

The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) 37th General
Meeting
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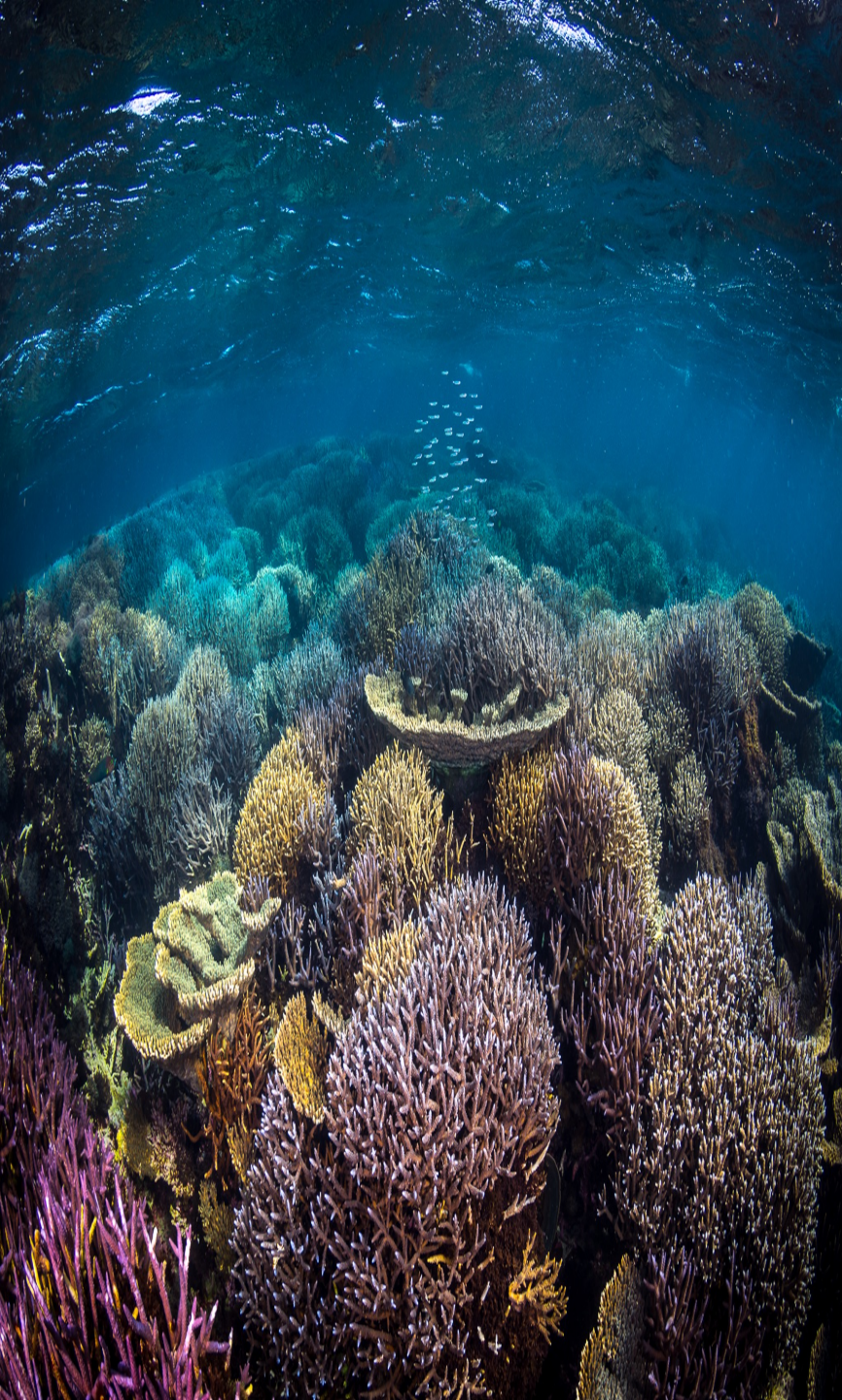
**UNEP and coral conservation - A flagship ecosystem under ocean and climate
nexus**

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Accelerating the long-term resilience of the Coral Reef

Opportunities

- Indigenous and local knowledge
- Increasing awareness
- Multilateralism, MEAs
- Networks and initiatives (ICRI, GFCR, GCRMN, CORDAP, etc.)
- Global, regional, and national level commitments (UNGA 78 High-level event for Nature and People: From Ambition to Action - Canada, FR, Gr, Norway, UK and USA)
- GBF, UN Decade of Ecosystem Restorations
- UNEA Resolution (NbS, Mangroves, coral reef, etc.)





Major Challenges

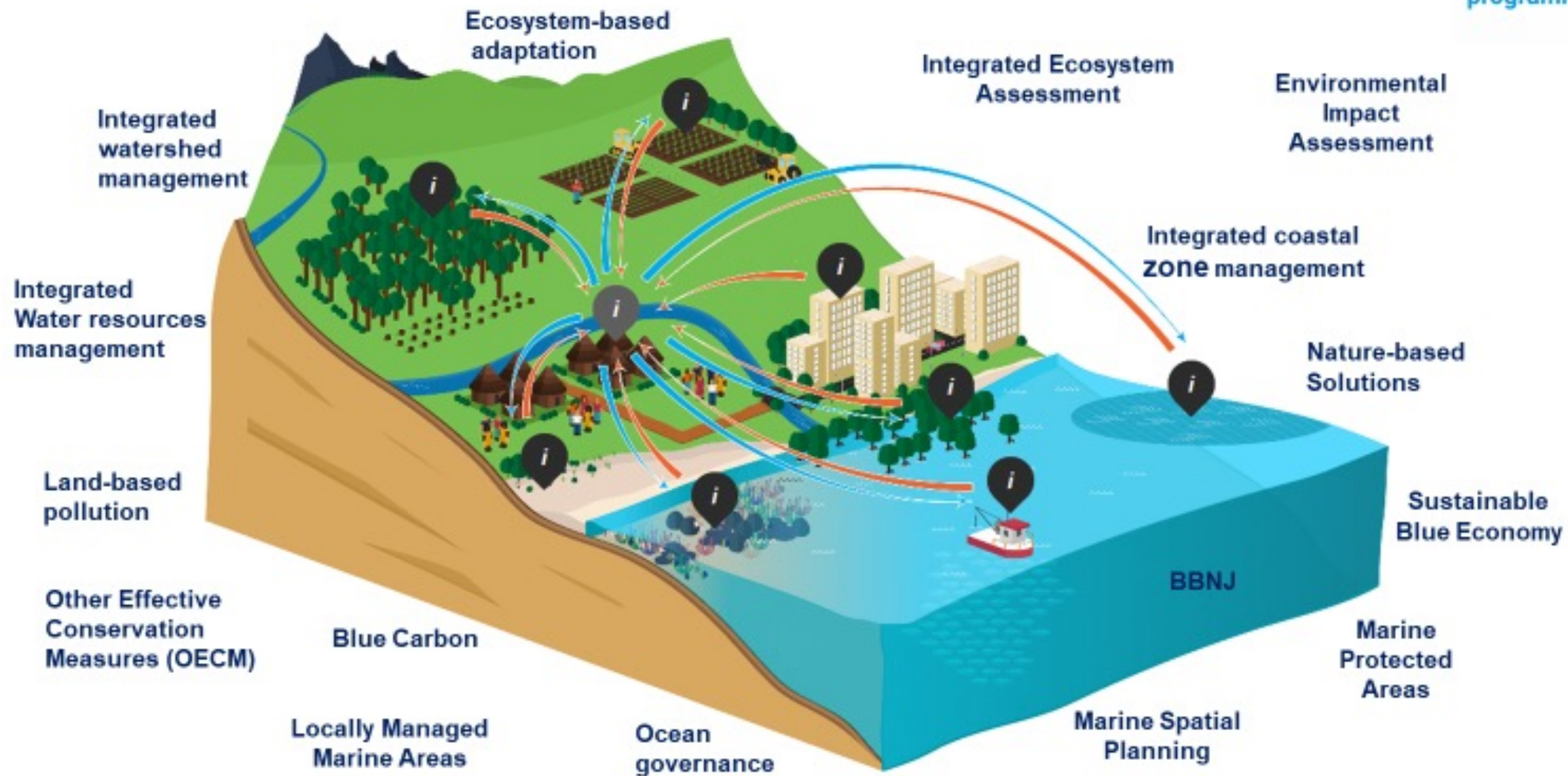
- Fragmentation of interventions
- Lack of inclusiveness
- Lack of policy coherence and systematic planning
- Institutional capacity
- Finance
- Anthropogenic pressure
- The impacts of ongoing ocean warming, acidification, and deoxygenation
- The three planetary crises- climate change, biodiversity and pollution



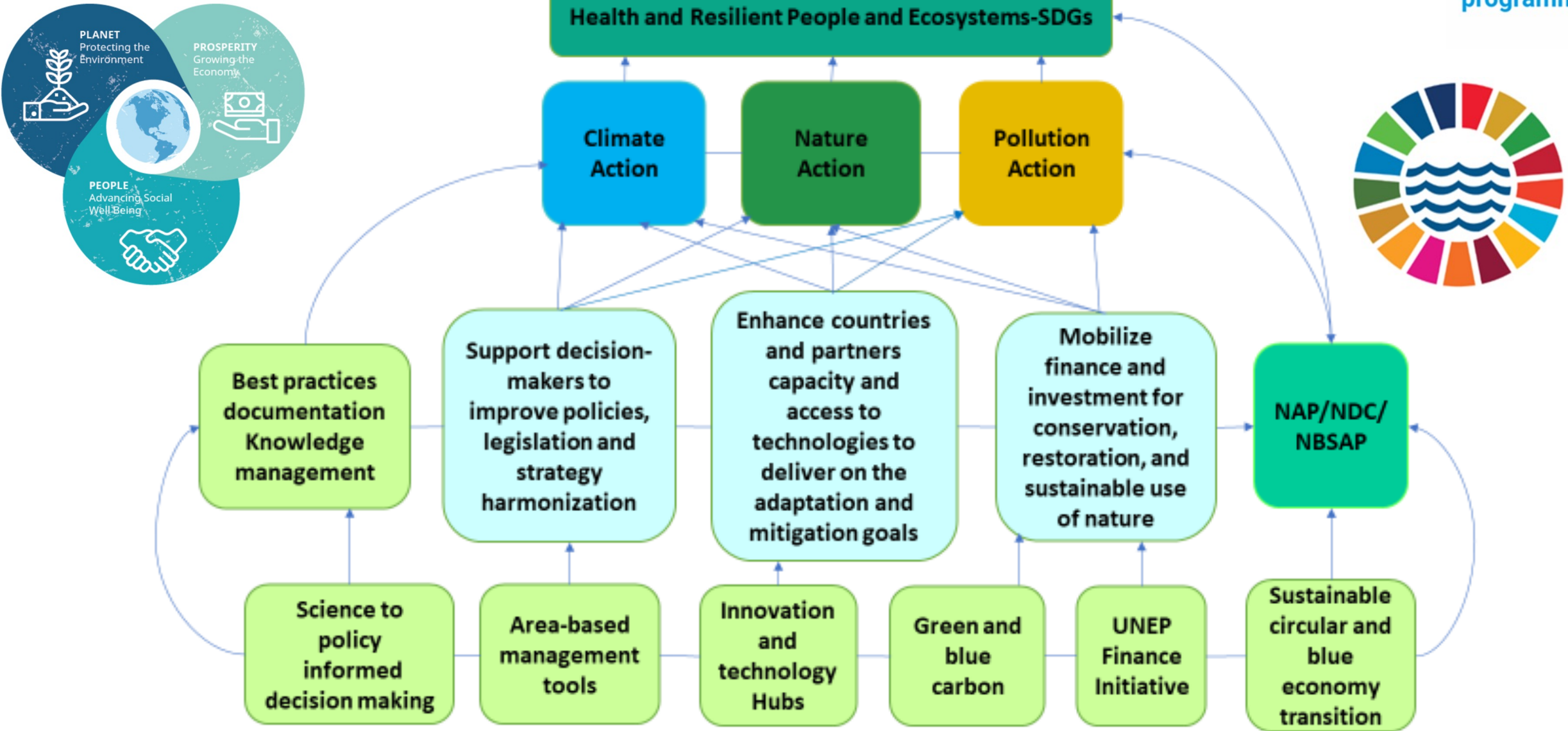
Action

- **A whole society - whole ecosystem approach**
- **Enhance equity, justice, cooperation and inclusive decision-making** with local communities and Indigenous people
- **Ecosystem connectedness** - from mountains-cape to seascape, along the water continuum
- Strengthen partnerships and network
- Actionable commitment

Integrating and connecting concepts, approaches and actions...



What we do at UNEP





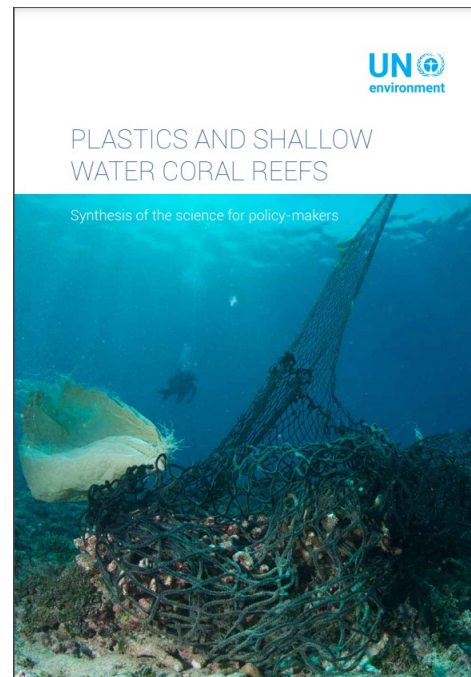
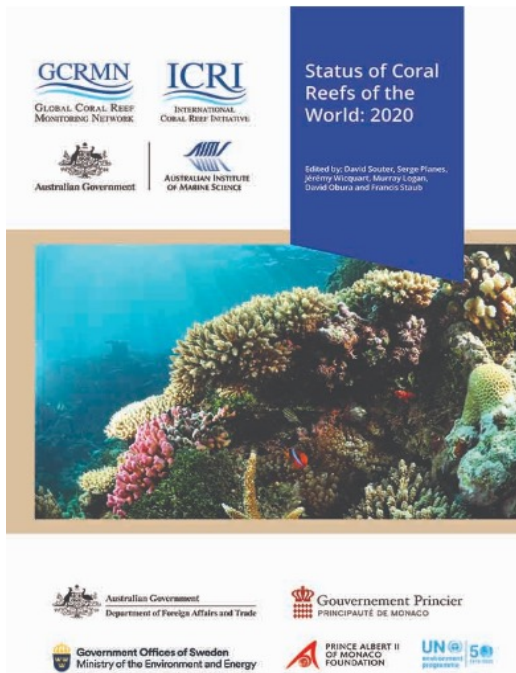
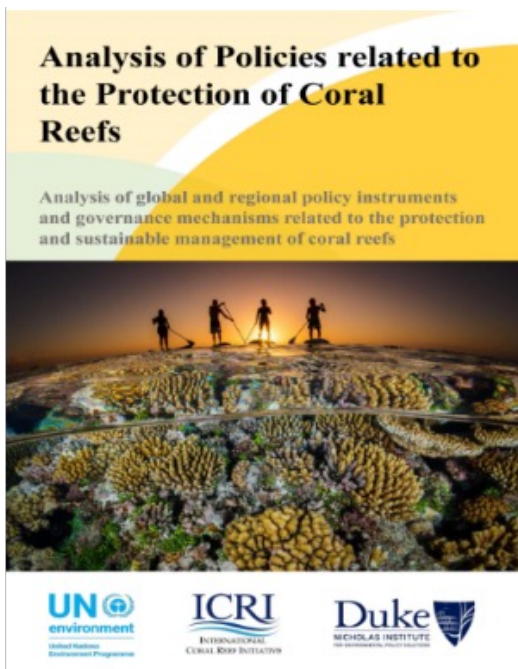
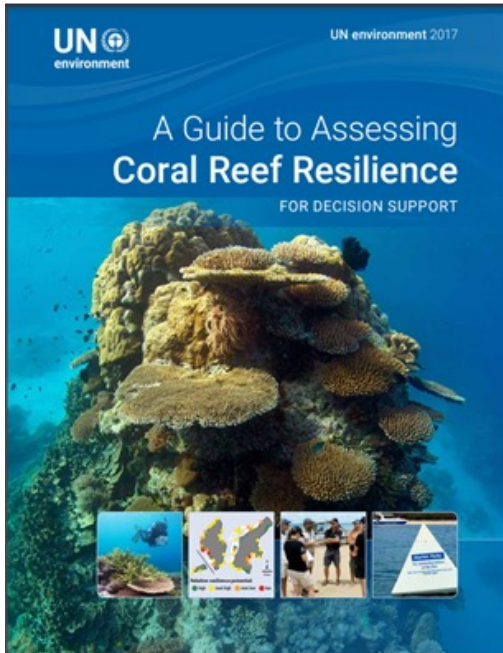
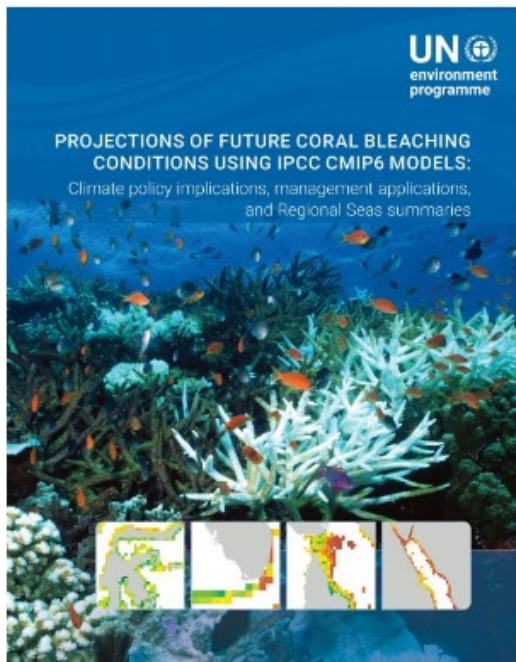
UNEP's work on Coral Reefs conservation and Restoration

Policy support

- UNEA resolutions 2/12 & 4/13, 4/12 and 5/5
- Scientific assessment and research
- Decision support tools
- Support the evidence-based policy and strategy formulation process

Partnership and Institutional capacity building

- ICRI
- GCRMN
- GFCR
- CORDAP





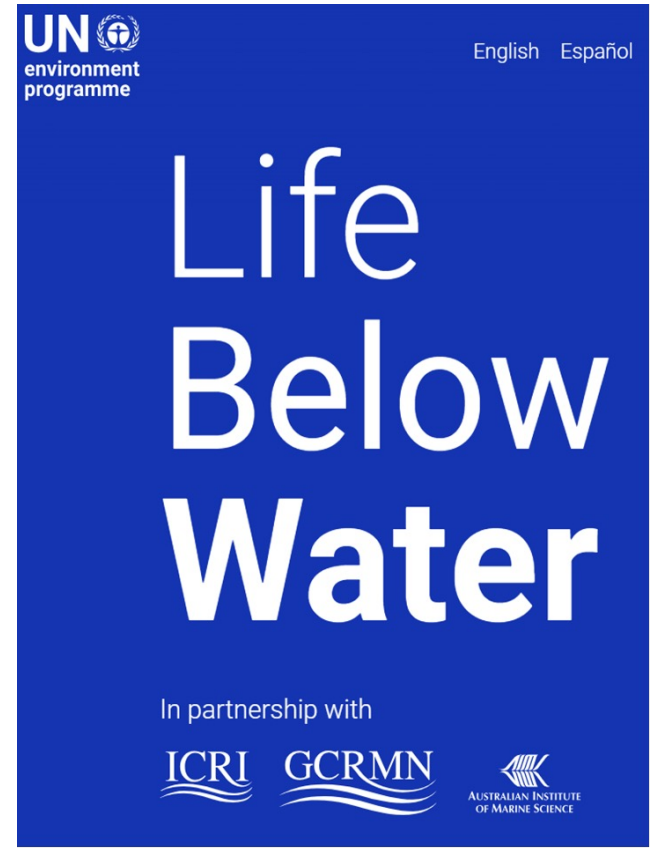
Coral Reefs Conservation and Restoration


- ICRI Small Grant projects– innovative and community-based coral reef conservation and restoration initiatives
- Regional integrated wastewater treatment projects and programmes
- Go-Blue
- Green Fins
- Integrated coastal and marine ecosystem conservation, restoration and sustainable use
- Resilience of critical marine and coastal biodiversity –mangroves, coral reef, Kelp, Seagrass, Seaweeds
- SIDS flagship programme
- Reducing land base sources of pollution
- Large marine ecosystems (LMEs) - Regional Seas and Conventions



Communication and Advocacy

- Communication on the importance of Coral Reef
- **Jason Momoa** - Advocate of life below water for UNEP (video)
- **Ellie Goulding** - Red Sea coral reef (video)
- Strategic communication and engagement for GFCR
- Tide Turners
- Visual products and interactives
- #ForNature social media campaign including #ForCoral
- and more...




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- IUCN
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