Forewordby the SecretaryGeneral of the United Nations

The First Global Integrated Marine Assessmeration known as the "World Ocean Assessment", is the outcome of the first cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects

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The first World Ocean Assessment provides an important scientific basis following consideration of ocean issues by Governments, intergovernmental processes all policy-makers and others involved in ocean affairs. The Assessment reinforces the science policy interface and establishes the basis for future assessments for establishes and related initiatives, it will help in the implementation the force recently adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly its ocean related goals

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