Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

Second world ocean assessment (WOA II) – review by States

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| *First draft of the second world ocean assessment (WOA II)* | | |
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| **Chapter 6: Trends in the biodiversity of main taxa of marine biota (overall introduction)** | |
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| **Chapter 6A: Plankton** | |
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| **Chapter 6B: Marine invertebrates** | |
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| **Chapter 6C: Fish** | |
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| **Chapter 6D: Marine mammals** | |
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| **Chapter 6F: Seabirds** | |
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| **Chapter 6G: Marine plants and macroalgae (merged with Chapter 6H and incorporates elements from Chapter 7H)** | |
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| **Chapter 6H: Macroalgae (merged with Chapter 6G)** | |
| **Chapter 7: Trends in the state of biodiversity in marine habitats** | |
| **Chapter 7A: Sand and mud substrates and rocky substrates and reefs (merged with Chapter 7B)** | |
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| **Chapter 7B: Rocky substrates and reefs (merged with Chapter 7A)** | |
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| **Chapter 7L: Submarine canyons** | |
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| **Chapter 7Q: Ridges, plateaus and trenches** | |
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| **Chapter 7R: Hydrothermal vents and cold seeps** | |
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| **Chapter 7S: Sargasso Sea** | |
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| **Chapter 8: Trends in the state of human society in relation to the ocean** | |
| **Chapter 8A: Coastal communities (elements incorporated into Chapter 8C)** | |
| **Chapter 8B: Human health as affected by the ocean** | |
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| **Chapter 8C: Maritime industries (incorporates elements from Chapters 8A, 18, 23, 24)** | |
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| **Chapter 8D: Maritime cultural services (elements incorporated into Chapters 30 and 31)** | |
| **Chapter 9: Pressures from changes in climate and atmosphere** | |
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| **Chapter 10: Nutrient inputs** | |
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| **Chapter 11: Liquid and atmospheric inputs from land, ships and offshore installations** | |
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| **Chapter 14: Coastal and marine infrastructure** | |
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| **Chapter 15: Capture fisheries** | |
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| **Chapter 16: Aquaculture** | |
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| **Chapter 17: Seaweed harvesting and use** | |
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| **Chapter 18: Desalination and sea salt production (elements incorporated into Chapter 8C)** | |
| **Chapter 19: Seabed mining** | |
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| **Chapter 20: Hydrocarbon exploration and extraction** | |
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| **Chapter 23: Marine transportation (elements incorporated into Chapter 8C)** | |
| **Chapter 24: Tourism and recreation (elements incorporated into Chapter 8C)** | |
| **Chapter 25: Invasive species** | |
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| **Chapter 26: Marine genetic resources** | |
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| **Chapter 27: Marine hydrates** | |
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| **Chapter 28: Cumulative effects (renamed from “cumulative impacts”)** | |
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| **Chapter 29: Marine spatial planning** | |
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| **Chapter 30: Management approaches (incorporates elements from Chapter 8D)** | |
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| **Chapter 31: Overall benefits from the ocean (incorporates elements from Chapter 8D)** | |
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