- The **30th session of COFI** will be held in July 2012 (moved up by 6 months)

Activities – ongoing and in the pipeline:

- **GEF Programme formulation** – FAO is currently involved in formulating a programme on ABNJ, which includes 4 projects (tuna; deep-sea; partnership fund; overall coordination). This particular programme, in collaboration with UNEP, Conservation International, the World Bank and the Global Ocean Forum, has highlighted the value that UN-Oceans could provide to facilitate coordination among UN agencies.
- **Deep-sea fisheries** – FAO is involved in different projects for the implementation of the guidelines on deep-sea fisheries. A Norway-funded project focuses on creating a partnership at regional level, which also involves capacity building. A French-funded project is supporting the development of a VME database in direct response to COFI and UNGA resolution.
- **Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries** – FAO is in the final stages of rolling out a comprehensive EAF toolbox, (sometime around September). This system will provide the steps and information required on how to implement EAF and is in direct response to country needs.
- **Disaster Risk Management** – FAO is working with WHO and the IAEA in response to the Fukushima emergency including documents, guidelines and best practices for preparedness, risk reduction and response to disasters.
- **Publications** (for 2012) – Among the documents currently in preparation: Global and regional review of aquaculture; Regional review of MPAs (multi-volume); The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (flagship publication) for COFI. [Note that FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department publishes some 200 titles per year.]

UNDP

Much of UNDP's work in oceans and coastal areas falls within its GEF International Waters portfolio. A number of LME and fisheries management projects approved in GEF-4 have commenced implementation over the last 12 months, including:

- New LME projects including Humboldt Current LME, Timor Arafura Sea, and Sulu Sulawesi Sea LME. Each project aims to prepare a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), a science-based assessment, to inform preparation of a negotiated Strategic Action Programme (SAP) detailing governance reforms and investments required to move each LME towards sustainability.
- GEF 5 (2011-2014) has now officially started, as of the June 2011 UN-Oceans meeting, no International Waters projects had been included in the limited work programs presented to the GEF Council; it was expected that IW programming would start up with the Fall 2011 work program.
- UNDP/GEF has a number of pipeline LME/fisheries projects that are ready or nearly ready for submission to the GEF including: Yellow Sea SAP implementation, Pacific Oceanic Fisheries Management 2 (co-implemented with FAO), Guinea Current SAP implementation (co-implemented with UNEP, FAO, UNIDO), PNG Participation in Timor-Arafura Sea Program (MSP).

IMO

Parties to the London Convention and Protocol adopted in 2010 an ocean fertilization assessment framework developed since 2008, which is a tool for parties to assess whether individual research proposals are legitimate and not contrary to the LC/LP aims. They also continued work on a potential legally binding decision to regulate this activity possibly in 2012

IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee is attempting to agree in July 2011 on amendments to regulations on energy efficiency for ships under MARPOL Annex VI. Compromise proposals have been tabled and if adopted, GHG reductions from ships in international trade could, for the first time, be factored in when negotiating a successor agreement to the Kyoto Protocol at the UNFCCC meeting in Durban.

Main outcomes of GESAMP 38 meeting held in Monaco in May 2011:

- WG1 – hazards of harmful chemicals in maritime transport – the focus was this time on a method for estimating the acute inhalation toxicity. The WG's ToR was updated to include occupational health standards and safety issues associated with chemicals on board ships
- WG 34 met 5 times since February 2010 to evaluate ballast water treatment systems, and reviewed the methodology for evaluation of applications received from industry—GESAMP itself concentrated on discussing the methodology, consistency in assessment of applications and scientific rigour
- WG37 concerning metals in the marine environment finished its contribution in closing science information gaps on mercury in preparation for the draft Mercury

- treaty for UNEP. Similarly, science information gaps on lead and cadmium have also been closed at the request of UNEP
- WG38 completed three articles for publishing in the scientific literature on the atmospheric input of chemicals to the ocean and in the GESAMP Reports and Studies series. GESAMP adopted WMO's proposal for this WG to undertake new studies on atmospheric anthropogenic nitrogen deposition to the marine environment and its impacts.
 - A new WG on micro-plastics was established, as mentioned above

Identification of 'New and emerging issues' is an important radar function of GESAMP. It discussed the need for a more efficient process for identifying new and emerging issues of potential interest using existing foresight initiatives.

GESAMP reviewed a scoping paper on bio-magnification of persistent organic pollutants and metallo-organics in top predators in the marine environment taking a broad perspective.

There is a need for wider involvement in assessments, first identifying biological indicators, then the actual assessment in collaboration with FAO, WHO and CIESM.

- The Correspondence group on hypoxia and endocrine disruptors will continue to prepare for a Workshop in 2012
- GESAMP remains ready to contribute to Regular Process and TWAP
- For Rio+20 GESAMP has a statement, which highlights its activities and the contributions it made to international processes for improved ocean governance
- GESAMP Peer reviewed in 2010/11 two reports, one at the request of the GEF/IMO/UNDP Global Partnerships Program, and the other on a draft integrated assessment of the Mediterranean Sea at the request of UNEP/DEPI/MAP
- In the period 2006 - 2010 GESAMP received ample support from SIDA, but this support has now ended. GESAMP will continue to seek structural but also activity-related support and has introduced charging peer review fees wherever this is possible and acceptable. To fill the current vacancy of the GESAMP officer, IMO is seeking approval from its council.

DOALOS

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, serves as the secretariat for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the "Convention"), the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement, and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. The Division discharges the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General by the Convention and the Agreement, as well as the mandates provided to it in GA resolutions in the field of oceans and the law of the sea. It prepares the reports of the Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea and on sustainable fisheries, as well as special reports and studies, that constitute the basis for

the consideration and review by the General Assembly of such developments (see <http://www.un.org/Depts/los/index.htm>). DOALOS also services an increasing number of intergovernmental meetings, conferences and workshops in addition to the informal consultations preceding the adoption in plenary of the annual General Assembly resolutions on oceans and the law of the sea and on sustainable fisheries. In all its work, the Division closely cooperates with other international organizations and bodies dealing with oceans issues.

DOALOS continues to service the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socio-Economic Aspects (the “Regular Process” – see agenda item 8 below); the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (the “biodiversity Working Group”); and the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (the “Informal Consultative Process” - see agenda item 10 below).

Of particular note is the outcome of the fourth meeting of the biodiversity Working Group which recommended that a process be initiated, by the General Assembly, with a view to ensuring that the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction effectively addresses those issues by identifying gaps and ways forward, including through the implementation of existing instruments and the possible development of a multilateral agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Such process would take place inter alia, in a format of inter-sessional workshops aimed at improving understanding of the issues and clarifying key questions as an input to the work of the biodiversity Working Group.

DOALOS thanked the members of UN-Oceans for their support through continued contributions to the reports of the Secretary-General on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, which are prepared to assist Member States in their consideration of issues, including specific topics relating to ocean affairs and the law and the sea as formulated in the annual GA resolutions on oceans and the law of the sea and on sustainable fisheries.

7. Updates on Key Outcomes of CBD COP 10

CBD Secretariat updated the UN-Oceans members of the key outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, including the followings:

- decision X/2 on Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 - 2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- decision X/29 on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity; and
- Report on the 1st Oceans Day Event at COP 10

CBD Secretariat then informed the UN-Oceans members of relevant expert meetings/workshops on various issues of marine and coastal biodiversity, such as ocean acidification, marine protected areas, and the role of marine biodiversity in climate change adaptation and mitigation, as well as a series of regional workshops on identifying ecologically or biologically significant marine areas to be convened by CBD Executive Secretary. UN-Ocean members were invited to contribute to the meetings (Table 1) on marine and coastal biodiversity, as they find them relevant to their work.

CBD Secretariat also invited UN-Oceans members to contribute to the scientific synthesis report/guidelines/training manuals to be prepared by CBD Secretariat, if relevant to their work, as summarized below:

- Scientific synthesis on the impacts of underwater noise on marine biodiversity (para 12, decision X/29)
- EBSA Training manuals/modules (para 40, decision X/29)
- Studies on socio-cultural criteria for EBSA (para 47, decision X/29)
- EIA and SEA Guidelines for marine areas (para 50, decision X/29)
- Report on addressing biodiversity concerns in existing marine assessment (para 69, decision X/29)
- Report on the implementation of workplan on coral bleaching (para 74, decision X/29)
- Report on the use and experiences of marine spatial planning (para 75, decision X/29)

8. Reports by UN-Oceans Task Forces

Three UN-Oceans task forces have been active over the last year. Members of the *Task Force on Marine Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction* (ABNJ) participated in the fourth meeting of the UNGA biodiversity Working Group. A compilation of existing tools on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction is being finalized. In this regard, at the meeting of the biodiversity Working Group, the Co-Chairs made a proposal to request to the Secretary-General, in cooperation with competent international organizations and bodies, to prepare an inventory of existing instruments relevant to marine biodiversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction. However, owing to lack of time, this proposal was not discussed. This idea may still be put forward in the context of the informal consultations of the General Assembly on the resolution on oceans and the law of the sea in the fall. Depending on the outcome of the discussions on the resolution, the compilation currently under development could form part of the inventory that may be requested from the Secretary-General. Alternatively, should no request be addressed to the Secretary-General, UN-Oceans could explore the possibility of a joint publication.

The Task Force is also collaborating in support of the work of CBD identifying Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas or EBSAs, in particular the development of

an EBSA repository system of scientific information on EBSA, as well as organization of a series of regional workshops, to be convened by CBD Executive Secretary as called for in decision X/29, to apply EBSA criteria towards enhancing information on the global distribution of marine biodiversity. EIA guidelines for considering biodiversity are being developed through the collaboration of TF members, which will be submitted to CBD SBSTTA 16 for its consideration.

The UN-Oceans *Task Force on Marine Protected Areas* noted, as guidance for its future activities, the adoption by COP 10 of a Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets including Target 11 for MPAS with 10% global coverage. The Task Force reminded UN-Oceans that COP10 noted the slow progress on WSSD 2012 target for MPA and the request of COP10 to include social and cultural criteria for EBSAs and MPAs.

The *Global Partnership on Climate, Fisheries and Aquaculture (PaCFA)* has been incorporated as a UN-Oceans Task Force. The Objective of PaCFA is to raise awareness of climate change interactions with aquatic resources and their social and economic consequences, develop effective tools and management approaches to address them, and coordinate and build international development support to implement change. PaCFA's membership is now up to 23 and a website has been established to showcase partner documents and events relevant to climate change issues in fisheries and aquaculture. PaCFA has developed a strategic overview framework for fisheries, aquaculture and climate change. Next steps for PaCFA include finalizing its programmatic framework; preparing inputs for UNFCCC CoP17; and supporting joint adaptation and mitigation activities. PaCFA is presently seeking financial resources in support of its global programmatic framework.

The recently established UN-Oceans *Outreach Task Force* informed that Prince of Monaco was proposed as an Oceans Goodwill Ambassador but after further investigation found that head of state cannot be an ambassador. The Outreach Task Force is working with UN Atlas for outreach, is enhancing the volume of content on the UN-Oceans web site and also presented a draft UN-Oceans PowerPoint. The Task force was now asked to prepare a UN-Oceans poster, pamphlet and fact sheet. These outreach materials will be showcased at the 2012 World Ocean Expo in Yeosu, Korea and other relevant oceans events attended by UN-Oceans members. It was discussed if the logos of the organizations that are not active members of UN Oceans should be included in printed material. Finally, it was also noted that the UNESCO SCOPE Policy Briefs are good communication vehicles for emerging issues; they are usually successful at targeting policy maker.

Follow Up Actions: a) members to provide comments to Task Force Leader (IOC) regarding the current draft version of the slide show; b) complete slide show, pamphlet, poster based on UN Atlas and possibly one page fact sheet for each agency

Decision: Task Force to work on material for Yeosu and UNEP as coordinator, FAO to estimate a modest amount for display.

Decision: Task Force to consider preparing a policy brief under IOC-SCOPE series

UN-Oceans considered the creation of a potential new *Task Force on Marine Debris*. This was catalyzed in part by a recent document produced by the GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel after the 5th Marine Debris Conference, which was highly successful and generated global interest in the topic, especially within the USA and Europe. A decision was taken to create the Marine Debris Task Force with strong links to GESAMP. UNEP and IMO will co-lead the Task Force and prepare Terms of Reference to ensure complementarity with GESAMP relevant work. Other members of UN-Oceans may also participate in the work of the Task Force. IOC and FAO have already expressed interest in the Task Force.

Decision: to formulate terms of reference of the Marine Debris Task Force, UNEP leading with IOC, IMO and FAO as members.

9. Other Inter-Agency Collaborations

Regular Process

DOALOS updated members of UN-Oceans about the meetings relating to the Regular Process, namely the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process of the General Assembly that took place from 1-5 February 2011, and the resumed General Assembly meeting on oceans and the law of the sea, which adopted resolution 65/37 B. She also referred to the upcoming meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to take place from 27-28 June 2011.

The DOALOS representative expressed the hope that the June meeting would agree on a number of implementing actions towards achieving the deadline of 2014, including the convening of regional workshops (see http://www.un.org/Depts/los/global_reporting/global_reporting.htm). It was recalled that the workshops main objective was to allow the Group of Experts to gather information for the first global marine assessment. With regard to facilitating a practical outcome at the June meeting, the following was ongoing:

- Preparation by the Group of Experts of a number of documents in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/65/37 B, which were posted on DOALOS website; and
- Informal consultations were being held by States in preparation for the short two-days June meeting to ensure an effective outcome in view of a potentially heavy agenda.

Informal open-ended consultations were held by the Co-chairs to discuss with delegations the preparation of the agenda of the meeting and other organization of

work, including discussions as to the possible outcome of the meeting. Consultations between DOALOS and other agencies, in particular UNESCO/IOC and UNEP were undertaken, including about issues relating to data handling and communication strategies. In accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions, DOALOS has also requested the Group of Experts to assist in the identification of competent United Nations specialized agencies, which, in addition to UNESCO/IOC, UNEP, IMO and FAO mentioned in General Assembly resolution 65/37 A, may provide technical and scientific support to the Regular Process. DOALOS has also received nominations of focal points for the Regular Process from most of the organizations/agencies and programmes mentioned in General Assembly resolution 65/37 A. UN-Oceans members were informed that DOALOS was considering entering into an agreement with UNEP to facilitate contribution to the Regular Process including with regard to science aspects.

UN Atlas of the Oceans

FAO provided a briefing on the activities and progress in strengthening the UN Atlas of the Oceans. UN Ocean members provided a total of 60k last year for communication work on the Atlas which supported the needed changes. It was noted that there was an update of the products, noting a) trend of Internet hits is about 10k per month, b) usage peaks correlate with international events, but c) content is growing. There was a Technical Committee meeting held in 2010, and was very effective in dealing with a number of issues. The committee would like to add worldview of the state of world oceans.

FAO also reviewed the UN-Oceans Atlas systems development over the last year. There is now an analytical basis using FAO Corporate tools and Google analytics. Keyword harvesting is done to help target messaging etc. and this includes keyword matching.

UNEP offered IGR3 for showcasing the Oceans Atlas, UNEP also noted marine biodiversity assessment and outlook reports were produced for CBD COP10 and provide a world view of marine biodiversity, and offered this content to UN Atlas.

It was noted that at the GESAMP meeting, participants were looking for windows for disseminating GESAMP's work, and sees UN Oceans Atlas as a platform to disseminate information. It was suggested that state of oceans be on the front page, also GESAMP will provide content.

Any entity can provide content using editing functions that are available; users just need to sign up as an editor, and Tina Farmer (FAO) will send note to update everyone on how to use etc.

2012 is the 30th anniversary of the Law of the Sea Convention and members can use the Atlas to also highlight UNCLOS.

FAO, as secretariat of the UN Atlas of the Oceans website which hosts the UN-Oceans web content, with support from UN-Oceans Coordinator, have taken steps to fully update the UN-Oceans pages including all meeting reports back to 1999, updated governance arrangements, and the work of all the Task Forces. Duplicate content originally housed within the IOC/UNESCO web site has been fully migrated to the UN Atlas of the Oceans site.

PaCFA

FAO also provided a briefing on progress in establishing PaCFA and the activities of the group. The objective PaCFA is to support members in the UNFCCC process, and the membership is now up to 23 agencies. OPESCA is active within the membership.

The Strategic Framework for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Climate Change was finalized last year.

The PaCFA web site is now established, and it will be populated with information on the lead-up to COP 17 and COP-related documents. There is also a pipeline of future activities including a COP 17 side event with a focus on Africa, including vulnerability reduction/adaptation capacity issues. The members are compiling case studies to share using the website. PaCFA contributed to World Bank FAO climate smart source book. The group also deals with Blue Carbon issues.

Next steps for PaCFA:

- a) Finalize strategic framework
- b) Review PaCFA mission statement
- c) Workshop to prepare for COP17 - looking for funds for workshop for local activities and increase number case studies to build tool box and share lessons
- d) Task force TOR was more a reporting mechanism
- e) CBD sees it linking to climate change workshop and will liaise with PaCFA task force through FAO

UN-Oceans Mapping Initiative:

UNDP noted that there was a poor response to the questionnaire sent – but saw the review of UN Oceans as an opportunity to complete this task.

10. ICP Meeting (DOALOS)

The representative of DOALOS provided updates on the preparations for the 12th meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (ICP), as follows:

- The appointed Co-Chairs of the meeting would be: Ambassador Don MacKay from New Zealand and Ambassador Milan Jaya Meetarbhan from Mauritius, who is newly appointed to ICP;
- All documents and panellists schedule were posted on the DOALOS website;

- The working documents did not anticipate discussions on ocean governance as specifically expressed by States at the ICP Preparatory Meeting in March 2011;
- The Format of the meeting provided for the possibility of delegations adopting “elements/recommendations” as part of the outcome of the meeting especially since the topic of focus was closely linked to the Rio+20 Conference;
- Big NGO participation was anticipated, although there seemed to have been some issues over lost CSD accreditation. A number of NGOs representatives would participate as part of delegations of NGOs duly accredited.

UN Oceans member were also reminded that as customary, the Coordinator of UN-Oceans was scheduled to make a statement at ICP 12 under agenda 4 entitled: “Cooperation and Coordination”. The statement would also include GESAMP information relevant to the topic of focus of ICP, which was entitled: “Contributing to the assessment, in the context of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, of progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development and addressing new and emerging challenges”. It was also noted that the representatives of UNESCO/IOC and UNEP would also make presentations as panellists, respectively under the segment panel on “Overview of progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development” and “New and emerging challenges for the sustainable development and use of oceans and seas”.

11. UN Oceans web site

Now up to date. All UN oceans report loaded up (see UN Atlas notes above).

12. Future directions

Review of UN oceans – TORs were briefly discussed, and members asked for more time to comment on the TORs.

Group briefly discussed the question of allowing international NGOs to participate in UN Oceans.

Decision: UN-Oceans members would provide comments on the TORs for a UN-Oceans review as soon as possible. The decision to consider NGO participation was postponed until the UN Oceans review was finished.

13. Next meeting

KORDI offered to host the tenth UN-Oceans meeting in Korea in June 2012. Korea will host “Expo 2012 “in Yeosu which will be organized under the theme: The Living Ocean and Coast”(12 May-12 August 2012). A Yeosu declaration, on which some member agencies of UN-Oceans have commented, is tentatively scheduled for release on 9 or 10

August 2012. UN-Oceans members were also informed that CBD will organize high-level events around the Expo.

UN Oceans welcomed the invitation. If appropriate, the UN-Oceans will submit a proposal for a UN-Oceans booth at the Yeosu UN pavillon. FAO would cost the booth and overall costing of travel and DSA for all UN-Oceans participants for possible support by Korea, everyone to estimate return economy airfare to FAO (Tina Farmer).

Follow Up Activity: members to send overall travel costs to Yeosu including DSA to FAO (Tina Farmer) who will compile information into a costing

14. Any other business

None

15. Meeting Closure

Meeting ended 16:45

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1. OPENING (UNDP)**
- 2. HOUSEKEEPING (UNDP)**
- 3. SELECTION OF RAPPORTEUR / REVIEW AGENDA**
- 4. OCEANS & RIO+20**
 - 4.1 UN-SG Efforts to Strengthen UN Coordination and Coherence on Oceans and Enhance Oceans Agenda at Rio+20 (IOC, UNDP)
 - 4.1.1 UN-Oceans review
 - 4.1.2 Ocean input to GSP & Oceans Blue Paper
 - 4.1.3 Friends of the Ocean
 - 4.2 UNEP preparations for Oceans/SIDS in Rio+20 (UNEP)
- 5. UN-OCEANS & 2012 WORLD EXPO YEOSU (IOC/UNEP/CBD)**
 - 5.1 Intervention by Republic of Korea on Yeosu Expo (Rep of Korea govt)
 - 5.2 UN-Oceans contributions to Yeosu Declaration (all)
 - 5.3 UN-Oceans & member contributions to Yeosu Expo Pavilion etc. (UNEP, IOC, UNDP, etc.)
- 6. REPORTS ON AGENCY PROGRAMMES RELEVANT TO UN-OCEANS (all)**
- 7. UPDATES ON KEY OUTCOMES OF CBD COP 10 (CBD)**



8. REPORTS BY THE UN-OCEANS TASK FORCES

- 8.1 TF Biodiversity in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (UN/OLA/DOALOS)
- 8.2 TF Marine Protected Areas and Other Area-Based Tools (CBD)
- 8.3 Possible new TF on Marine Debris (CBD/UNEP/??)
- 8.4 TF on Global Partnership Climate, Fisheries & Aquaculture - PaCFA (FAO)
- 8.5 TF UN-Oceans Outreach (IOC)

9. OTHER INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATIONS

- 9.1. Assessment of Assessments - Update on progress, Results of Ad Hoc WG meeting February 2011 (DOALOS/IOC/UNEP)
- 9.2 UN Atlas of the Oceans (FAO)
- 9.3 PACFA
- 9.4 UN-Oceans Mapping Initiative

10. UN OPEN-ENDED ICP OCEANS & LOTS JUNE 2011 (DOALOS)

11. UN-OCEANS WEB SITE (FAO/UNDP)

12. FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR UN-OCEANS

13. 2012 UN-OCEANS MEETING VENUE & DATE

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15. MEETING CLOSURE

