

Aligning Efforts to Address ABNJ Governance in the CPPS Region

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Project complementarity



- Both projects have **similar scopes and objectives**, but are **complementary** in nature
- This **complementarity** allows us to:
 - Dig into each thematic issue in **more depth** and tackle them from **different angles** to better understand the complexity of the region;
 - **Join efforts** as well as **human and financial resources** to avoid duplication of work;
 - Put together our **organisational strengths** and **personal expertise** for the benefit of the region.
- We are joining forces and working together on **identifying areas of synergy for collaboration**, including through:
 - The identification of **consistent focal points and stakeholders** in the region;
 - The organisation of **joint workshops** – ex. planning a joint workshop in the first quarter of 2018;
 - The identification of **future opportunities** to **promote our work** and **develop a complementary next work phase**.

Thematic Overlaps

- To reach their objectives, both projects look at important ABNJ aspects for the region, including:
 - **Governance aspects;**
 - **Ecological baselines and connectivity;**
 - **Management measures.**
- For each of the thematic components, both projects will:
 - Ensure that the analyses undertaken complement & build on each other to avoid duplicating work;
 - Ensure that the needs of the region are taken into account.

Regional-Global Linkages



- The **BBNJ negotiations** are **likely to start in 2018** with the establishment of a UN international conference
- It is important to ensure the **inclusion of regional governance** into the BBNJ negotiation discussions by:
 - **Bringing the outcomes** of both projects **to the attention of BBNJ negotiators and stakeholders**;
 - **Ensuring knowledge and lessons learnt exchanges** between the regional and global levels;
 - **Building capacity** within the region to ensure that it is equipped to take **better informed decisions**.
- Both projects can **join efforts** and **resources** to bring regional knowledge to the international discussions

Legacy for the CPPS Region



- Both of these projects will provide a new ABNJ outlook for this region;
- Project legacies include:
 - Valuable data and information for improved decision-making;
 - Increased knowledge and understanding about the importance of ABNJ;
 - Increased cooperative exchange between the different stakeholders;
 - Capacity building;
 - Plans for improving regional governance of ABNJ.
- It will be important to keep the regional ABNJ momentum going beyond the end of these two projects by:
 - Collectively identifying future opportunities to implement plans.

Thank you!



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