



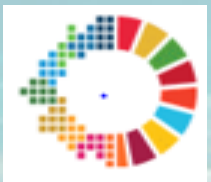
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How the Ocean can help us fight against, and recover from COVID-19 and deliver the SDGs

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SAMOA Pathway (para.53)

“....Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, coastal tourism, the possible use of seabed resources and potential sources of renewable energy are among the main building blocks of a sustainable ocean-based economy in small island developing States.”

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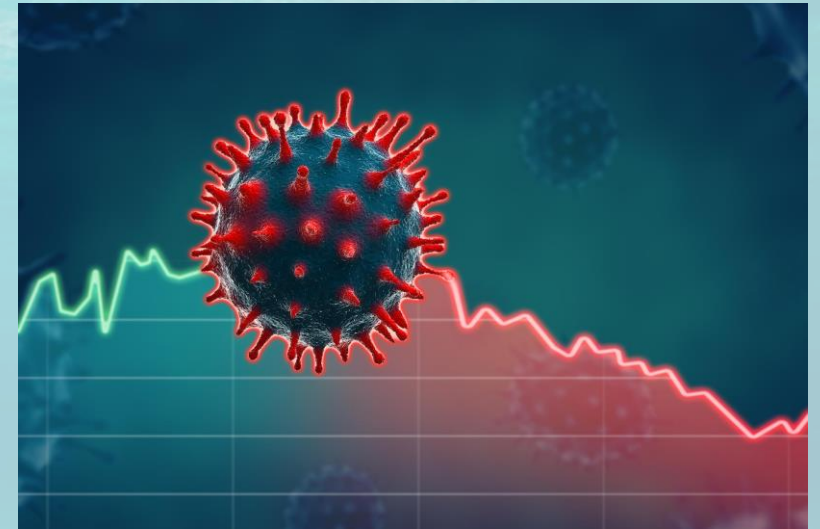
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SAMOA Pathway Para. 58(o)

“To conserve by 2020 at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas in small island developing States, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and for ecosystem services, through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures in order to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss in the marine environment”



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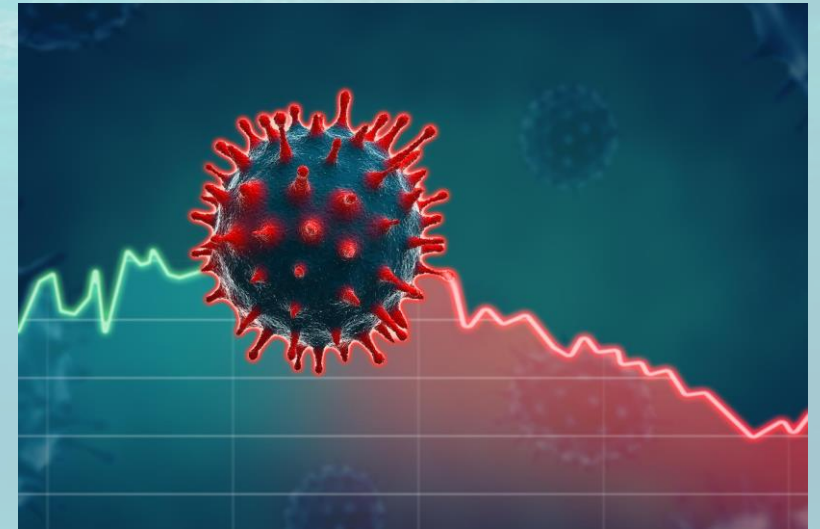
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SDG 14 – Target 14.5

“By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information”



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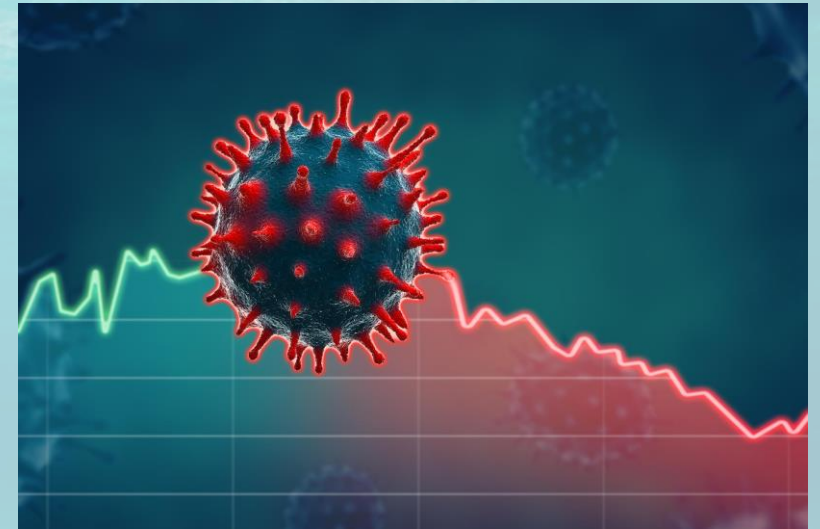
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SDG 14 – Target 14.7

By 2030, increase the economic benefits to small island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism;



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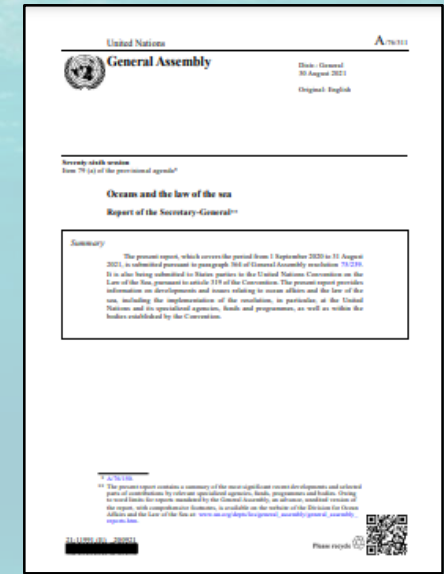
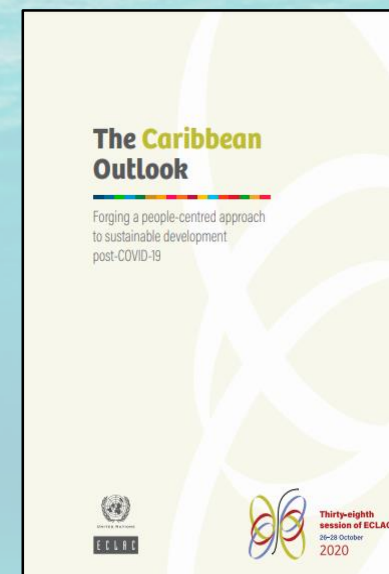
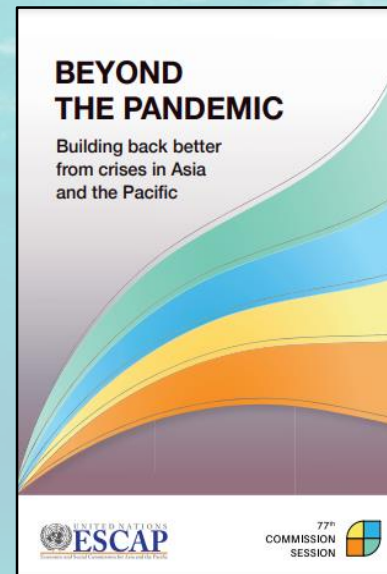
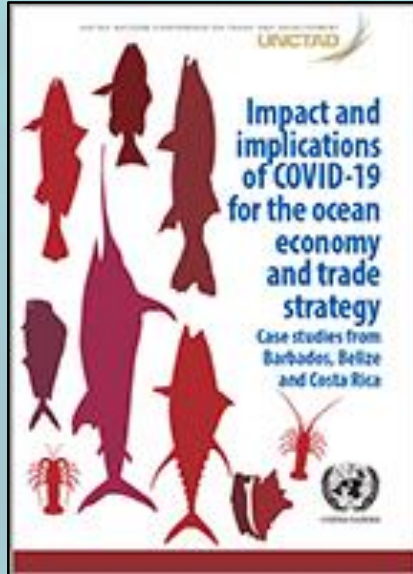
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Effect of COVID-19

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SDG 14 Targets – Lapsed in 2020



- (i) **Target 14.2:** By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans;
- (ii) **Target 14.4** By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics
- (iii) **Target 14.5** By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information; and
- (iv) **Target 14.6** By 2020, prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and refrain from introducing new such subsidies, recognizing that appropriate and effective special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries should be an integral part of the World Trade Organization fisheries subsidies negotiation



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Fisheries



Aquaculture



Coastal Tourism



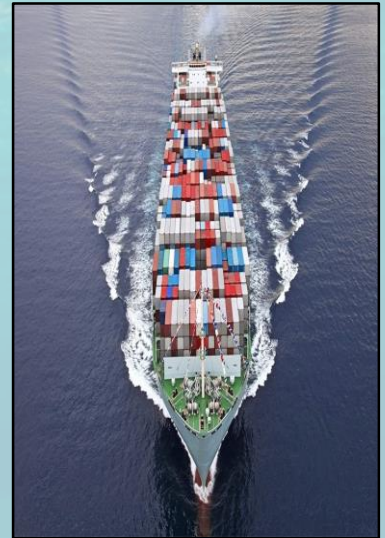
Marine
Pharmaceutical



Marine
Non-living mineral



Marine Renewable
Energy



Marine
Transport



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Policy options/steps for a Blue Economic Transformation

- *Accurate Valuation of Oceanic Resources*
- *Integrate oceanic assets in national and local development strategies*
- *Develop adequate human and institutional capital*
- *Ensure policy coherence and build Partnerships*
- *Develop smart fiscal incentives*



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The Abyssal Initiative for Blue Growth - A 2017 UN Ocean Voluntary Commitment

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ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATES SPONSORING ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

TOOLKIT

A set of 5 modules to guide P-SIDS Sponsoring States in understanding their international obligations and to advance the operationalisation of their national policy and legal frameworks as seabed exploration and exploitation activities progress

Prepared under the ISA-UNDESA-NORAD Abyssal Initiative for Blue Growth

August 2021

Guidelines for Negotiations and Contractual Dealings with Sponsored Entities

These guidelines incorporate guidance to officials of current or potential sponsoring States with responsibility for negotiations and contractual dealings with potential or existing sponsored entities relating to the sponsorship of exploration and exploitation activities in the Area

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<https://www.isa.org.jm/vc/abyssal-initiative-blue-growth>



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2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator

The 2030 Agenda Partnership Accelerator is a collaborative initiative by United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and The Partnering Initiative, in collaboration with United Nations Office for Partnerships, UN Global Compact, and the UN Development Coordination Office.

The initiative aims to significantly help accelerate effective partnerships in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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<https://partnershipaccelerator.netlify.app/library/?module=SIDSAccelerators>

Supporting partnership effectiveness in SIDS

Supporting individuals to become trainers on partnership effectiveness for Small Island Developing States. The purpose of the trainers is to ultimately contribute to the replication of partnership support in the region.

Profile of trainers

- Previous training experience (preferably in the field of development)
- Experience and solid understanding and passion for multi-stakeholder partnerships



Supporting partnership effectiveness in SIDS Caribbean



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Thank you

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