



MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON FISHERIES COOPERATION AMONG
AFRICAN STATES BORDERING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN
(ATLAFCO)

Challenges of the COP BBNJ process for developing states: The case of OSPESCA member states



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BBNJ IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP



TO BRIDGE IN, THE COP (I, II, III, IV...) MUST:

Agree on the Secretariat
Agree on its Rules of Procedure
Agree on the financial mechanism
Agree on guidelines governing relations with IFBs
Decide on the Scientific and Technical Body
Agree on regulations for the Clearing-House Mechanism
Ensure its full operation
...and any other institutional and operational arrangements required for implementation.

RULES FOR COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION ARE WORKING



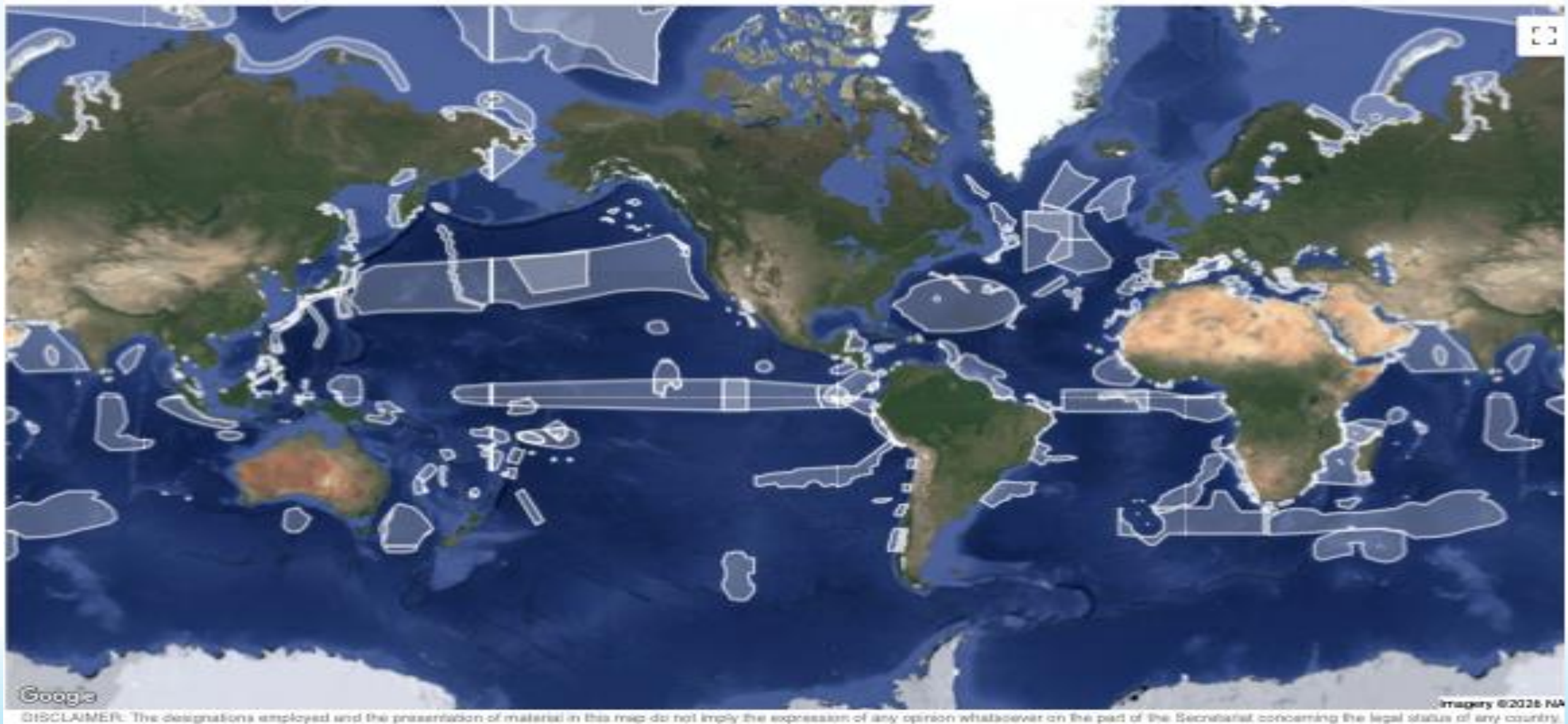
BBNJ IS OPERATING AND BEING EFFECTIVE



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INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF THE OCEANS

EBSAs in the High Seas expanding into EEZs
EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN

LEGEND

- Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs)
- High Seas (Beyond National Jurisdiction)
- EBSAs in the High Seas (identified under CBD)
- POTENTIAL MPA / ABMT**
- Biodiversity Hotspots
- Migratory Corridors
- Productivity Areas
- Vulnerable Ecosystems
- Seamounts & Features
- KEY INTEGRATED AREAS**
- EPO Corridor (Clipperton to Galápagos)
- Pacific Dome (Costa Rican Dome)

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLE

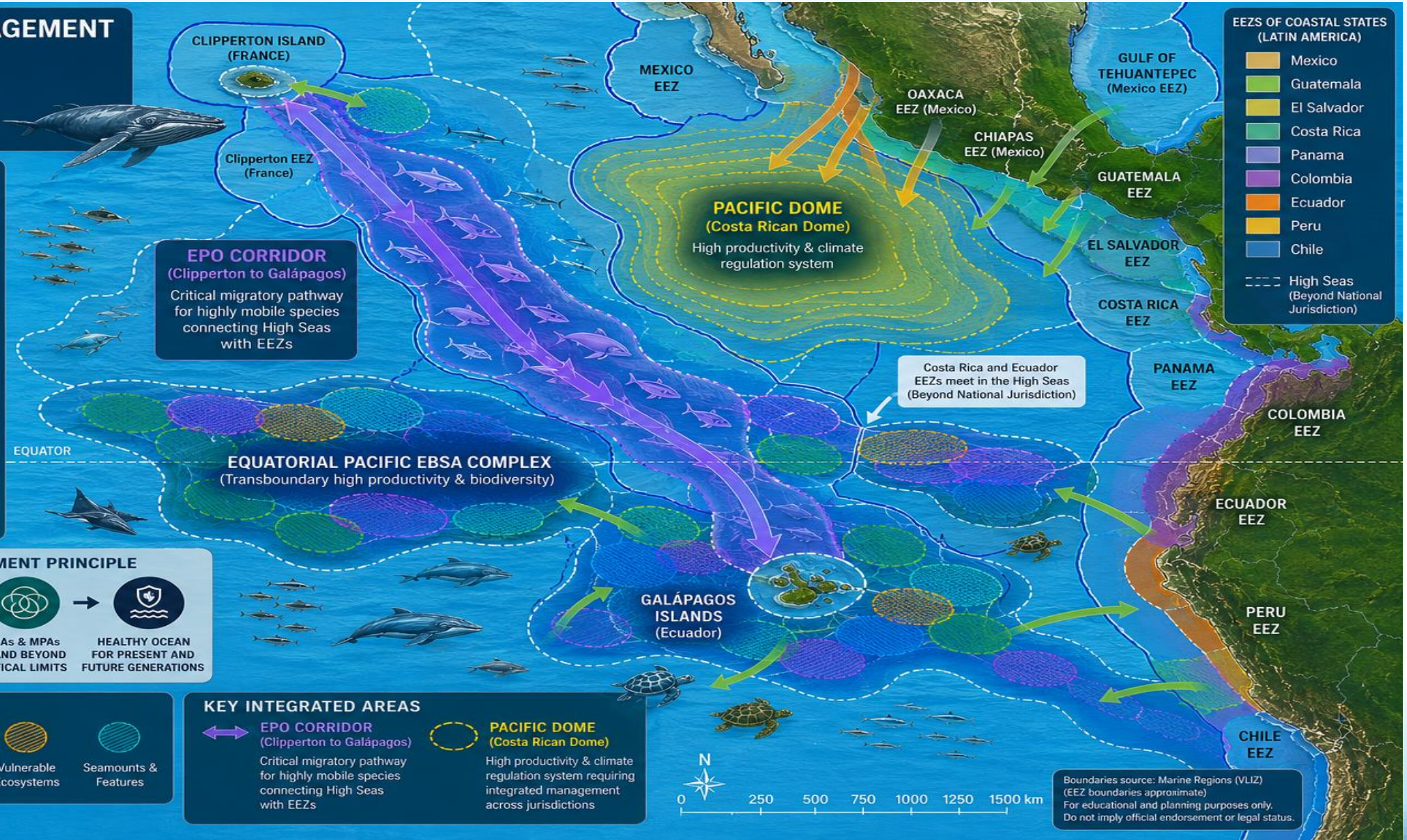


TYPE OF EBSAs

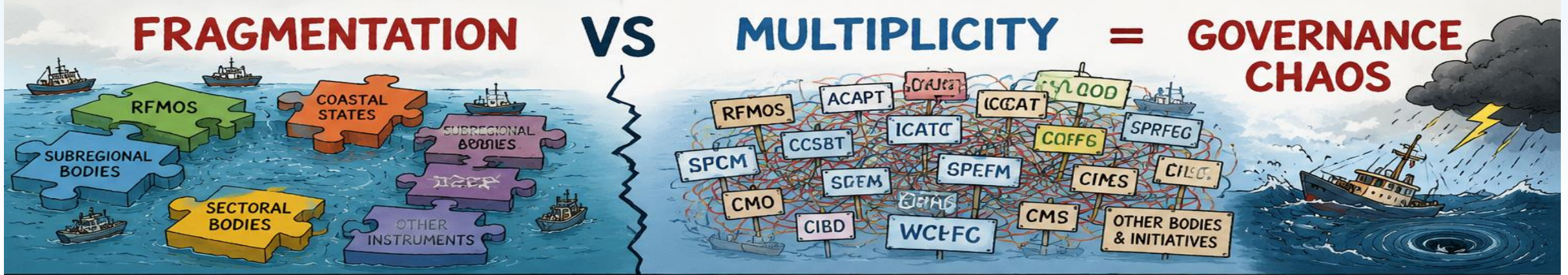
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KEY INTEGRATED AREAS

- EPO CORRIDOR** (Clipperton to Galápagos)
Critical migratory pathway for highly mobile species connecting High Seas with EEZs
- PACIFIC DOME** (Costa Rican Dome)
High productivity & climate regulation system requiring integrated management across jurisdictions



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THREE ENIGMAS, ONE OCEAN, ONE CHOICE

FRAGMENTATION VS MULTIPLE OVERLAPPING AUTHORITIES = CHAOS

RFMOS
SUBREGIONAL BODIES
REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS
NGOS
OTHER INITIATIVES

FISHERIES AUTHORITIES
ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITIES
SHIPPING AUTHORITIES
MINING AUTHORITIES
RESEARCH BODIES
COASTAL BODIES
COASTAL STATE AGENCIES

UNCLOS

COORDINATION UNDER UNCLOS UMBRELLA
INTEGRATION • COHERENCE • COOPERATION
ONE LEGAL FRAMEWORK • ONE OCEAN

VULNERABLE FISHING COMMUNITIES VS HEALTHY BLUE ECONOMY

POVERTY
• LIMITED ACCESS
• INSECURITY
• CLIMATE IMPACTS
• EXCLUSION
• NO VOICE

DECENT LIVELIHOODS
✓ FOOD SECURITY
✓ SUSTAINABLE USE
✓ OCEAN HEALTH
✓ INCLUSION
✓ RESILIENT COMMUNITIES
✓ INNOVATION

FISHERIES MANAGED VS HIDDEN I.U.U. FISHING

SCIENCE-BASED STOCK ASSESSMENTS
✓ TRANSPARENT DATA
✓ MONITORING & CONTROL
✓ COMPLIANCE
✓ SUSTAINABLE YIELDS

NO REPORTING
✗ NO TRANSPARENCY
✗ IDENTITY CONCEALED
✗ ILLEGAL GEAR
✗ OFFENDING REGULATIONS
✗ DEPLETING STOCKS
✗ HARMING COMMUNITIES

I.U.U. FISHING

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A COORDINATED PATH FOR THE FISHERIES SECTOR TOWARD EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BBNJ AGREEMENT



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SUCCESS IS OUR CHOICE

TOGETHER, WE BUILD A SUSTAINABLE OCEAN FUTURE

GOOD SCIENCE

Evidence-based knowledge for informed decisions.



GOOD MANAGEMENT

Effective policies and measures for resilient fisheries and ecosystems.



GOOD COORDINATION

Working together across sectors, regions and stakeholders.



ROBUST INTEGRATION

Linking science, policy, economy and communities for holistic solutions.



RESPECT OF COMPETENCES

Clear roles and mandates with trust, transparency and mutual respect.



TOGETHER WE ENSURE

HEALTHY OCEANS

- ✓ Thriving ecosystems
- ✓ Clean, productive waters
- ✓ Climate resilience

SUSTAINABLE BIODIVERSITY

- ✓ Protected species and habitats
- ✓ Balanced ecosystems
- ✓ Biodiversity for future generations

LONG TERM CONSERVATION

- ✓ Intergenerational equity
- ✓ Sustained benefits
- ✓ A legacy we can be proud of

Our commitment today, a thriving ocean tomorrow.

SCIENCE GUIDES US. MANAGEMENT PROTECTS US. COORDINATION UNITES US.

INTEGRATION STRENGTHENS US. RESPECT EMPOWERS US.



CENTRAL AMERICA VOTES FOR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE

OUR OCEAN. OUR FUTURE. OUR RESPONSIBILITY.



UNITED IN VISION,
UNITED IN ACTION,
UNITED IN OUR VOTE.



STRONG AND CLEAR LEGAL AND POLITICAL FRAMEWORKS

STRONG LEGAL FRAMEWORKS



- ✓ CLEAR RULES
- ✓ ENFORCEMENT
- ✓ ACCOUNTABILITY
- ✓ TRANSPARENCY

STRONG POLITICAL FRAMEWORKS



- ✓ POLITICAL WILL
- ✓ REGIONAL COOPERATION
- ✓ INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION
- ✓ EQUITY AND JUSTICE

RESULT: A HEALTHY OCEAN FOR ALL



THRIVING BIODIVERSITY



SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES



RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



LONG-TERM CONSERVATION



TOGETHER, WE BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR CENTRAL AMERICA
ONE VOTE. ONE REGION. ONE OCEAN.



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Recipe Book for Ratifying the BBNJ Agreement

A concise roadmap for healthy oceans and thriving biodiversity

CORE INGREDIENTS

- ✓ Active participation by all States
- ✓ Strong and transparent ocean governance
- ✓ Respect for the competencies of International Framework Bodies (IFBs)
- ✓ A State-driven implementation process
- ✓ Open access to sound and reliable science
- ✓ Effective national coordination mechanisms
- ✓ Participatory and consultative national and regional frameworks
- ✓ Mandatory advisory processes for national authorities
- ✓ Vigilance against actions that may weaken the UNCLOS system
- ✓ Application of best available science, the precautionary principle, and the ecosystem approach
- ✓ Commitment to conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity



Our ingredients, our future.

Healthy Ocean, Resilient Planet

PREPARATION METHOD

- 1 ENGAGE FULLY** Encourage broad State participation to ensure inclusive and legitimate governance of marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ).
- 2 STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE** Build effective, cooperative, and transparent governance structures that reinforce international ocean stewardship.
- 3 RESPECT EXISTING COMPETENCIES** Safeguard the mandates and expertise of IFBs while promoting institutional coherence and collaboration.
- 4 KEEP THE PROCESS STATE-DRIVEN** Ensure that implementation and decision-making remain anchored in State leadership and multilateral consensus.
- 5 SECURE SCIENTIFIC AVAILABILITY** Promote access to the best available scientific knowledge, data sharing, and scientific cooperation.
- 6 IMPROVE NATIONAL COORDINATION** Foster coordination among ministries, institutions, and stakeholders to support coherent national implementation.
- 7 INSTITUTIONALIZE PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTATION** Establish national and regional consultative frameworks that provide mandatory advisory input to national authorities.
- 8 PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF UNCLOS** Remain alert to initiatives or practices that could undermine the legal and institutional framework of the UNCLOS system.
- 9 APPLY SOUND MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES** Use best available science, the precautionary approach, and the ecosystem approach when developing and implementing management measures.
- 10 PROMOTE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE** Advance balanced policies that protect marine biodiversity while ensuring its sustainable and equitable use.



FINAL OUTCOME

By combining participation, science, coordination, and responsible governance, States can effectively ratify and implement the BBNJ Agreement, contributing to a healthy ocean, resilient ecosystems, and the long-term conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity for present and future generations.



PARTICIPATION

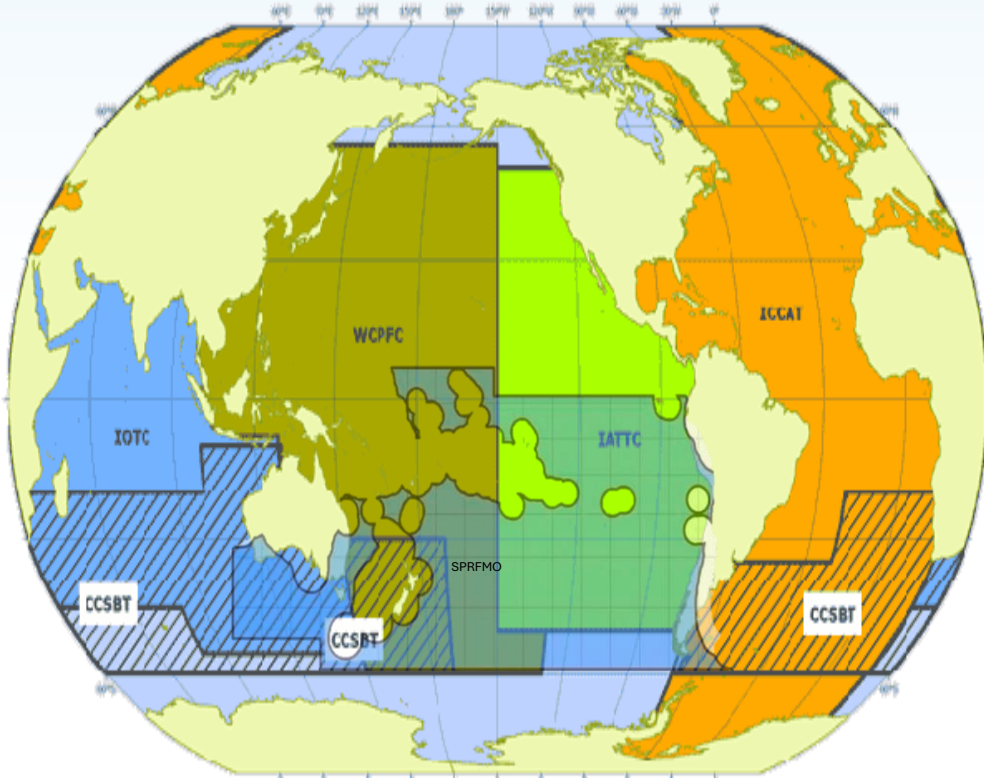
GOVERNANCE

SCIENCE

COORDINATION

CONSULTATION

CONSERVATION



BBNJ



APPROVED ✓



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DES QUESTIONS ?

DO YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS?

¿TIENES
ALGUNA PREGUNTA?



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THANK YOU

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