

# *STRONG High Seas Project: Next Steps and Outlook*

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## Some general reflections

- Recognition of the importance of conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ.
- Engagement in further debates and negotiations at the national, regional and global level is important for ABNJ. Call to action – Africa Position Paper?
- The projects are initiating some research (and addressing early capacity issues) in both regions, however attention should be paid to establishing strong connections to policy platforms, and ensuring a robust science to policy process to ABNJ, as well as coastal waters.
- Cross-sectoral collaboration/communication/coordination is needed at both the national, regional and global level.
- A regional (or inter-regional) mechanism or platform for sharing knowledge and data is needed to support collaboration.

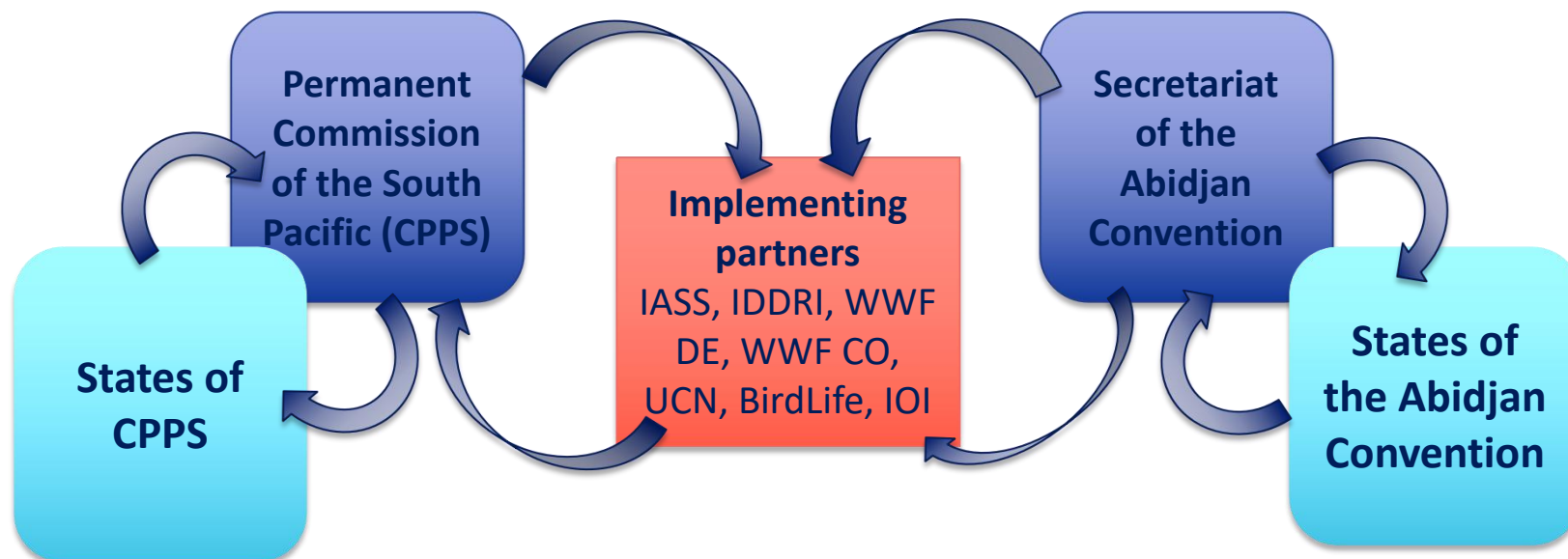
## Some general reflections

- Area-based management tools, such as MSP, are appropriate for use in ABNJ, and – extension/expansion of the emerging capacity for the implementation from coastal areas.
- Capacity building and the transfer of marine technology are required to ensure the full implementation of BBNJ objectives.
- Activities such as (fishing, shipping, offshore oil and gas, etc.) and MGRs are of particular interest.
- Improved tools and policy support for monitoring, control and surveillance are needed.
- A sustainable blue economy is important to ensure the socioeconomic development as well as into future.
- Ecological connectivity! Biodiversity loss in the high seas threatens coastal livelihoods and activities in the EEZ.

# What will STRONG High Seas do?

- Support the joint summary of the Workshop Summary, including ppts and pictures.
- Publication of the ecological baselines report.
- Policy brief to be published in preparation of IGC3 in New York.
- Capacity building event on MGRs at IGC3 in New York.
- Report on technical technological tools and policy needs relevant for the monitoring, control and surveillance of human activities in ABNJ
- Regional workshop on MCS in 2020
- Report on capacity building needs for the region
- Capacity building workshop to be held later this year
- Development of an initial stakeholder platform , hosted by the Abidjan Secretariat website.
- Begin work on a socioeconomic assessment – to be a focus of next regional workshop.

# Collaborative approach



## Collaboration with the regions

- Identification of topics for in-depth assessment
- Co-design of regional specific scientific assessments (project outputs)
- Data and information exchange
- Review and evaluation of project relevant outputs
- Co-development of joint workshops and trainings
- Ongoing exchange (stakeholder platform)

# What can you do?

- Apply for the DOALOS trust fund by 28 June and join STRONG High Seas in New York for IGC3 – Capacity Workshop on 25 August.
- Look for emails from the Abidjan Secretariat (Ms Binta Toure ) from the STRONG High Seas project and other information on BBNJ/ABNJ.
- Join STRONG High Seas at the next Dialogue Workshop in 2020 – Date and location TBD.
- Be champions for ABNJ in your national governments or organisations and in the region.
- Engage with the STRONG High Seas team.
- Sign up for the newsletter, follow on social media.

# Regular updates

- Project website

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October 2, 2018

 STRONG High Seas Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Capacity Building Workshop  
September 18, 2018



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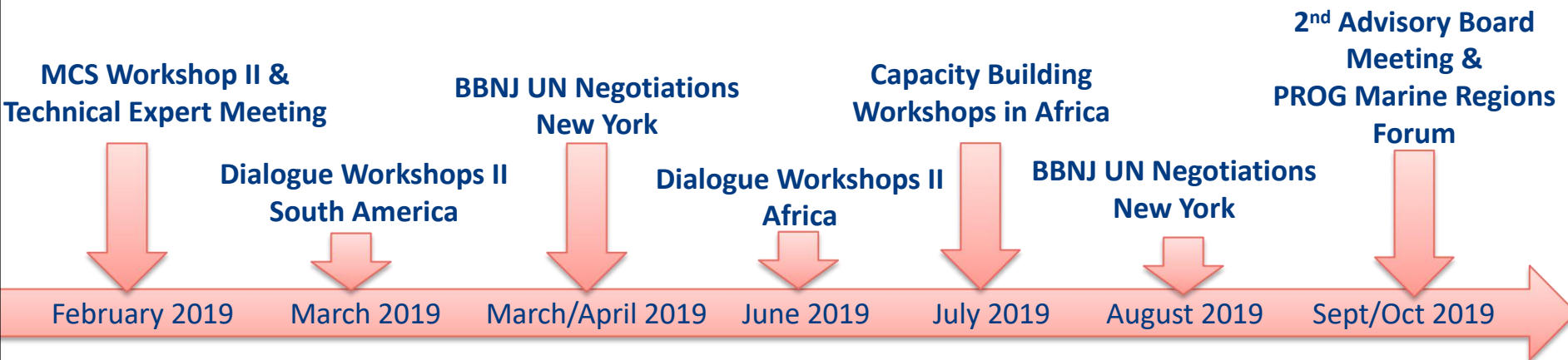
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# 2019 Planning



## Scientific Assessments & publications

- Ecological baselines report
- Report on monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS)
- 2nd BBNJ Policy Brief

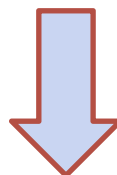
## Other ongoing processes for 2019

- Capacity building & development of a stakeholder platform
- Policy engagement and outreach
- Linking to the Noumea Convention & Nairobi Convention

## **STRONG High Seas:**

# **Strengthening Regional Ocean Governance for the High Seas**

- 5-year project (June 2017 – May 2022)
- Funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) through the International Climate Initiative (IKI)
- Objective: To **strengthen regional ocean governance** for the **conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity**



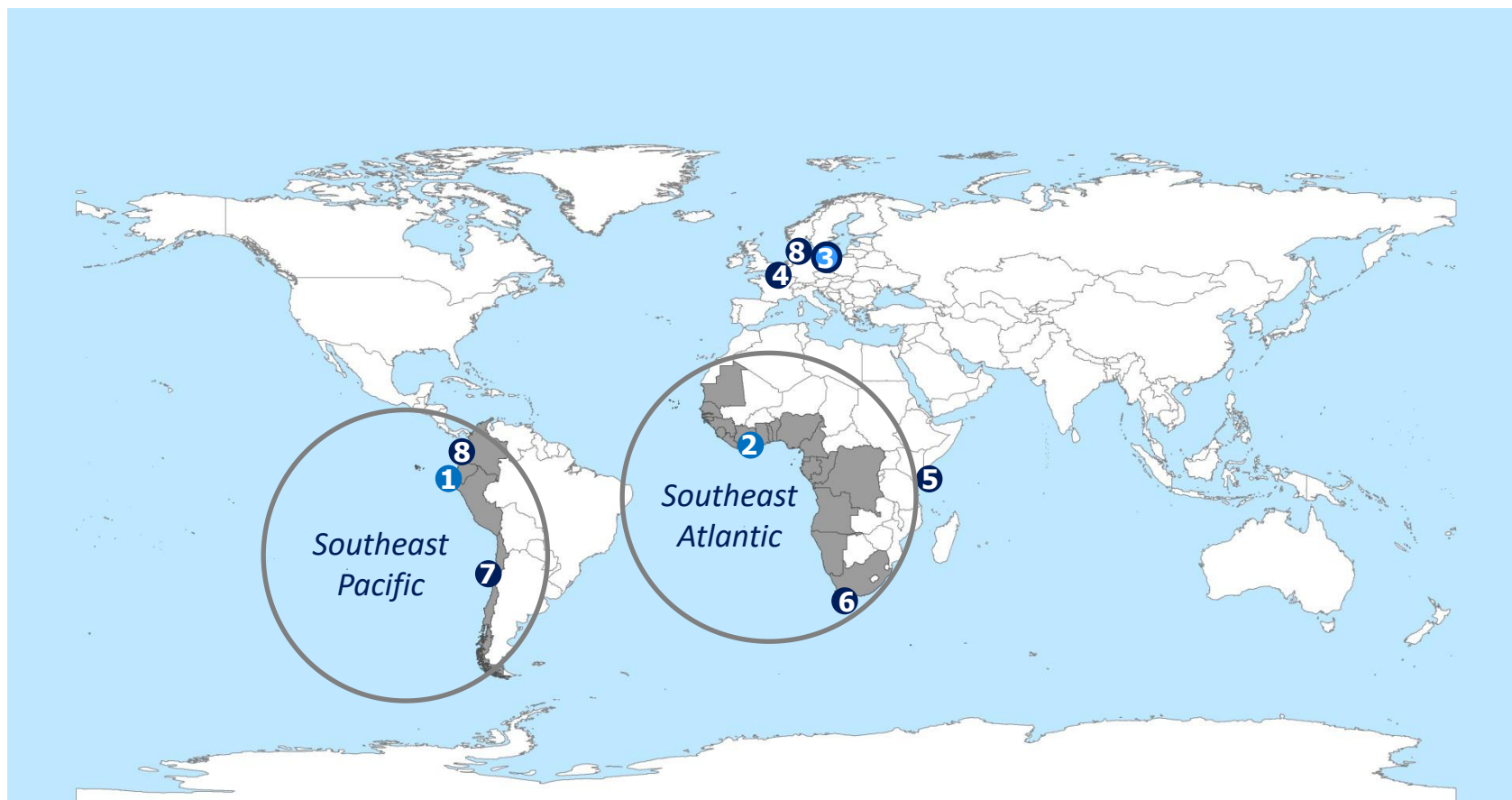
- To develop **integrated and ecosystem-based approaches**
  - within our two focal regions
  - between marine regions
  - between the regional and global level

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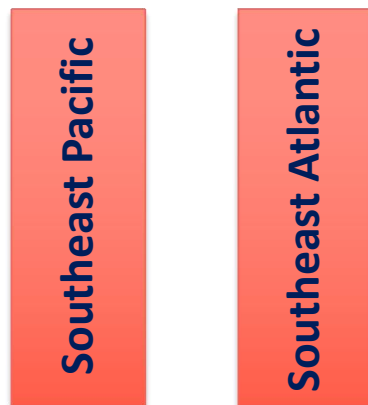
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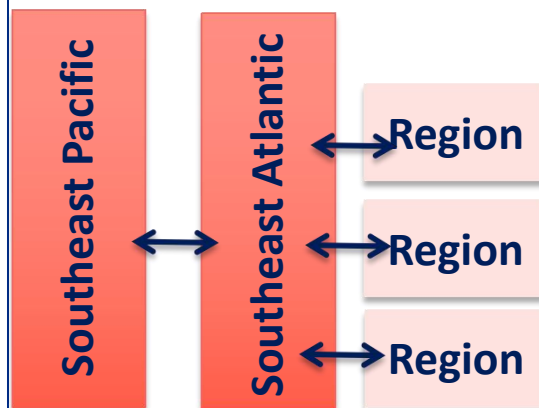
# Project Components

## Component I



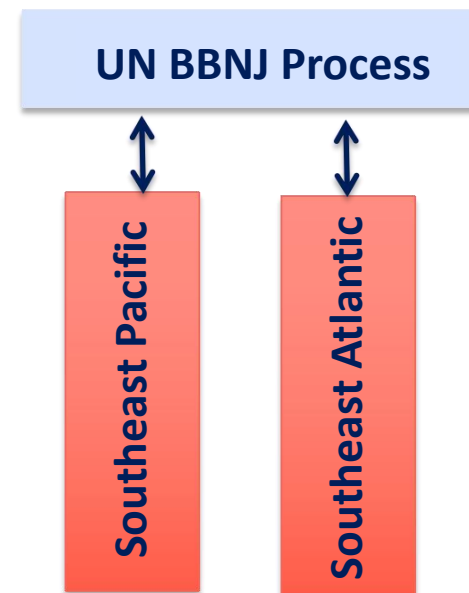
Focus on strengthening ocean governance in the focal regions

## Component II



Focus on strengthening dialogue between marine regions

## Component III



Linking regional and global governance

## *Project activities*

**Engagement in  
Policy**

**Communication and  
Outreach**

**Capacity Building**

**Stakeholder  
Platform**

**Dialogue Workshops**

**Interregional  
Workshops**

**Technical Workshops**

**Scientific  
Assessments**



# 2017-2018 Project Update

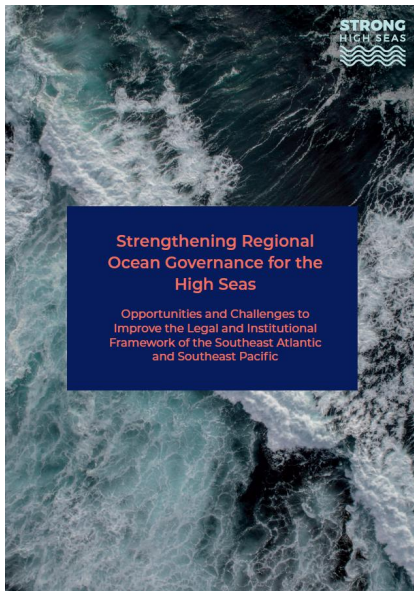


# Progress under Component 1: *Strengthening Ocean Governance in the Southeast Pacific & Southeast Atlantic*



## Scientific Assessments

- Assessment of the legal & institutional framework
- Assessment of the ecological characteristics
- Assessment of technological tools relevant for the monitoring, control and surveillance of human activities in ABNJ



# Progress under Component 1: *Strengthening Ocean Governance in the Southeast Pacific & Southeast Atlantic*

## Stakeholder Engagement

- Assessment of regional capacity needs
- Identification of a relevant stakeholder engagement platform for the regions
- Organisation of first Dialogue Workshops



# Progress under Component II: *Strengthening Dialogue between Marine Regions*

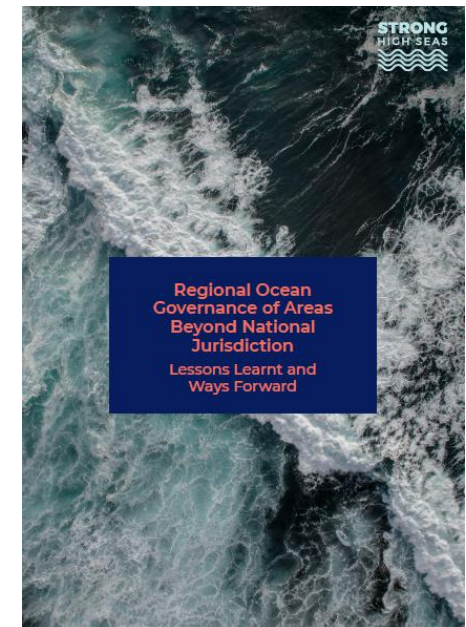


## Scientific Assessment

- Lessons learnt from other regions in ocean governance

## Stakeholder Engagement

- Strengthening dialogue with the Southwest Pacific region



# Progress under Component III: *Linking Regional and Global Governance*



## Policy Engagement

- *Policy Brief Options to underpin global ocean governance through regional and sectoral governance*

## Stakeholder Engagement

- *Assessment of capacity needs for BBNJ negotiations*
- *Organisation of first Capacity Building Workshop at the BBNJ negotiations*
- *Organisation of two Expert Meetings at the BBNJ negotiations*



# The Joint Workshop

## Workshop Objectives

- Present and characterise the state of play for ocean governance in the Atlantic;
- Present, discuss and review the scientific work done under the STRONG High Seas project;
- Identify opportunities for the development of long-term strategies and approaches for stakeholder engagement and capacity development in the Southeast Atlantic region;
- Exchange and discuss initiatives in other marine regions relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ; and
- Discuss issues relevant to the BBNJ negotiations.