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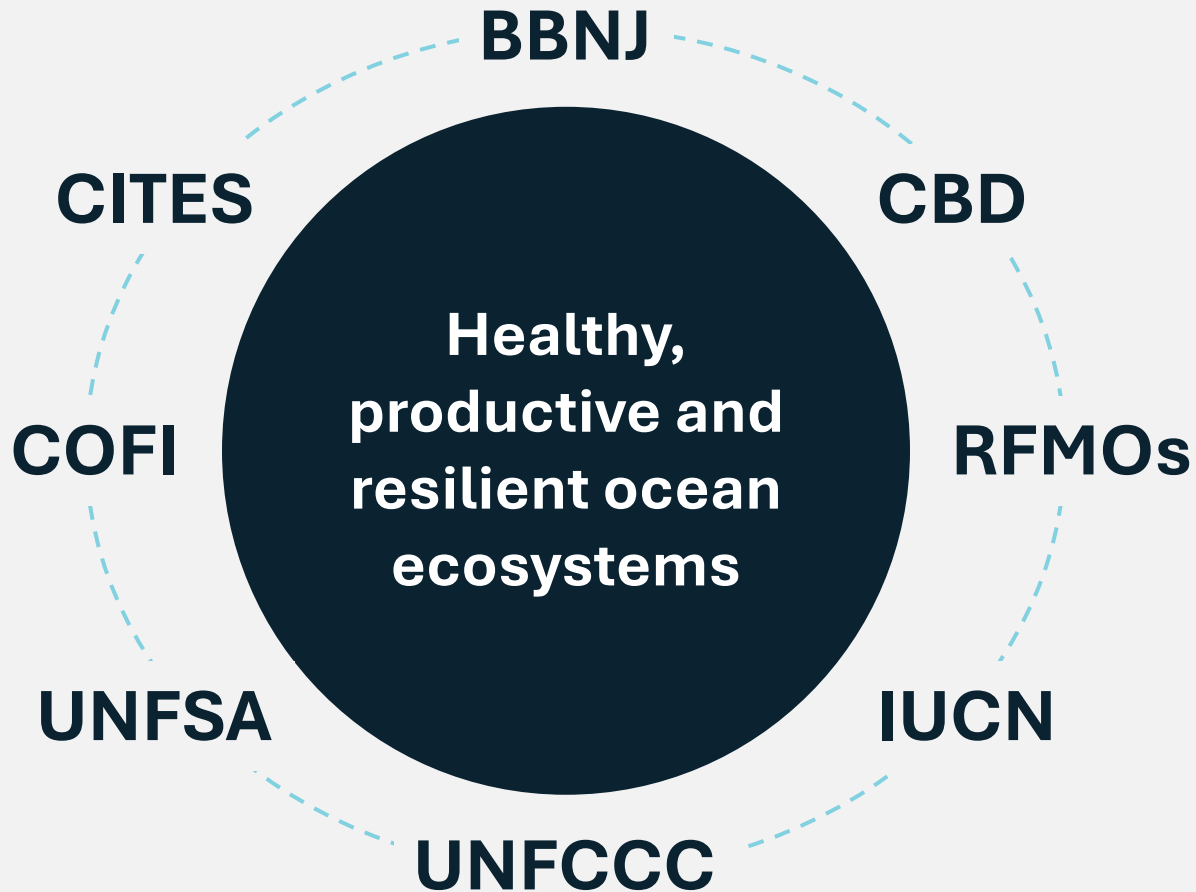


The coherence between conservation objectives and sustainable use of living marine resources within the framework of the BBNJ Agreement

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Sustainable use is conservation



Conservation & sustainable use are not unique to BBNJ

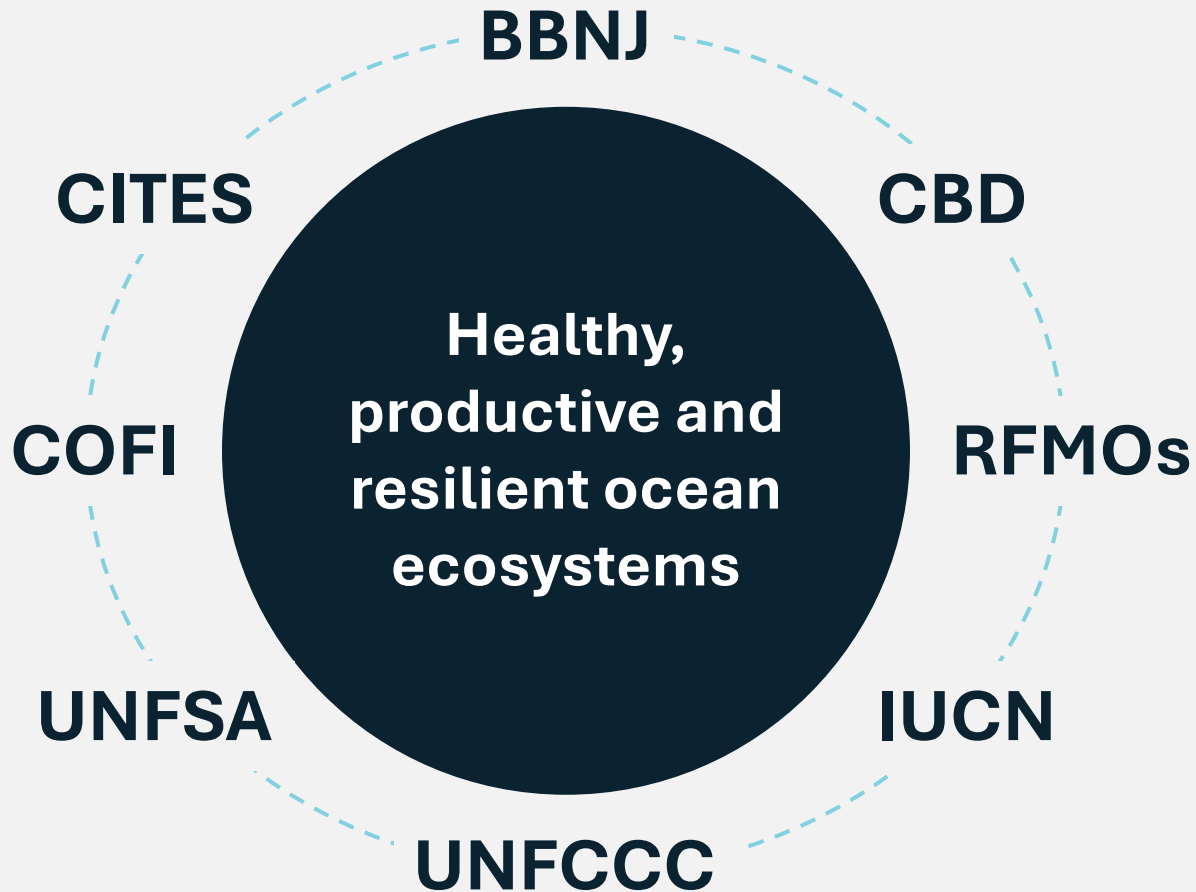
Both exist across several UN processes and are at the core of both the BBNJ and the CBD

↳ *In these forums both concepts inseparable; neither exists in isolation*

Parties have agreed to the 23 targets of the CBD's Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)

↳ *GBF targets will be key for implementation of the BBNJ!*

Sustainable use is conservation



Working across **both** biodiversity & fisheries processes, incl. through IUCN

↳ IUCN key advisor and major player in several UN processes

Coordinating the IUCN-CEM Fisheries Expert Group (FEG)

↳ Allows for access and insights & ensures fisheries perspectives are brought into environmental negotiations

↳ Indispensable partner for FAO and CBD

A shared vocabulary

BBNJ

Best available science

Precautionary principle

Building ecosystem resilience

ABMTs, incl. MPAs

Ecosystem approach & integrated ocean management

Fisheries

Stock assessments

Harvest control rules

Rebuilding

Fisheries closures

Ecosystem-approach to fisheries management

CBD

Biodiversity data & knowledge

Sustainable harvesting

Restoration

30x30 (MPAs & OECMs)

Sustainable management of wild species

We are not trying to connect completely separate worlds – the connection already exists

The challenge is that both communities often speak in different institutional rooms

Coherence as Practice

The BBNJ gives us an opportunity to show how fisheries management is delivering on biodiversity conservation

BBNJ explicitly calls for cooperation and coordination with existing frameworks and bodies, including RFMOs

↳ *Agreement is clear that it should not undermine other mandates*

CBD aims to work across sectors and incorporate fisheries perspectives into decisions

↳ *Series of webinars by CBD, FAO & FEG with fisheries sector involved*

↳ *Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue between RFBs & RSOs*

Fisheries should use:

Mandates

Knowledge & Data

Management tools

↳ *Fisheries actors are not peripheral stakeholders; they are part of the BBNJ architecture*

Concrete Convergence Points

1) Viable fish(ing) populations

BBNJ's core objective is long-term conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity



Fisheries contribute through stock assessments, catch limits, reference points, rebuilding plans & harvest control rules, all of which biodiversity conservation measures

2) Reducing ecosystem impacts

BBNJ takes ecosystem approach and aims to build resilience and maintain ecosystem integrity



Fisheries contribute through selective gear, bycatch mitigation, non-target species handling and release rules & VME closures, all of which biodiversity conservation measures

Concrete Convergence Points

3) Area-based Management Tools, incl. Marine Protected Areas

BBNJ ABMT objectives include sustainable use and supporting food security & socio-economics



***GBF Target 3 (30x30)** explicitly recognises sustainable use that is fully consistent with conservation outcomes*

***Fisheries contribute through OECMs**, gear restrictions and fisheries closures, all of which biodiversity conservation measures*

4) Data and knowledge, incl. through the Scientific & Technical Body

BBNJ ABMT proposals need fisheries evidence, and fisheries expertise needs to be at the table



*Clear linkages between CBD's **Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)** & future BBNJ CHM*

***Fisheries contribute through** existing measures, stock status, ecosystem states, habitat types, spawning areas and socio-economic implications, all of which essential data elements*

The RFMO-BBNJ Interface

Across all points, cooperation and coordination with RFMOs and fisheries actors should be systematically built in

Details of this interaction very important, complex & currently under discussion - Interaction between RFMOs and BBNJ should be mutually beneficial and viewed as opportunity to shape practical biodiversity governance

↳ *The key is to connect and fully leverage systems that are already in place*

↳ *It is crucial to move from recognising and respecting mandates to practical arrangements*



Alignment with **GBF Target 14:**
Mainstreaming biodiversity

Key Takeaways

1) Sustainable fisheries is delivering on conservation in practice

↳ *Showcasing this through practical arrangements and procedures is next step*

↳ *Early and frequent engagement is key, as is building understanding and trust both ways*

2) BBNJ mechanisms and CBD targets reinforce each other

↳ *Across both, sustainable use and conservation are treated together*

↳ *Increasing recognition for sustainable use angle is crucial next step*

Key Takeaways

3) BBNJ implementation needs fisheries expertise

- ↳ *Fisheries can bring data, share existing effective measures and showcase fishing realities*
- ↳ *Early and sustained engagement from RFMOs and other fisheries actors is crucial*

Overall

Coherence between sustainable use and conservation is using each regime's strengths to deliver the same ecological outcome

Key to overcome national coordination bottleneck – it is essential that coherent national positions are found between and across fisheries, environment and foreign affairs



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