Deep-sea mining (A/76/171, para. 77)

Science/technology/data, including capacity-building

Protection of living resources (A/64/131, para. 73);

Impact of unfair subsidies on the fishing industry of developing States (A/64/131, para. 73, and A/70/78, para. 115);

Marine biological diversity and genetic resources

Seaward implications of sea level rise as a result of climate change in the light of the possible effects of changing baselines for maritime activities and applicable legal regimes (A/74/119, para. 83); Ocean-based climate interventions (A/78/129, para. 83);

Oceans and sustainable development

Oceans and sustainable development: integration of all three sustainable development concerns, namely, environmental, social and economic aspects (A/63/174. para. 140 (a));

Sustainable use of ocean resources (A/64/131, para. 73);

The Rio+20 process (A/65/164, para. 88);

Other

Threats to the oceans (A/65/164, para. 88).

An examination of the threats, including cumulative impacts, to marine species from indirect human actions and an exploration of practical, ecosystem-based approaches to mitigate those threats. Such threats could include chemical and noise pollution, coastal development and other indirect human threats (A/69/90, para. 92);

B. <u>List of the topics of focus selected by the General Assembly for the first to twenty-fourth meetings</u> of the Informal Consultative Process

First meeting

- Responsible fisheries and illegal, unregulated and unreported fisheries
- Economic and social impacts of marine pollution and degradation, especially in coastal areas

Second meeting

- Marine science and the development and transfer of marine technology as mutually agreed, including capacity-building
- Coordination and cooperation in combating piracy and armed robbery at sea

Third meeting

- Protection and preservation of the marine environment
- Capacity-building, regional cooperation and coordination, and integrated ocean management, as important cross-cutting issues to address ocean affairs, such as marine science and the transfer of technology, sustainable fisheries, the degradation of the marine environment and the safety of navigation

Fourth meeting

- Safety of navigation; for example, capacity-building for the production of nautical charts
- Protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems

Fifth meeting

- New sustainable uses of the oceans, including the conservation and management of the biological diversity of the seabed in areas beyond national jurisdiction

Sixth meeting

- Fisheries and their contribution to sustainable development
- Marine debris

Twenty-first meeting

- Sea level rise and its impacts

Twenty-second meeting

- Ocean observing

Twenty-third meeting

- New maritime technologies: challenges and opportunities

Twenty-fourth meeting

- The ocean as a source of sustainable food