## UNU Contributions for background note for 2020 Conference on Implementation of SDG 14 October 2019

The United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) has a number of research projects in support of the implementation of SDG 14, the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

The International Satoyama Initiative (ISI), in which UNU-IAS hosts the Secretariat of its International Partnership for Satoyama Initiative (IPSI), promotes the study of worldwide experiences on sustainable use of marine resources for biodiversity conservation. Central to the and (socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes: SEPLS) concept of IPSI is the emphasis of the interconnectedness and linkages of terrestrial and marine environments or "Ridge to Reef" approach to management of nature. Since its establishment in 2010, the IPSI has thus far gathered over 180 case study experiences of 258 member organizations from about 70 countries. IPSI has also recently hosted a C