

## ***Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biodiversity***

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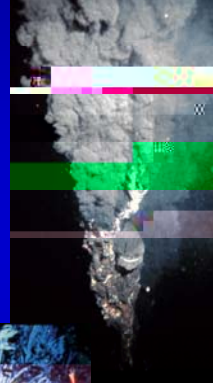
### ***OVERVIEW***

- Introduction
  - What is marine biodiversity?
  - Why is it important?
  - What are the main anthropogenic stresses to marine biodiversity?
- International legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity
  - UNCLOS
  - Other instruments
  - Recent developments within the United Nations [AHWG]
- Examples of key issues in recent years:
  - Area-based management tools
  - Marine genetic resources
- Conclusions

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## INTRODUCTION

- **What is marine biodiversity?**
  - Variability among living organisms and the ecological complexes of which they are part
  - Includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems
  - Status of knowledge
- **Why is marine biodiversity important?**
  - Direct value
  - Indirect value



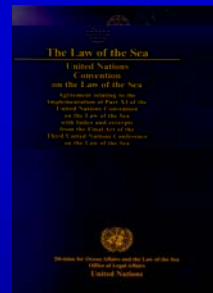
## INTRODUCTION (cont.)

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# INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- **How does UNCLOS address it?**
  - UNCLOS' framework and principles
  - General obligation to protect and preserve the marine environment (Part XII, etc.)
  - Conservation and management of marine living resources within (art. 61-68) and beyond (art.116-120) national jurisdiction



## *INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK (cont.)*

### *Fisheries*

- UN Fish Stocks Agreement
- FAO Compliance Agreement
- FAO Code of Conduct on Responsible Fisheries
- FAO International Plans of Action

### *Shipping*

- International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships



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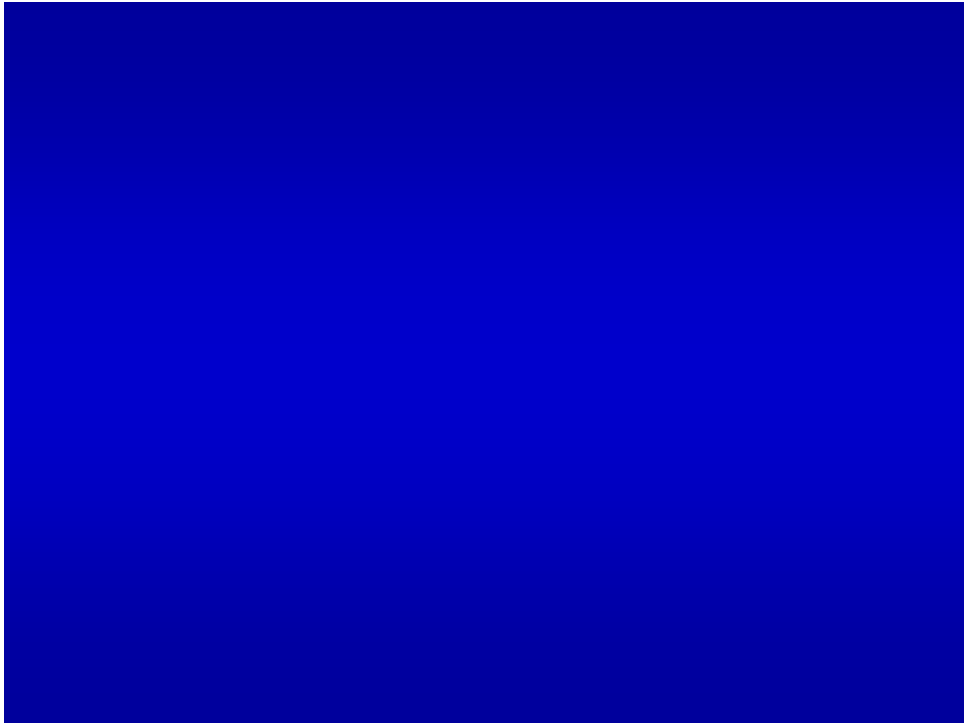
- **Examples of ABMTs and regulatory framework**
  - Marine protected areas (MPAs)
  - Area-based management of fisheries
  - Area-based management of other marine species and ecosystems
  - Area-based management of the impacts of shipping activities
  - Other ABMTs and approaches

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- **Implementation of ABMTs**
  - Identification of areas
  - Management
  - Compliance and enforcement
  - Research monitoring and assessment

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## *CONCLUSIONS*

- The need for implementation of existing instruments
- Are existing instruments and principles adequate to address emerging issues as well as the cumulative impacts of current activities?
- Are there any legal or institutional gaps? If so, how should those gaps be addressed?

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