The following comments are made on behalf of the Action Platform for Source-to-Sea Management (S2S Platform, https://www.siwi.org/source-to-sea), a multi-stakeholder initiative that advocates for stronger linkages between freshwater and marine communities to improve ocean health and believes that the realization of SDG 14 is partly dependent upon the success of SDG 6.

Paragraph 3 (the ocean is fundamental to life on our planet and our future): We advocate for the specific mention of Goal 6 on Water with recognition that targets 6.3, 6.4. 6.5 and 6.6 contribute to ocean health, and without which targets 14.1 on marine pollution and 14.2 on marine and coastal ecosystems cannot be realized.

Paragraph 4 (on the global emergency facing the ocean): We advocate for the inclusion of nutrient pollution here, which is a continued key challenge in coastal waters. E.g. "Nutrient runoff, is continuing to cause eutrophication in coastal and marine waters, with impacts exacerbated by ocean warming".

Paragraph 10 (on science-based and innovative action): This should include strong reference to the need for reducing the impacts of land-based activities on coastal and marine waters in a broader sense than reducing marine pollution. Add the sentence: Strengthening coordinated governance from source to sea to avoid adverse impacts on marine and coastal ecosystems from land-based activities and resulting changes in water, sediment and pollutant flows.

Paragraph 11 (on capacity challenges, in particular SIDS and LDCs): The IPCC report on the ocean and cryosphere highlights the challenges posed by fragmented governance to address the challenges posed and reduce pressures on the ocean. This paragraph should include a strong statement on the need to enhance knowledge and capacity on science-based and innovative governance that strengthen coordination between sectors and addresses the linkages between river basins, coasts and the ocean. This governance innovation is needed to address the multiple pressures posed on the ocean, including from land-based activities, and should be supported through e.g. enhancing knowledge-sharing and capacity transfer.