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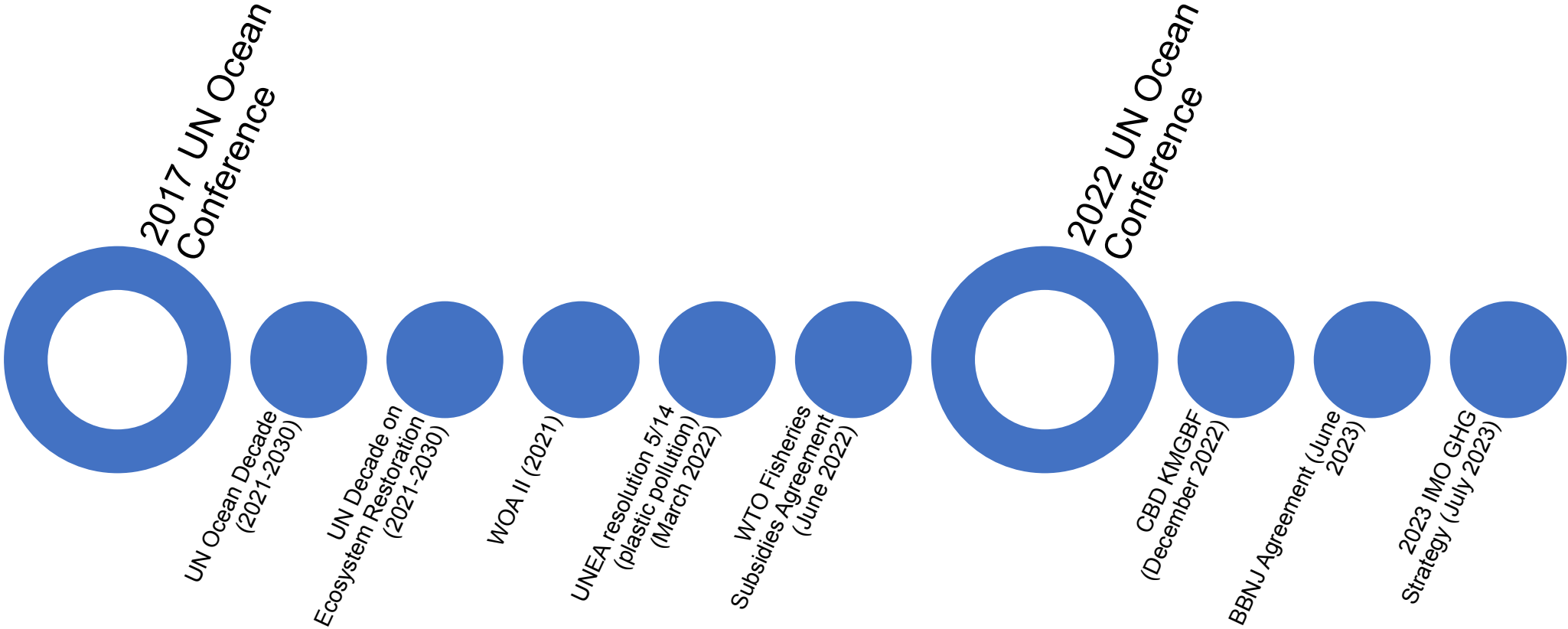
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*Ocean data and databases, VCs and COAs for SDG 14: a  
perspective from an international lawyer*

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# What has happened so far?



# A lot more to come in the next few years...

- Possible entry into force for the BBNJ Agreement
- Possible adoption of ILBI on plastic pollution
- Possible adoption of the additional provisions for the fisheries subsidies agreement
- Possible adoption of the ISA Exploitation Regulations
- Convening of the 2025 UN Ocean Conference

# Ocean databases in support of SDG 14

- Numerous databases on a wide range of ocean issues
  - Great achievements by marine science and scientists
  - Many coordinated initiatives, including through the UN Ocean Decade
- Yet, a limited number of ocean-related databases addressing legal/regulatory aspects
  - Sectoral databases
  - Clearing-House Mechanism under the BBNJ Agreement
  - Many legal/regulatory issues could not be fully assessed through quantitative data. Qualitative information is necessary for assessing implementation of legal/regulatory instruments

Indicator 14.c.1: Number of countries making progress in ratifying, accepting and implementing through legal, policy and institutional frameworks, ocean-related instruments that implement international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and their resources

- Self-assessment by States based on a voluntary web-based questionnaire
- Respondents (45 in 2021 & 18 in 2023; 7 responding in both 2021 and 2023)
- What could be considered to advance the implementation of target 14.c and other targets with legal/regulatory aspects?
  - How could VCs and COA be used to this end?

# SDG indicator 14.c.1 respondents

**2021**

Argentina	Germany	New Zealand
Austria	Greece	Pakistan
Azerbaijan	Guyana	Panama
Bangladesh	Iceland	Peru
Belarus	Iraq	Philippines
Belize	Ireland	Portugal
Bulgaria	Japan	Qatar
Burundi	Kazakhstan	Republic of Korea
China	Liechtenstein	Romania
Colombia	Lithuania	Slovakia
Croatia	Madagascar	Slovenia
Czechia	Malaysia	South Sudan
Denmark	Mauritius	Suriname
Ecuador	Montenegro	Switzerland
Estonia	Namibia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

**2023**

Argentina	Saudi Arabia
Australia	Singapore
Brazil	Slovenia
European Union	Switzerland
France	Togo
Iceland	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Kuwait	
Latvia	
New Zealand	
Portugal	
Qatar	
Russian Federation	