



GESAMP, the Regular Process and the importance of ocean science

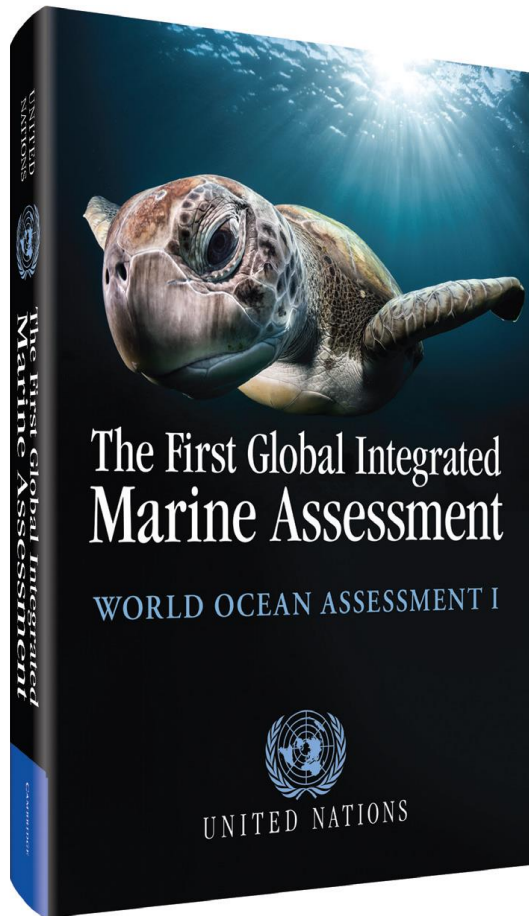
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Overview

1. The role of the Regular Process
2. The role of GESAMP
3. Interactions between assessment processes – challenges and opportunities



The role of the Regular Process



- Global mechanism
- Regular review of the state of the ocean
- Environmental, economic and social aspects
- Integrated and holistic perspective
- Assessment establishes a baseline

The second cycle

- 2016 to 2020
- WOA II will:
 - Build on the baseline in WOA I
 - Evaluate trends and identify gaps
- Three technical abstracts of WOA I
 - 2030 Agenda
 - UNFCCC
 - Marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ)



Activities in support of the second cycle

12 regional workshops



Multi-stakeholder dialogue and capacity-building partnership event



50th
Anniversary
(1969-2019)



GESAMP

Joint Group of Experts on the
Scientific Aspects of Marine
Environmental Protection

The role of GESAMP

- Support marine environmental assessments
- Undertake in-depth studies, analyses and reviews of specific topics
- Identify emerging issues

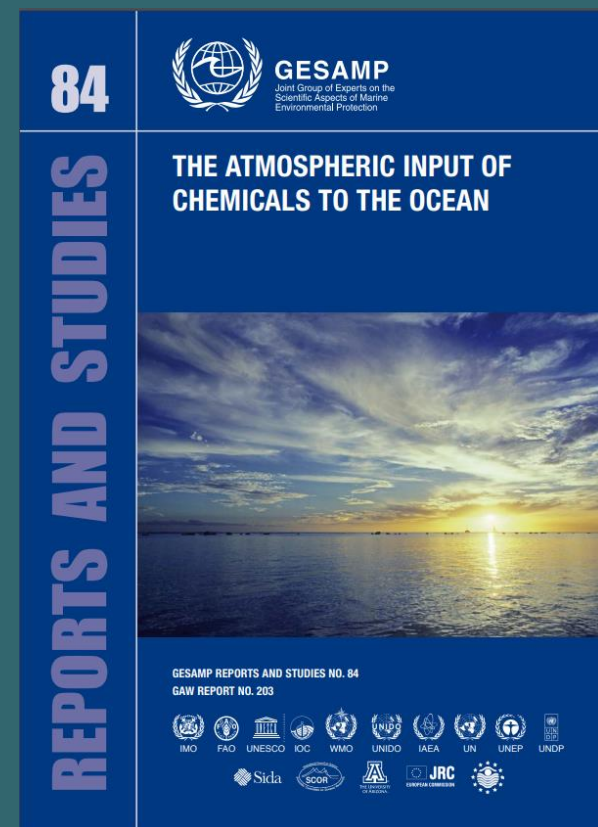
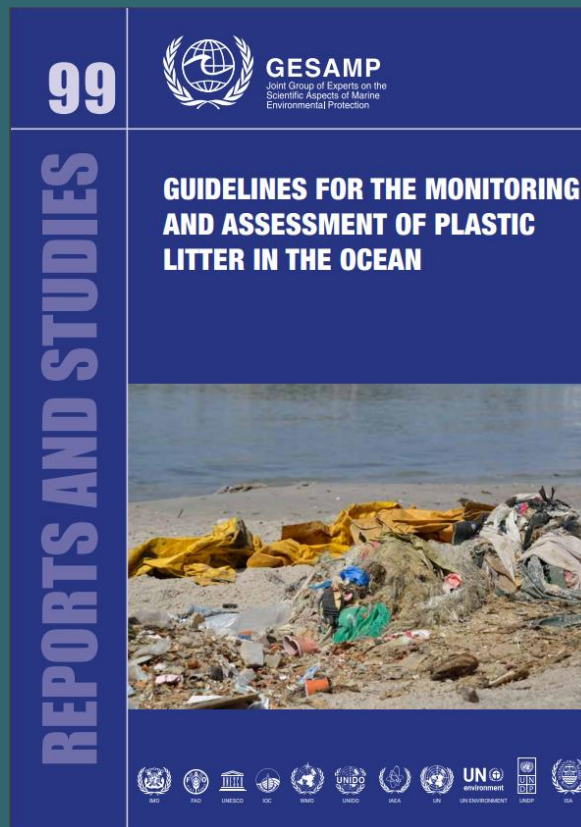
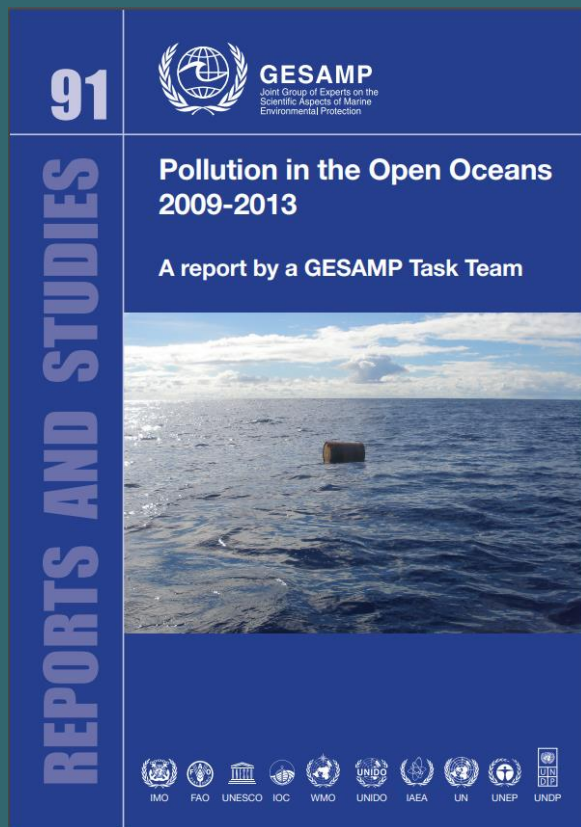


GESAMP and the
Regular Process:
interactions

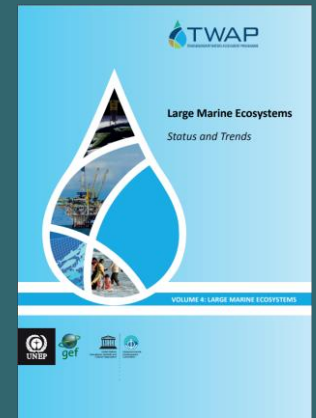
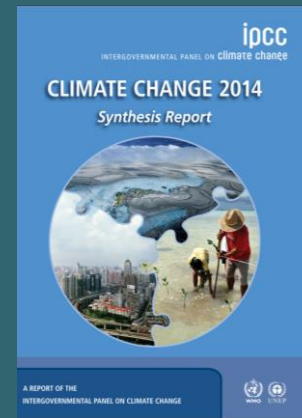
Interactions with other processes

- Importance of science for sustainable development
 - Agenda 21 – chapter 17
 - SDGs – 14.C
 - Call for action
- Scientific basis for policy-making
- A wide variety of assessments now exist
- WOA aims to integrate these





GESAMP assessments



Other existing assessments

Challenges

- Quality of data
- Policy relevance
- Consistency
- Communication

Opportunities

- Capacity-building
- Science-policy interface
- Cooperation
- Communication



The Ocean Conference

Lisbon, 2-6 June 2020



2020



- Science, innovation, partnership
- Declaration
- Voluntary commitments

The Decade

- Ocean science that is fit for purpose
- Links between the Regular Process and the Decade
- Need a dynamic and mutually reinforcing cooperation



2021
2030 United Nations Decade
of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

The Third Cycle



- 2021-2025
- Draft programme of work
- Lessons learned
- Interaction with Decade
- Interaction with other processes



Thank you for your attention!