

Input by DESA/DSD to:

Part I of the Secretary-General report on ocean affairs and the law of sea
on the topic of the sixteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process:
“Oceans and sustainable development: integration of the three dimensions of sustainable
development, namely, environmental, social and economic”

The importance of oceans for sustainable development is produced by humans. Oceans provide us with water and the oxygen we breathe. The humans to live on earth by absorbing a majority of the sun’s radiation and redistributing it around the world through their surface currents. The global oceans-based economy is valued at between USD 3-6 trillion/year.

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In the Rio+20 outcome document, *The Future We Want*², Member States stressed the importance of “the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and seas and of their resources for sustainable development, including through their contributions to poverty eradication, sustained economic growth, food security and creation of sustainable livelihoods and decent work, while at the same time protecting biodiversity and the marine environment and addressing the impacts of climate change”. Preserving and maintaining healthy, resilient and productive oceans for the prosperity of present and future generations is nevertheless challenging due to numerous stressors such as

