



XVIII

Annual Consultative Meeting on Large Marine Ecosystems and Coastal Partners and LME: LEARN Project Meeting

Agenda

5 – 8 December 2016

Bonvin Building

1, rue Miolis

Paris, France



1. Objectives of the meeting

The primary objective of the Annual Meeting (6-8 December 2016) is to provide global forum for GEF-funded and other marine and coastal practitioners, leaders and institutions, aimed at sharing experiences and lessons with respect to ecosystem-based governance. The LME Annual Meeting contributes to the development of the LME Partnership by engaging marine, coastal management, biodiversity and coastal climate change adaptation project leaders in meeting that objective, in accordance with the recently established GEF LME:Learn project. More specifically, the meeting aims at:

- Fostering a mutually supportive global network of leaders and institutions engaged in marine and coastal ecosystem based management by providing a forum for project (LME, ICM, MPA, MSP, others) leaders to discuss experiences and lessons learned;
- Mobilizing knowledge resources, new scientific applications and tools to support project implementation and organizational action related to priority knowledge topics;
- Reviewing marine and coastal project progress in regions, disseminating best practices amongst projects, and discussing emerging issues requiring common responses; and
- Sharing lessons learned from existing efforts with regard to the LME Governance project priorities (i.e. regional networks, capacity building training and twinning) and identify future priorities to help guide the implementation of the project.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity to discuss the contribution of GEF and other marine projects to the implementation of the Agenda 2030, particularly SDG 14 as well as other SDGs, in light of the forthcoming UN Conference on SDG 14 implementation to take place in June 2017.

The Annual Meeting will be preceded by the LME:Learn Project Meeting, to take place on 5 – 6 December 2016. The aim of this meeting is to convene three working groups of the project (Governance, Ecosystem Based Management, and Data and Information Management) and to initiate work towards implementing respective project activities. This meeting will be attended by a limited group of participants (working group members and selected project managers). While working group membership is by invitation, other participants are welcome to attend sessions as observers.

AGENDA


Monday
5 December 2016

09:00 PROJECT MEETING A Intro Session

PROJECT MEETING B Intro to WGs Session


10:45  PROJECT MEETING C WG Governance Session

14:45  PROJECT MEETING D WG Ecosystem Based Management Session


16:00  PROJECT MEETING D WG Ecosystem Based Management Session

Tuesday
6 December 2016

09:00 PROJECT MEETING E WG Data and Information Management Session

11:15  PROJECT MEETING E WG DIM Session

PROJECT MEETING F Wrap Up Session


14:00  LME MEETING 1 Opening Session


15:15  LME MEETING 2 Regional Networks Session: Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean


RECEPTION

Wednesday
7 December 2016

09:00 LME MEETING 3 Governance: Living Resources and Biodiversity Conservation


11:15  LME MEETING 4 Governance: The Contribution of Spatial Management Tools to Marine resource Management

14:15  LME MEETING 5 The Blue Economy: What Role for the LME Community?


16:30  LME MEETING 6 Innovative Financing

Thursday
8 December 2016

09:00 LME MEETING 7 Mainstreaming Climate Change Issues in LME/MPA/ICM/MSP Projects

11:00  LME MEETING 8 Data and Information for Ecosystem Based Management

14:15  LME MEETING 9 Translating Science to Policy: Communication Products and Training

16:15  LME MEETING 10 Closing Session



LME: LEARN PROJECT MEETING

5-6 December 2016



MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2016

LME:LEARN PROJECT MEETING

Session	A-Introductory session		
Chair	Julian Barbiere, IOC-UNESCO / Vladimir Mamaev, UNDP		
Room	XIV		
Time	Title	Name	
09 :00 09 :15	Welcome	Julian Barbière, IOC-UNESCO Vladimir Mamaev, UNDP Christian H. Severin, GEF	
09 15 09:30	Progress made in the implementation of LME: LEARN	Ivica Trumbic, IOC/UNESCO	
Session	B-Introduction to Working Groups: Review of Existing Tools		
Chair	Lauren Wenzel, NOAA / Keith Lawrence, CI		
Rapporteur	<i>Tbd</i>		
Room	XIV		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
09:30 10:00	Review of a dataset of existing tools for oceans EBM and governance. Identify whether or not the proposed toolkits under LME:Learn meet currently unmet needs; are any changes needed to the list of toolkits?	Keith Lawrence, CI	Understand what tools already exist, and use this to critically assess the list of toolkits proposed under LME:Learn. The session will distinguish between "creating a new tool" vs "helping users to implement existing tools" vs a "navigation guide" to help users pick between existing tools.
10:00 10:30	Discussion on the set of toolkits proposed. Are linkages needed between the tools? Are there mechanisms to deliver them in a consistent way?	Lauren Wenzel, NOAA	
Coffee break 15 minutes (10:30 – 10:45)			
Session	C-Working Group on Governance		
Chair	Wojciech Wawrzynski, ICES / Lauren Wenzel, NOAA		
Rapporteur	Ivica Trumbic, IOC/UNESCO		
Room	XIV		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
10:45 11:00	Objectives and expected outcomes of the session	Wojciech Wawrzynski, ICES / Lauren Wenzel, NOAA	The WG Governance session seeks to 1) define contents, format and timeline for the



11:00 11:15	Proposal for the Governance Toolkit Outline	Ellen Johannesen, ICES	Governance toolkit for GEF LME/ICM/MPA/Climate Adaptation projects; 2) review governance frameworks that are relevant for the Toolkit. The participants will discuss and agree on the target audience as well as on the most appropriate product(s) of their endeavours. The session should result in clear workplan and timeline of the WG's activities.
11:15 11:30	Review of governance frameworks and best practices	Emma Kelley, NOAA	
11:30 13:15	Discussion on the contents, format, timeline, workplan and target audience of the Governance Toolkit	Wojciech Wawrzynski, ICES	
13:15 13:30	Summary of the discussion and next steps	Lauren Wenzel, NOAA	
Lunch break 75 minutes (13:30 – 14:45)			
Session	D-Working Group on Ecosystem Based Management		
Chair	Keith Lawrence, Conservation International		
Rapporteur	James Oliver, IUCN		
Room	XIV		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session The session will: (1) clarify the role, purview and membership of the WG (2) revisit the 6 toolkits proposed, in light of a review of existing tools (3) discuss the target audience/customers and uses of each toolkit - and the implications for their design (4) identify partners to produce each toolkit, and (5) identify next steps.
14:45 15:15	Objectives and expected outcomes of the session: Role, purview and membership of the WG Are any changes needed to the list of toolkits?	James Oliver, IUCN / Keith Lawrence, CI	
15:15 15:45	Large marine area score card Discussion on audience/customers, uses, design issues, pilots	Keith Lawrence, CI / Johanna Polsenberg, CI	
Coffee break 15 minutes (15:45 – 16:00)			
16:00 17:30	'Carousel' session (15 minutes each), with small groups rotating around 5 stations to discuss 5 toolkits: i) GEF LME project toolkit ii) Stakeholder participation in environmental policy iii) LME strategic approach iv) Marine Spatial Planning	Small groups	



	<p>v) Environmental Economics</p> <p>Discussion on each toolkit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Customers / audiences - Uses - Features / design - Implementing partners 		
<p>17:30 18:00</p>	<p>Feedback from carousel session</p> <p>Next steps</p>	<p>James Oliver, IUCN / Keith Lawrence, CI</p>	



TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2016			
LME:LEARN PROJECT MEETING			
Session	E – Working Group on Data and Information Management		
Chair	Peter Pissierssens, IODE/IOC-UNESCO		
Rapporteur	Mish Hamid, IOC/UNESCO		
Room	XIV		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session To recommend actions regarding the structure of the database, including linkages with other platforms: IW/LEARN, Google layers, etc.
09 :00 09 :15	Objectives and expected outcomes of the session	Peter Pissierssens, IODE/IOC - UNESCO	
09:15 10:15	Presentation of and discussion on the results of the survey on project database	Peter Pissierssens, IODE/IOC- UNESCO	
10:15 11:00	Presentation on the visualisation of the results of IW:Learn and discussion	Miles Macmillan-Lawler, GRID Arendal	
Coffee break 15 minutes (11:00 – 11:15)			
Session	E – Working Group on Data and Information Management (continued)		
11:15 11:30	Presentation of the progress of discussion on the preparation of Google layers	James Oliver, IUCN	
11:30 12:30	Summary of the discussion and next steps	Peter Pissierssens, IODE/IOC- UNESCO	
Session	F – Wrap up session		
Room	XIV		
12:30 13:00	Wrap up on WG sessions	Lauren Wenzel, NOAA/ Ivica Trumbic, IOC/UNESCO	The session will present a synthetic view on the Working Groups' products and target groups and chart the next steps.



18th LME ANNUAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING

6-8 December 2016



TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2016			
LME ANNUAL MEETING			
Session	1 – Opening session		
Chair	Julian Barbieri, IOC/UNESCO		
Room	XIII		
Time	Title	Name	
14:00 14:15	Welcome addresses	Julian Barbieri, IOC/UNESCO Andrew Hudson, UNDP Christian Severin, GEF	
14:15 14:30	Meeting objectives, structure and organisation	Julian Barbieri, IOC/UNESCO	
14:30 14:45	SDG 14: Challenges and Opportunities for the GEF marine community	Andrew Hudson, UNDP	
14:45 15:00	Introduction to Regional Networks/Caucuses	Mish Hamid, IOC/UNESCO	
Coffee break 15 minutes (15:00 – 15:15)			
Session	2 – Regional Networks – Parallel sessions for regions Africa, Asia, and Latin America and Caribbean		
Chairs	Africa: Mika Odido, IOCAFRICA/Akiko Yamamoto, UNDP; Asia: Somkiat Khokiattiwong, WESTPAC; Latin America and Caribbean: Cesar Toro, IOCARIBE		
Rapporteurs	<i>Tbd (for each session)</i>		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
15:15 15:30	Introduction to the session: Objectives, structure and expected outcomes	Africa (Room XIII) : Mika Odido/Akiko Yamamoto	Each session aims to (1) present the activities in the region with respect to LME/ICM/MSP/MPA/Climate Adaptation projects, (2) identify regional governance issues, including identifying major institutional obstacles (3) discuss the potentials for science/university linkages in the region, (4) discuss the achievement of SDG's and how respective projects can report on progress during implementation (5) discuss the LME:LEARN twinning exchange and "Inter-project Collaboration
15:30 16:30	Brief presentation of regional projects and their potential contribution to Implementation of SDG goals	Asia (Room XV): Somkiat Khokiattiwong Latin America and Caribbean (Room XIV): Cesar Toro	
16:30 17:00	Discussion on specific regional governance issues		
17:00 17:50	Discussion on the work-plan and timetable of the Regional Network		



17:50 18:00	Summary of the session and next steps		Opportunities” mechanisms and take preliminary discussion on identifying proposals and potential co-financing options, and (6) define workplan and timetable for regional networks’ meetings and LME:LEARN supported training workshops.
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Cocktail/Reception at 18:30 at the FONTENOY BUILDING 7th FLOOR



WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016			
LME ANNUAL MEETING			
Session	3 - Governance: Living Resources Management and Biodiversity Conservation		
Chair	Wojciech Wawrzynski, ICES		
Rapporteur	Jacqueline Alder, FAO		
Room	XIII		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
09:00 09:15	Objectives, expected outcomes of the session and results of the WG on Governance session	Jacqueline Alder, FAO / Wojciech Wawrzynski, ICES	The session will focus on fisheries issues, both within EEZs and in ABNJ, and discuss the relevance of current governance frameworks and tools for the LME community. The session will try to (1) share lessons learned from current fisheries governance systems and approaches and (2) identify innovative ways how GEF financed and other LME/ICM and MPA projects can contribute to management of living resources in EEZs and ABNJ. The discussion will also discuss how LMEs can contribute to the implementation of living marine resources and biodiversity elements of relevant SDGs.
09:15 09:30	Fisheries governance and its relevance to LME processes : Coastal and ABNJ perspectives	Chris O'Brien, ABNJ Deep Seas Project	
09:30 09:45	The Port State measures: Agreement and advances in the use of new technologies to improve compliance	Julian Million, ABNJ Tuna project	
09:45 10:00	Progress made in advancing productivity, fish and fisheries science	K. Sherman, NOAA	
10:00 11:00	Discussion: Role of the UN SDGs and the CBD Aichi Targets in ocean governance Success criteria in ocean governance Summary of the Session	Wojciech Wawrzynski, ICES / Jacqueline Alder, FAO	
Coffee break 15 minutes (11:00 – 11:15)			
Session	4 - Governance: The Contribution of Spatial Management Tools to Marine Resource Management		
Chair	Lauren Wenzel, NOAA		
Rapporteur	Harry Coccossis, University of Thessaly, Greece		
Room	XIII		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
11:15 11:30	Objectives and expected outcomes of the session	Lauren Wenzel, NOAA / Harry Coccossis, University of	Spatial management is an essential tool for LMEs – including marine spatial planning, integrated coastal



		Thessaly, Greece	management and marine protected areas management.
11:30 11:50	Lightning Presentations: Managing places: tools for marine and coastal sustainability. Case studies and lessons learned	Gulf of Aqaba – Jordan MSP (Ivica Trumbic, IOC); Humboldt Current LME MSP process (Joanna Alfaro, HCLME); Participatory processes in MPA management (Birane Sambe, CCLME); Ridge-to-Reef (Chris Paterson, R2R)	This session will focus on the challenges and opportunities in implementing spatial management tools in LMEs through case studies and group discussion. It will also provide input to the development of the Governance Toolkit.
11:50 12:50	Discussion: What are the particular governance challenges that must be addressed in applying spatial tools in a transboundary context? What are key elements of success in applying spatial tools in LMEs? What governance-related tools, resources, data, and expertise does the LME community need to facilitate implementation of spatial approaches? Are there specific tools, examples or formats the LME: LEARN Governance Toolkit should include?	Lauren Wenzel, NOAA / Harry Coccossis, University of Thessaly, Greece	
12:50 13:00	Summary and next steps	Lauren Wenzel, NOAA / Harry Coccossis, University of Thessaly, Greece	

Lunch break 75 minutes (13:00 – 14:15)



Session	5 – The Blue Economy: What Role for the LME Community?		
Chair	Keith Lawrence, Conservation International		
Rapporteur	David Vousden, UNDP		
Room	XIII		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
14:15 14:35	Objectives of the session Introduction to Blue Economies	Keith Lawrence, Conservation International	Oceans contribute US \$2.5 trillion per year (WWF, 2015) into the global economy; a larger economy than all but six countries of the world. Global economic demands and pressures on the oceans continue to grow. The Blue Economy approach has great potential to support a path where social inclusivity and economic growth can be possible in alignment with sustainable ocean ecosystems. Achieving this will require analytical tools, ecosystem-based management approaches, policy reforms, innovative market-based and financing solutions, and private sector partnerships. Participants will discuss how the GEF marine community (LME, MPA, ICM) can facilitate this potential and how this approach links to achieving SDG14, as well as overarching SDGs 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 12 and 13.
14:35 15:45	Panel on Blue Economies: How to achieve environmental, social, and economic balance Discussion: How can an effective Blue Economy approach help achieve the SDGs? What role can the LME community have in implementing these processes? What can GEF marine projects (LME, ICM, MPA) contribute to defining and developing Blue Economy frameworks and processes? What tools, resources, data, and expertise does the LME community need/want to facilitate contribution to implementation?	Monica Grasso, NOAA Jackie Alder, FAO	
15:45 16:00	Summary and next steps	Keith Lawrence, Conservation International	
Coffee break 30 minutes (16:00 – 16:30)			
Session	6 –Innovative Financing		
Chair	Leah Karrer, GEF		
Rapporteur	Mish Hamid, IOC/UNESCO		
Room	XIII		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
16 :30 16 :35	Objectives and expected outcomes of the session	Leah Karrer, GEF	Innovative financing is gaining increasing attention in the ocean realm as we seek long-term financial mechanisms to support conservation beyond conventional grants and government support. This
16 :35 16 :55	Keynote Overview: Innovative Financing for Ocean Conservation: what's new in the financing toolbox - explaining options e.g. impact	Tancredi Voituriez, IDDRI	



	investing, blue bonds, debt-for-nature, etc		<p>panel discussion will open with an overview of emerging approaches, including debt-for-nature swaps, blue bonds and private impact investments. We will then hear from project experiences pursuing these approaches, particularly the realities of implementation and advice to colleagues. As part of learning among participants, during the discussion conference participants will then be strongly encouraged to share their experiences - good and bad - in pursuing similar financing options.</p>
16 :55 17 :05	Seychelles: Experience of blue bonds and debt-for-nature financing	<i>Tbd</i>	
17:05 17:15	Meloy Fund: An impact investment fund	Anne-Marie Laura, Rare	
17:15 17:25	Coastal Fisheries Initiative – Challenge Fund: Technical assistance to create impact investments	Miguel Jorge, World Bank	
17:25 17:35	Green Climate Fund: A new financing option for climate initiatives	Natalia Olofinskaya, UNDP	
17:35 18:15	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>To what extent are these financing strategies appropriate for our community of LME and coastal/marine projects?</p> <p>What barriers need to be overcome to pursue these opportunities?</p> <p>How can we build stronger bridges between our community and the financial sector?</p>	Leah Karrer, GEF	



THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2016			
LME ANNUAL MEETING			
Session	7 –Mainstreaming Climate Change Issues in LME/MPA/ICM/MSP Projects		
Chair	Andrew Hudson, UNDP		
Rapporteur	Akiko Yamamoto, UNDP		
Room	XIII		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
09:00 09:05	Objectives and expected outcomes of the session	Andrew Hudson, UNDP	This session will present recent assessments of the actual and projected effects of climate change on marine ecosystems, and explore the extent to which LME, ICM, MSP and MPA projects are working to address the effects of climate change on their living marine resources, coastal communities and marine based economies. The discussion will focus on (1) incorporation of knowledge on climate change and experiences in climate change adaptation into LME/ICM/MPA/MSP projects and identify tools to do so, and (2) contribution of LME/ICM/MSP/MPA projects to implementation of climate change elements of relevant SDGs.
09:05 09:15	Presentation of the IUCN report on ocean warming	Dan Laffoley, IUCN	
09:15 09:25	Ocean acidification: Latest science and socio-economic impacts	Kirsten Isensee, IOC	
09:25 09:35	Ocean solutions for Climate Mitigation: Blue forest/blue carbon project	Miles Macmillan-Lawler, GEF Blue Carbon Project	
09:35 09:45	De-Oxygenation in the Ocean : Ecological and socio-economic impacts	Marielaure Gregoire, Liege University	
09:45 09:55	Sea level rise: Impacts on coastal zones	Mohamed Ahmed Ali, Egypt Nile Delta ICZM project	
09:55 10:45	Discussion and Summary of the session	Andrew Hudson, UNDP	
Coffee Break 15 minutes (10:45 – 11:00)			
Session	8 – Data and Information for Ecosystem Based Management		
Chair	Peter Pissierssens, IODE/UNESCO / Vladimir Mamaev, UNDP		
Rapporteur	Patrick Debels, CLME+		
Room	XIII		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
11 :00 11 :15	Objectives and expected outcomes of the session	Peter Pissierssens, IODE/UNESCO / Vladimir Mamaev, UNDP	The session will present sources of data that may potentially be linked to the LME:LEARN project database. Special attention will be given to M&E linkages with LME/ICM/MSP/MPA projects' implementation, and to the
11:15 11:30	Sustaining long-term ocean observations in the context of LMEs	Samantha Simmons, GOOS	



			tools to support implementation of the SDGs, including coastal and marine atlases.
11 :30 11:45	Data management services to support ecosystem assessment and decision-making: Lessons from Blue Bridge Project	Anton Ellenbroek, Blue Bridge	
11:45 12 :00	Oceans Health Index: linking LME indicators and SDG indicators with OHI	Johanna Polsenberg, CI	
12:00 12:15	Tools to support implementation of SDGs: Inputs from LME SAP M&E	Patrick Debels and Andrea Salinas, CLME+	
12 :15 13 :00	Discussion and Summary of the session	Peter Pissierssens, IODE/UNESCO / Vladimir Mamaev, UNDP	

Lunch Break 75 minutes (13:00 – 14:15)

Session	9 – Translating Science to Policy: Communication Products and Training		
Chair	Julian Barbieri, IOC/UNESCO		
Rapporteur	Ivica Trumbic, IOC/UNESCO		
Room	XIII		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
14 :15 14 :30	Objectives and expected outcomes of the session	Julian Barbieri and Ivica Trumbic, IOC/UNESCO	The LME:LEARN project will generate harmonized knowledge products, drawing on existing science, by harvesting and codifying experiences and best practices from the existing GEF LME/ICM//MSP/MPA projects, project stakeholders and learning partners including other non-GEF marine and coastal initiatives. This session will demonstrate and highlight existing good practice on the development of knowledge products and strategic communications within the LME/ICM/MSP/MPA portfolio, highlighting possible means the LME:Learn project will replicate. During the discussion the participants will focus on how can LME:LEARN support the implementation of LME/ICM/MSP/MPA projects.
14 :30 14 :45	MOOC on LME	Emma Kelley, NOAA	
14 :45 15:00	Concepts and planning for the 2017 LME Science to Management Conference	David Vousden, UNDP	
15:00 15 :15	Presentation of the Environmental Development Journal issue on LMEs	Ken Sherman, NOAA	
15:15 15:30	Sustainable Ocean Summit: Report on the LME session	David Vousden, UNDP	
15 :30 16 :00	Discussion and Summary of the session	Julian Barbieri and Ivica Trumbic, IOC/UNESCO	

Coffee Break 15 minutes (16:00 – 16:15)			
Session	10 – Closing session : Conclusions and Next Steps		
Chair	IOC/UNESCO, UNDP, GEF		
Room	XIII		
Time	Title	Name	Objectives of the session
16 :15 16 :30	Conclusions: Guidance for the SDG14 Conference in New York	Ivica Trumbic, IOC/UNESCO	
16 :30 16 :45	Results of the meeting evaluation and next steps		
16 :45 17 :00	Final Comments	Meeting Chairs	

