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Ocean and the Law of the Sea

Contribution of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO to the Report of the Secretary-General

Executive Summary.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF OCEAN AFFAIRS AND THE LAW OF THE SEA (PART II)

Pursuant to the resolution 70/235 entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea" adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2015, the information below represents the contribution of the

~~International Commission on the Law of the Sea to the report of the Secretary-General~~

Ocean research

The IOC continues to engage in climate change and ocean acidification science in particular. IOC is a member of the Executive Council of the Global Ocean Acidification Network (GOA-ON). It provides support and leadership to activities including regional efforts in Latin America, including

document is envisaged to be published in July 2016, a map prepared with the support by the Ministry of COMETC. Publishing the existing information is already available.

... the Global Access Report (GAR) which will provide...

observations that will be submitted to the UNFCCC/SBSTA at COP-22. A draft plan will be issued for comment in July 2016, and will incorporate additional attention to the major climate cycles ~~(energy system sources) as well as the needs for monitoring to support both mitigation and~~

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The IOC Project Office for IODE is continuing to assist all IOC programmes with the hosting and technical management of their web sites and associated tools and products such as OceanExpert, OceanDocs, OceanDataPractices, OceanDataStandards, OceanDataPortal, etc.

between July 2015 and April 2016, to a total of 46 million records. Not less than 29 publications have cited OBIS in the first three months of 2016. OBIS is organized around national, regional and thematic OBIS nodes, which are responsible for the data flow from data providers to the central OBIS node, including ensuring the quality of the data. The OBIS secretariat at the IODE Project Office integrates all the data in a central open-access database. Two important new OBIS nodes

The Tsunami Unit organized or co-organised 19 preparedness and awareness activities over the past year. Several in-country trainings on Tsunami Warning and Emergency Response and use of the PTWC Enhanced Products for National Tsunami Threat Decision-Making took place in the South West Pacific, specifically in Tonga (24–27 August 2015), Solomon Islands (22–25 September 2015) and Cook Islands (16–19 November 2015). Several workshops on tsunami

hazard assessment designed to provide the best available scientific advice towards tsunami preparedness were organized (16 - 18 November 2015, Xiamen, China; (6-7 May 2016, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; 23 - 24 June 2016, San Jose, Costa Rica).

The Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWMS) is focusing more attention

In recent years mass occurrences of the brown algae genus *Sargassum* have been increasing and now a major problem to coastal States in the Americas, especially in the Wider Caribbean and

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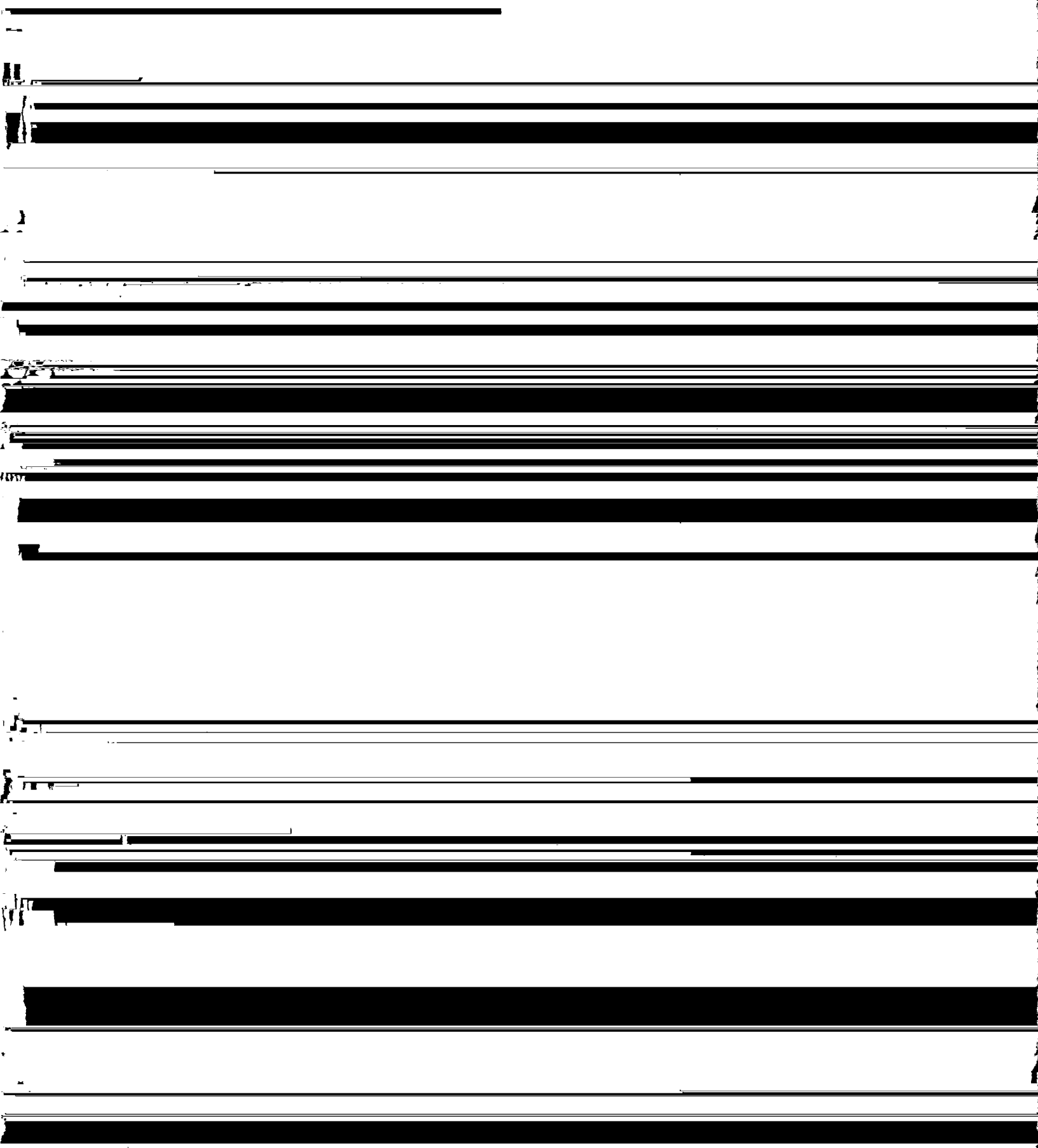
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Development Goal 14. IOC highlighted the role of science and ocean observation in informing sustainable marine economic development



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