Governance in LMEs:

a) Building long-term governance and sustainability in LMEs
b) Examples of use of MPAs, ICM, MSP as tools and
    approaches for governance in LMEs

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Objectives

► In 1995 the GEF adopted the use of LMEs and the associated 5-module approach as the marine component of the International Waters portfolio. One of those 5 modules, <u>Governance, is arguably a fundamental underpinning of all LME initiatives</u>. Without appropriate governance arrangements in place, all other project modules or components can be difficult to implement, particularly in transboundary situations. However, governance is also perhaps the most difficult component to define and realize.

► The LME Governance session seeks to provide

  ► 1) <u>perspectives on overarching governance structures</u> as well as

  ► 2) share some <u>select examples of mechanisms and tools</u> (i.e. MPA, ICM, MSP) being applied in LME regions to facilitate effective governance of shared marine and coastal resources.

► This session does not seek to arrive at prescriptive solutions or advocate a one-size fits all approach. Rather it seeks to <u>inform and initiate an open and ongoing dialog</u> on how to address the need for appropriate and relevant governance structures and mechanisms throughout LME (and related project) planning and implementation.

Expected Outcomes

The LME Governance session is expected to:

► Expose <u>governance issues within LMEs and how LMEs fit into</u> existing global/ regional/ national governance arrangements and approaches

► Provide several <u>project examples of approaches and tools</u> being applied to provide shared experiences within the LME community

► Promote <u>open and active consideration and integration of governance approaches by LME</u> projects within a broader global context

► Provide a <u>basis for discussion in regional caucus sessions</u> to advance this aspect of the LME approach, including for example discussion related to potential LME project outcomes, activities, and outputs; in particular developing, implementing and advancing region and project appropriate governance structures and mechanisms to ensure sustainability of LME goods and services.

Presenters

2a. Building long-term governance and sustainability in LMEs

▶ Keynote: Robin Mahon – Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies

▶ Projects:

  ▶ Lorenzo Galbiati – Mediterranean Partnership

  ▶ Hashali Hamukuaya: Benguela Current LME

  ▶ Hugh Walton: Pacific Islands Oceanic Fisheries Management Project

2b. Examples of use of MPAs, ICM, MSP as tools and approaches for governance in LMEs

▶ Keynote: James Oliver – International Union for the Conservation of Nature

▶ Projects:

  ▶ Adrian Ross - Partnerships in the Environmental Management for the Seas of Asia

  ▶ Marc Wilson – Pacific Integrated Water Resources Management Project and Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme

  ▶ Patrick Debels – Caribbean and North Brazil Shelf LME (for Caribbean Challenge Initiative)

  ▶ Michael Akester – Humboldt Current LME

Discussion Questions

- How could the LME governance module be strengthened? What kinds of research on governance are needed to support finding the best approaches?

- How can MPA/ ICM/ MSP be better integrated as tools within LME projects?

- If one size doesn't fit all, what has worked, what has not worked and what might work but has not yet been tried?
    - LME projects please share their perspectives on what governance approaches are or might be most appropriate in their circumstances.
    - It will be important to carry this discussion into the regional caucus sessions.

- What can the nascent LME:LEARN project do/ develop to facilitate these connections and enhancements?

LME:LEARN: relevant actions and objectives

- Better engagement of LME, ICM and MPA projects and efforts towards more integrated and effective resource management in an ecosystem context

- Special Journal Volume on Governance within LMEs

- LME Governance Handbook

- Regional training and twinning opportunities

Logistics

- Keynotes – 15 mins max

- Projects - 7 mins max

- Will have to be strict (apologies!)

- After sub-session (a) and before coffee break will be 13 minute video
  - Serve as segue into sub-session (b)