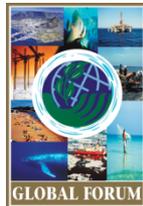


# Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ) 2016 Regional Leaders Program

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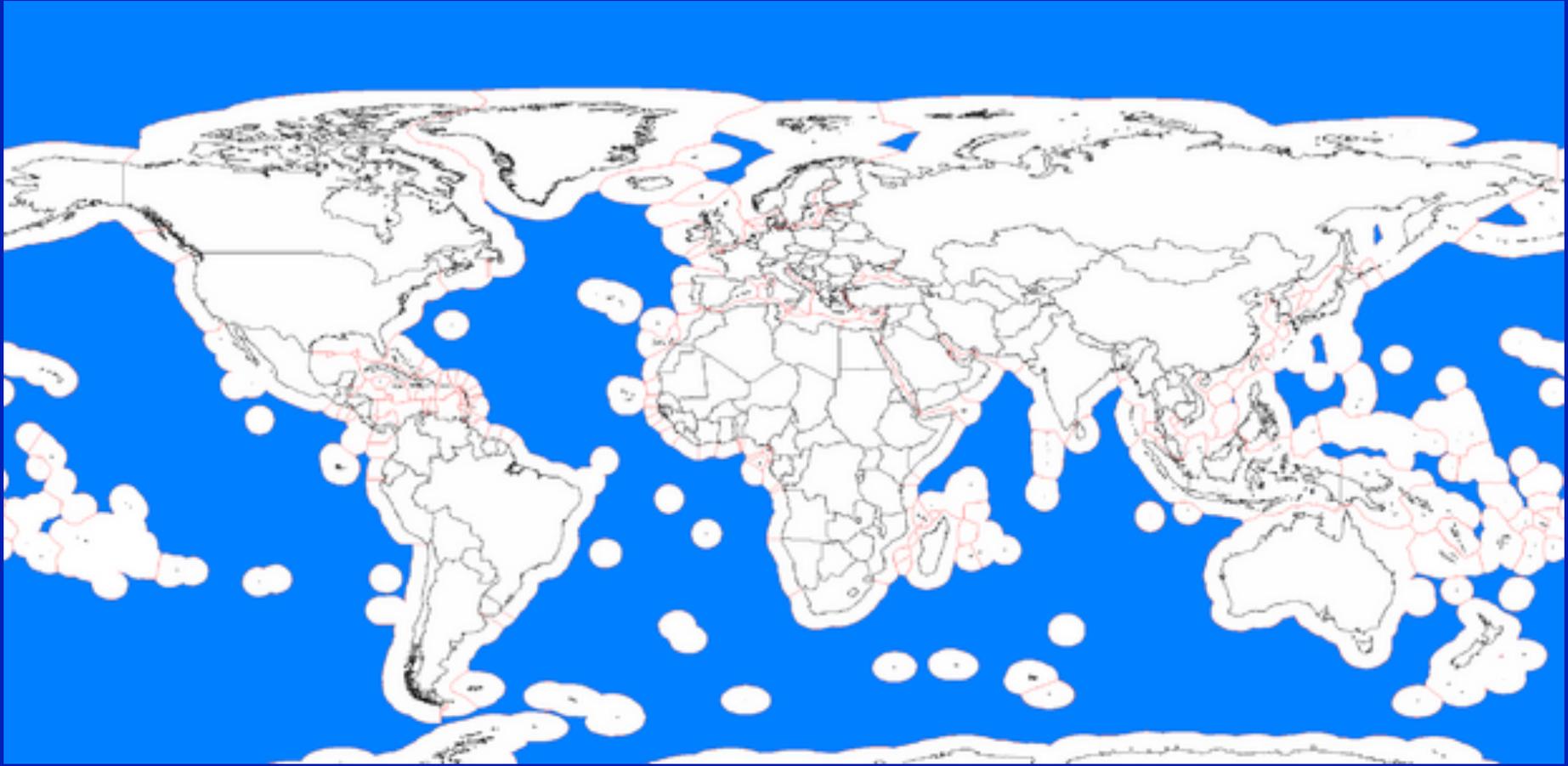
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# Welcome and Introductions

- **Biliana Cicin-Sain—President, Global Ocean Forum**
- **Vladimir Jares—Deputy Director, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea**
- **Tina Farmer, Communication Adviser, Office of the Deputy Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**
- **Valentina Germani, UNDOALOS**
- **Miriam Balgos, Program Coordinator and Course Organizer, Global Ocean Forum**
- **Ujwala Ramakrishna, Policy Researcher, Global Ocean Forum**

# Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction



## **Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)**

- **64% of the ocean, plays key functions regarding regulating climate and temperature, involves important economic uses, great biodiversity of unknown future potential**
- **Should be of concern to all the world's inhabitants**
- **Over the past 25 years we have learned/are learning how to manage the oceans under national jurisdiction—first the coastal zones, then the Exclusive Economic Zones**
- **We have experimented, as well, with regional ocean management, through the Regional Seas Programs, the Large Marine Ecosystem Programs, the Regional Fishery Management Organizations**

- **Now poised at the beginning of a new era— how do we manage better the ocean beyond national jurisdiction and protect the valuable diversity and the ecosystem functions of the ocean, harmonize multiple uses, and promote sustainable development while retaining/enhancing the ocean's natural capital?**
- **At the global level, nations considering possible new rules and processes for managing ABNJ and for protecting biodiversity. There is an ongoing debate as to whether and which new rules and processes may be needed.**
- **At the regional level, increasing need to consider management of ABNJ regions and how processes and activities in ABNJ interact with processes and activities in areas of national jurisdiction. Starting to see innovative approaches at the regional level to address issues and opportunities in ABNJ.**
- **At the national level, growing awareness of the need to address ABNJ and to better deal with interconnections between national ocean management and ABNJ**
- **Capacity development central to all of the above**

**ABNJ Regional Leaders Program**  
**Part of *GOF/FAO/GEF Project on Strengthening Global Capacity to Effectively Manage ABNJ***

**Cross-Sectoral Policy Dialogues**

***Cross-sectoral Multi-stakeholder Workshops***

- **Linking global and regional levels in the management of ABNJ, FAO, Rome, February 2015**
- **Capacity development regarding area-based management in ABNJ, Grenada, May 2016**

***High-level Dialogues at Major Ocean-related Meetings***

- **Such as at the UN BBNJ Working Group Meetings**

# **Global Capacity to Effectively Manage ABNJ**

## **Capacity Development**

### *Regional ABNJ Leaders Program*

**Strengthen capacity to better understand and address issues in ABNJ and to more effectively participate in global and regional ABNJ processes**

**--promote mutual understanding of global and regional/national processes regarding ABNJ**

**--bring national/regional perspectives to the global level to contribute to the making of global decisions that are informed by regional/national realities**

**Highly competitive program**

# **Project on Strengthening Global Capacity to Effectively Manage ABNJ**

## **Knowledge Management and Outreach**

### *Public Outreach Network*

- Awareness-raising and advocacy
- Network of journalists and specialists

### *ABNJ Portal*

- Information sharing and exchange
- Dissemination of Program information

## ***Leads: Global Ocean Forum, FAO***

### ***Partners***

- **French Marine Protected Areas Agency**
- **Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology**
- **UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**
- **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO**
- **Institute for International Relations and Sustainable Development (IDDRI)**
- **Nausicaä Centre National de la Mer (France)**
- **World Ocean Network**
- **Vietnam National University**
- **SeaOrbiter**
- **Deep Sea Conservation Coalition,**
- **Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)**
- **Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA)**
- **International Ocean Institute**
- **Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**
- **UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea**
- **International Maritime Organization**

# **Additional Support**

- **Kingdom of the Netherlands**
- **UN-Nippon Foundation of Japan Fellowship Programme**
- **Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea**
- **PSIDS Fellowship on Oceans and Seas**
- **International Seabed Authority**
- **Squire Patton Boggs**

# Global Sustainable Fisheries Management and Biodiversity Conservation in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Program



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The **Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Program (ABNJ)** - often referred to as Common Oceans - is a broad scale, innovative approach to achieve efficient and sustainable management of fisheries resources and biodiversity conservation in marine areas which don't fall under the responsibility of any one country.

To achieve this goal the program is comprised of four specific areas of work:

- > Sustainable management of tuna fisheries & biodiversity
- > Sustainable use of deep-sea living resources & biodiversity
- > Oceans Partnership for sustainable fisheries & biodiversity conservation
- > Strengthening global capacity to effectively manage ABNJ

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Marine areas beyond national jurisdiction cover 64 per cent of the surface of the oceans, make up 40 per cent of the earth's surface, with marine living resources valued at well over U.S. \$10 billion annually.*



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## **How Did We Get Here?**

- **Since 2006, involvement in global ABNJ processes**
- **GOF Working Group on ABNJ, 2006**
- **Nice meeting 2008**
- **Singapore meeting 2008**
- **GEF decision to create a global program on ABNJ 2010**
- **Working with FAO since 2010 to create the new program**
- **Strong conviction that capacity development is an essential element for appropriate ABNJ management, and that it is important to link global and regional processes**

# **Importance and Special Character of ABNJ**

- **Significance for international ocean governance—a major remaining question**
- **Complex framework in place**
  - **Law of the Sea as the constitution for the world's oceans**
  - **Sustainable development summits (1992, 2002, 2012)**
  - **Many sectoral international agreements**
  - **Many separate regional agreements/initiatives**
- **Remoteness, complexity of environments—scientific knowledge is limited**
- **Little awareness among many countries/stakeholders**

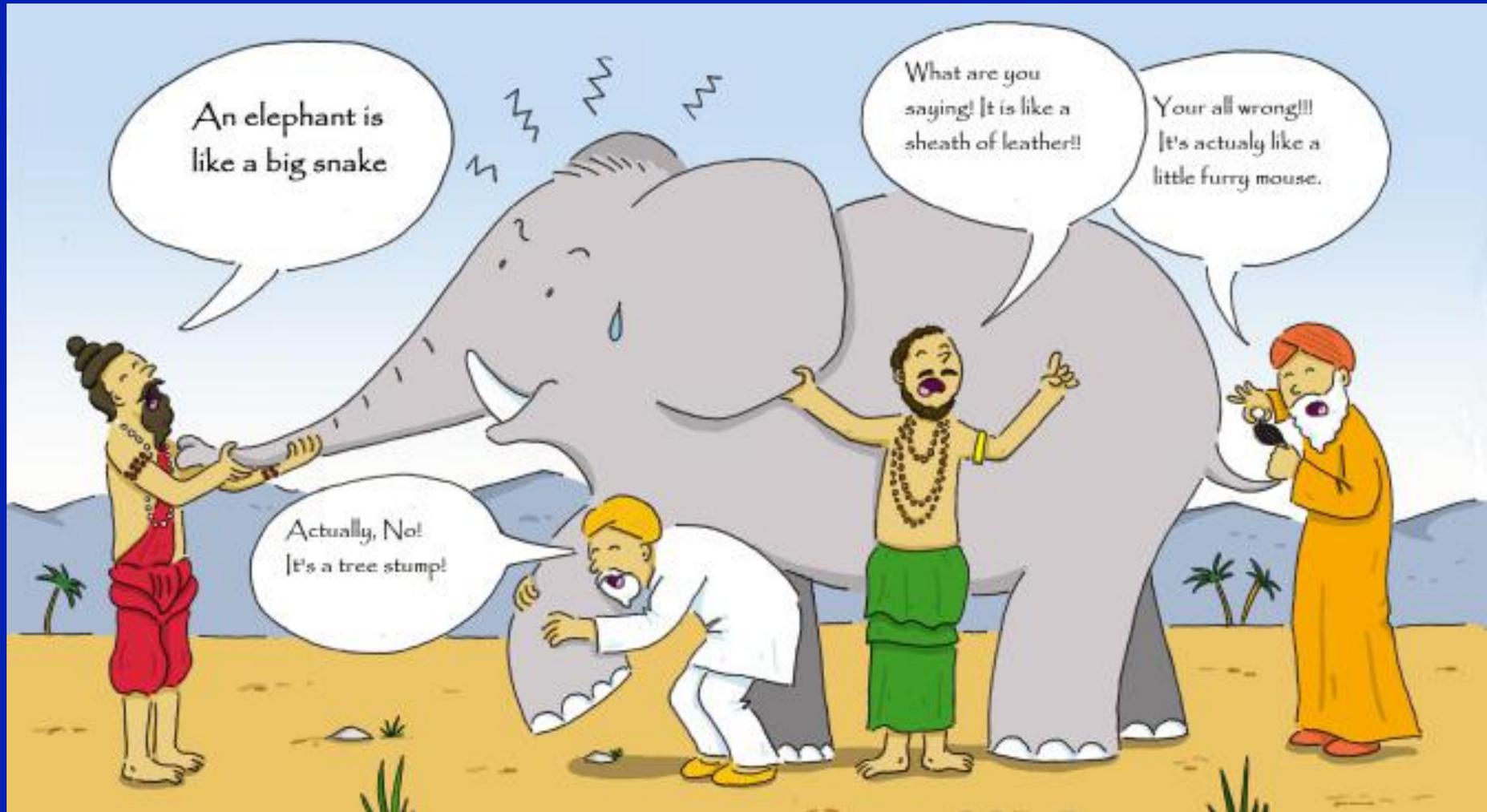
## **Significance (cont.)**

- **Countries mainly interested in oceans under national jurisdiction—coastal zones and EEZs (and significant progress made on EBM/ICM in national areas)**
- **At global level, countries are divided on what regime to craft, great diversity of opinions**
- **At regional levels, problems related to ABNJ becoming evident, but difficult to address given multiple regional organizations, partial and separate authorities, and lack of mandates and funding**
- **Little systematic connection between global and regional levels**

# Conduct of the Course

- **Any question goes.....No one understands the full story.....**
- **Each of your perspectives— national, regional, is invaluable.....**
- **Through discussion, these can be aggregated and progress made**

# Blind Men and the Elephant



# **Conduct of the Course**

- **Open, frank discussion**
- **As course organizers, we encourage constructive debate, and the consideration of all perspectives in a balanced manner**

# Readings

- **For each module:**
  - **Main text (must read)**
  - **Additional readings (recommended)**
- **List and link to information resources will be made available on the GOF website**

# Capacity Development Questionnaire

- **Designed to determine existing capacity as well as the desired capacity in the management of ABNJ, especially for developing countries and small island developing States (SIDS)**

# **Participation in First BBNJ PrepCom**

- **As representatives of the NGO  
“International Coastal and Ocean  
Organization” (Secretariat of the Global  
Ocean Forum)  
– As an observer**
- **If contact with Permanent Mission has been  
established, may get invited to serve as a  
member of the state’s delegation**

# March 30 Side Event on:

- *“Regional and National Perspectives on Area-Based Management and Capacity Development Needs in Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ): Examples from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Pacific Islands Regions”*
- Will feature group presentations from the Regional Leaders
- Contribute national/regional perspectives to the first session of the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292
- Preparation for group presentations, 29 March

# Course Wrap-up

- **Post-course Quiz**
  - Used to determine the level of learning obtained through the Program
  - 30 point quiz comprised of multiple choice, check boxes, fill in the blanks, and true/false questions
  - Based on the lectures given throughout the course
- **Evaluation**
  - Short questionnaire
  - Aims to determine the effectiveness of the ABNJ Regional Leaders Program in order to improve implementation of future training sessions