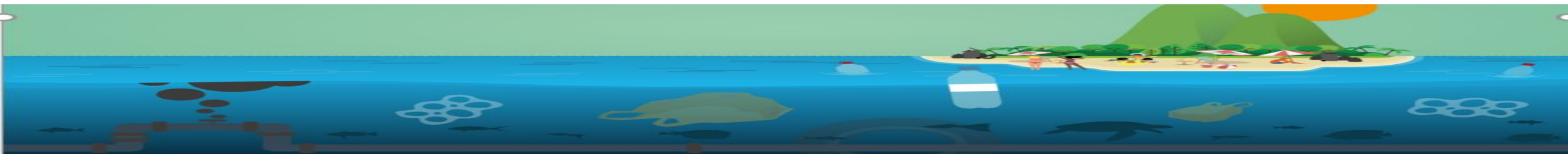


CEP Strategy 2021-2030

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Regional Strategy for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region 2020-2030

Implementing the Cartagena Convention & Supporting the
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



Vision: Healthy, resilient and biologically diverse coastal and marine ecosystems of the Wider Caribbean Region provide a secure supply of ecosystem goods and services for human well-being and livelihoods *and contribute to sustainable development/SDGs for the benefit of present and future generations.*

Mission: To facilitate integrated ecosystem-based management through the control, reduction and prevention of marine pollution and the conservation, sustainable use and restoration of coastal and marine resources and habitats.

The Vision and Mission are achieved through the effective implementation of the Cartagena Convention, its Protocols and Action Plans and Strategic Action Plans relevant to the WCR.

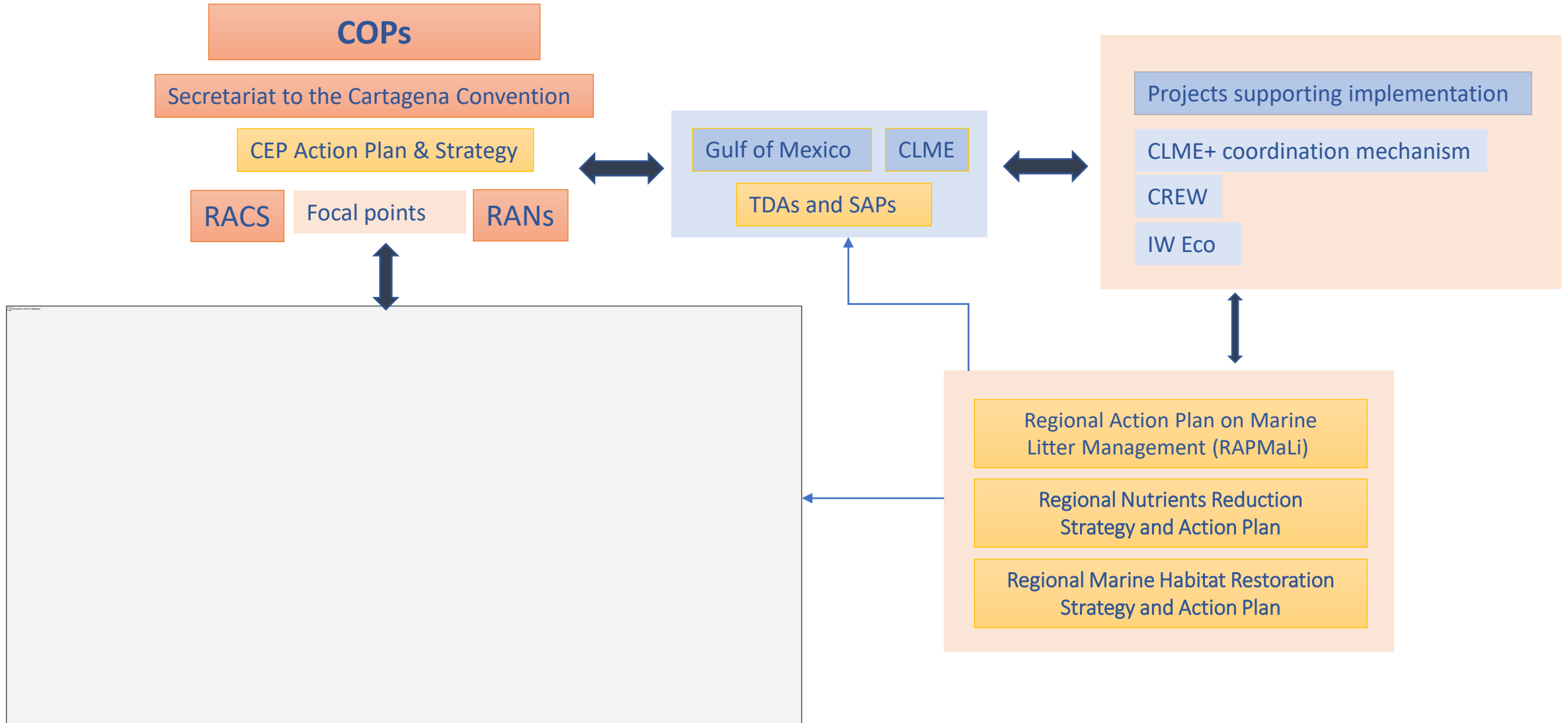
Objective of the CEP strategy

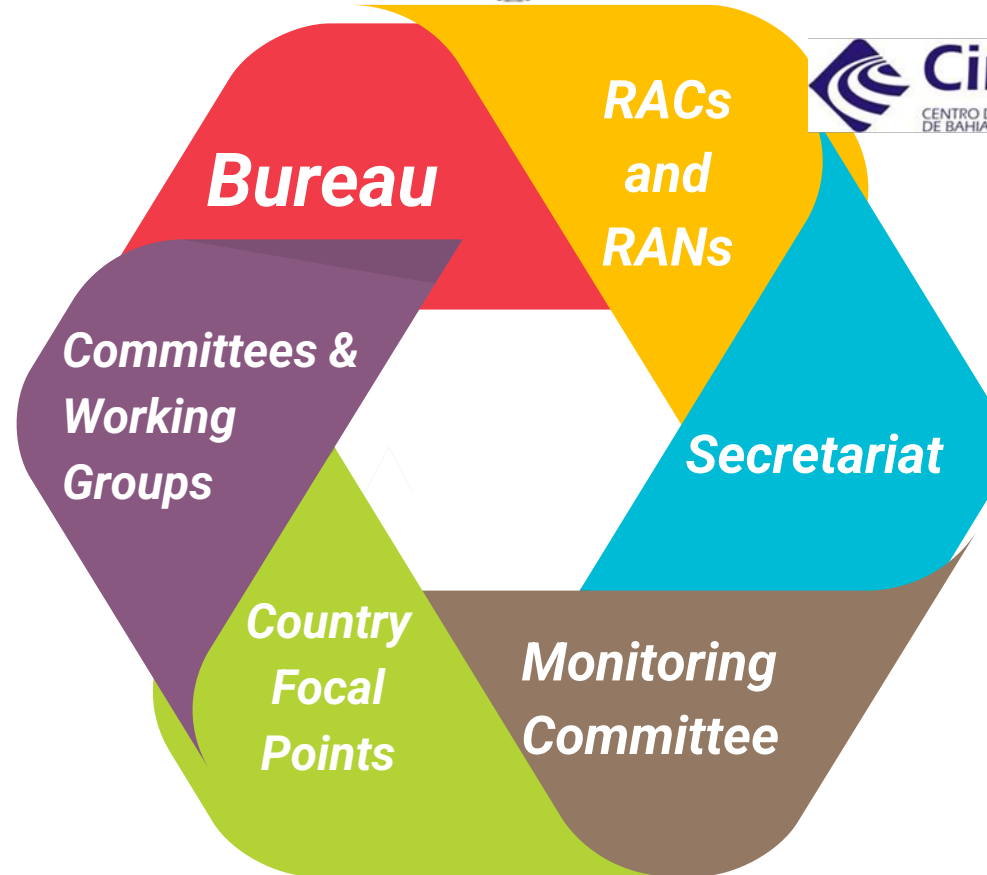
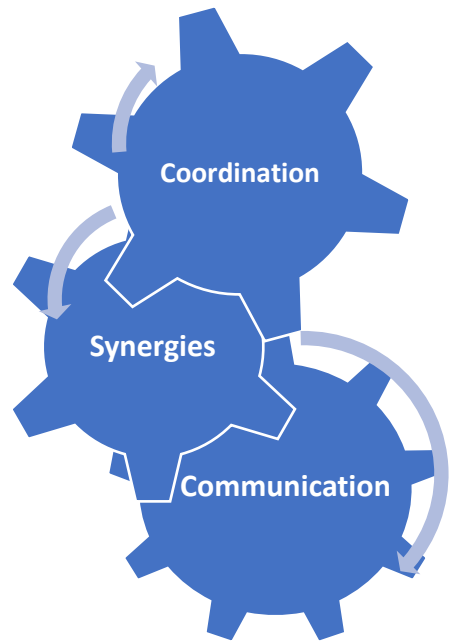


The strategy will strengthen the operational capacity of the CEP/Cartagena Convention network to fulfill its mandate as a Regional Seas Programme.

- ✓ Enhance the effectiveness of the Cartagena Convention as the regional platform for supporting integrated ocean governance, supporting the Secretariat, RACs and RANs in guiding Parties and countries in integrating ocean related issues with the broader development agenda for the WCR
- ✓ Ensure that the relevant SDGs and their targets, the post-2020 global biodiversity goals and targets, and other commitments (UNEA) are achieved, through concrete actions to effectively manage and reduce threats and enhance the sustainable use of marine and coastal resources
- ✓ Strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships, linkages with regional and global frameworks to effectively respond to the challenges facing the marine and coastal environment in the Wider Caribbean Region and enhance the delivery of results.

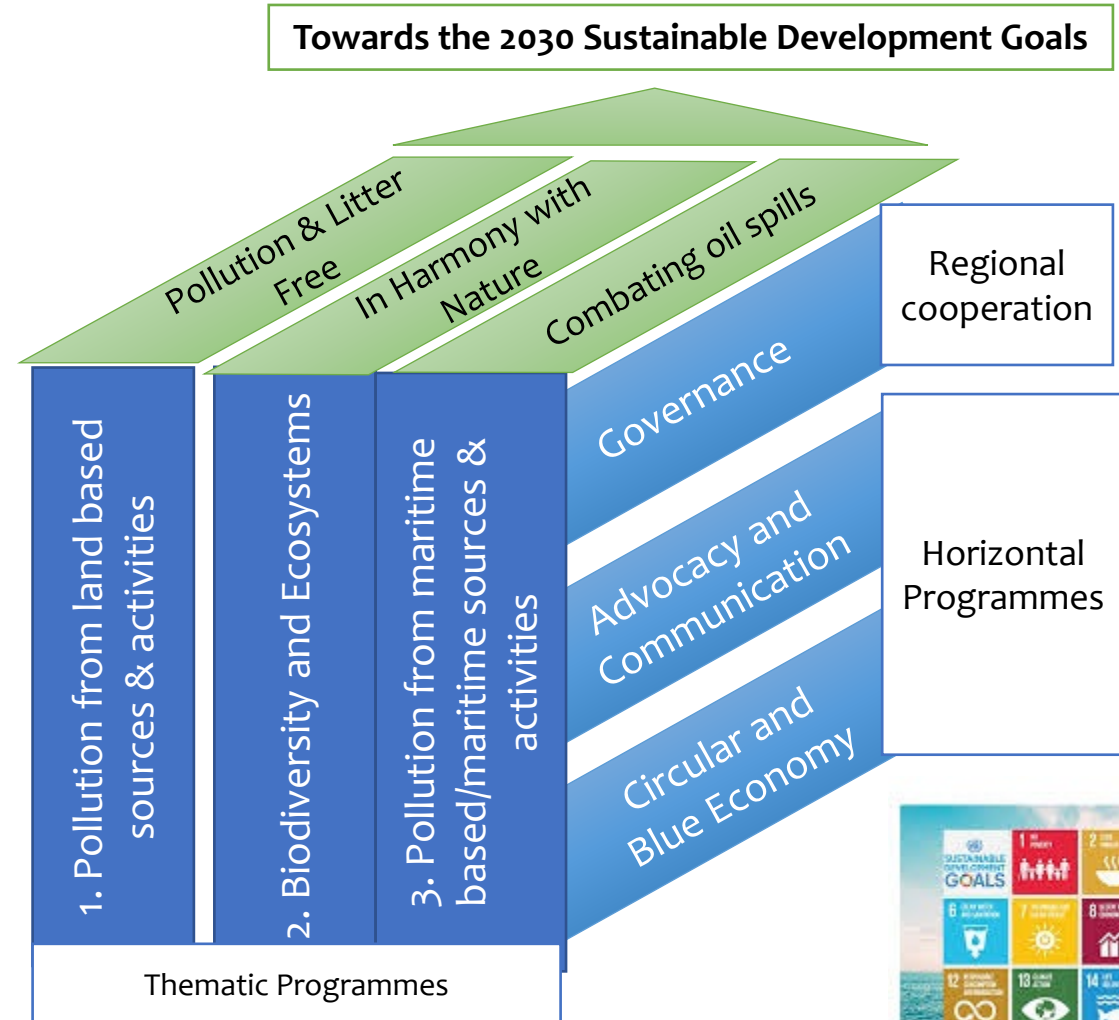
Cartagena Convention network

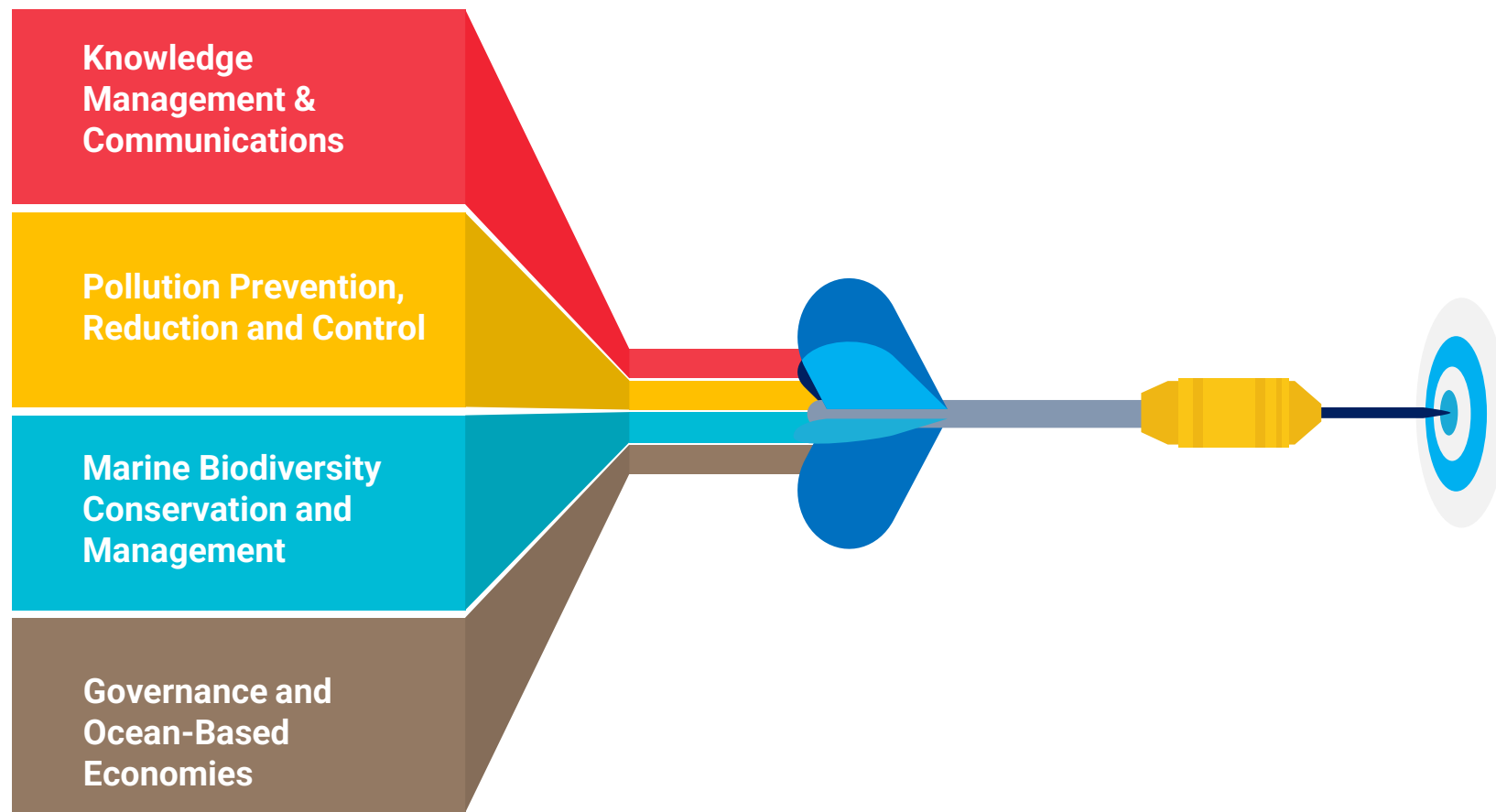
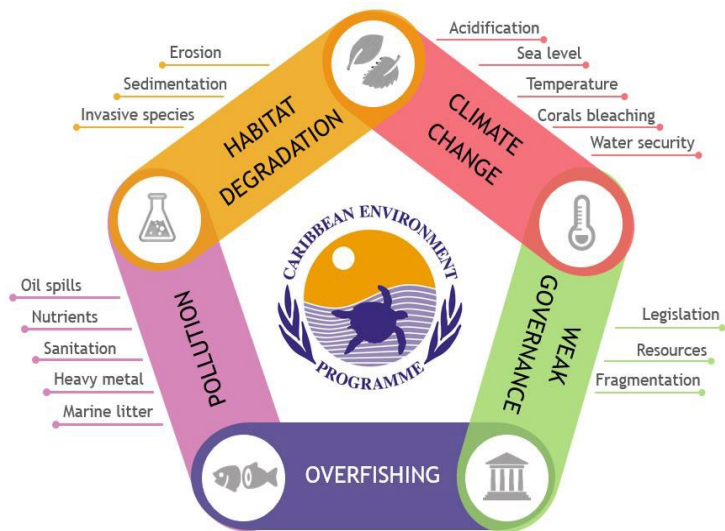




CEP Strategy 2021-2026 Approach

- Aligned with global processes, (2030 Agenda SDGs, CBD post-2020, UN Decades (Ecosystem Restoration Ocean Science), UNEA, EU Green Deal etc.
- Inspired by other regional and global strategies (UNEP MTS 2021-2025, Regional Seas Directions, others...)
- Enhancing the effectiveness of the Cartagena Convention as the regional platform for supporting coordinated, integrated regional oceans governance
- Strengthen partnerships and coordination with national, regional and global actors and key regional initiatives





Cartagena Convention Secretariat: Regional Strategic Directions 2021-2030



Strategic Objective 1

Support policies, strategies and action plans that enable the integrated management, protection and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources; -*Marine Biodiversity Conservation and Management*;

Strategic Objective 2

Integration of innovative pollution prevention and reduction tools, innovative/appropriate technologies including circular economy approaches, waste as a resource and sustainable consumption and production – *Pollution Prevention, Reduction and Control*;

Strategic Objective 3

Support mechanisms to enhance regional and national decision-making and policymaking for the management of coastal and marine resources of the Wider Caribbean Region – *Knowledge Management, Coordination and Communications*;

Strategic Objective 4

Implement innovative institutional, policy, legislative and financing programmes, projects, instruments and initiatives through the effective implementation of the Convention, its Protocols and Action plans to facilitate effective regional ocean governance and a transition to sustainable ocean-based economies. – *Governance, Circularity and Ocean-Based Economies*

Cartagena Convention CEP Strategy Guiding Principles



➤ Ecosystem-based management approach

➤ *Natural capital approach*

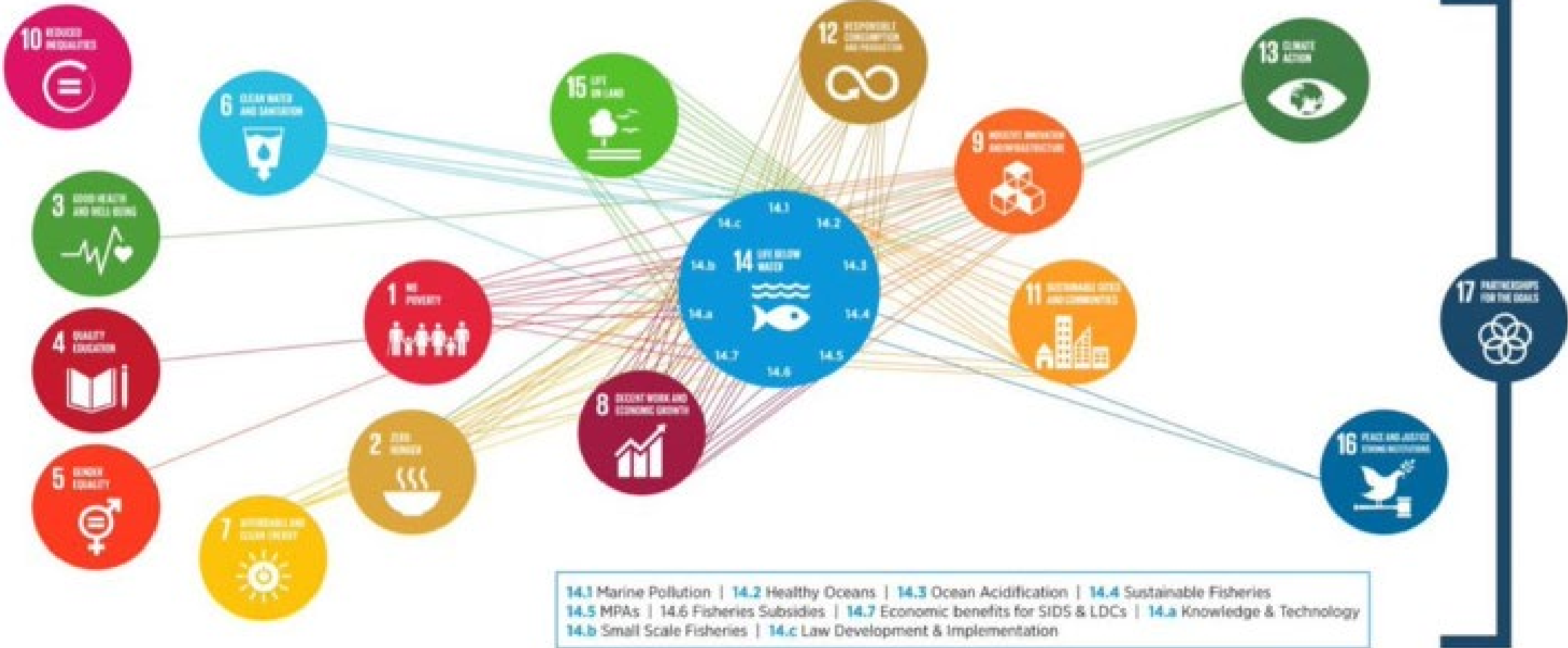
➤ Source-to-sea approach

➤ Science-policy interface

➤ Gender mainstreaming

➤ Sustainable consumption and production

From silo to system thinking



Source: IASS Potsdam, 2016

Projects supporting
implementation of
the Cartagena
Convention



EBM Italian Project
Ecosystems Based Management

GEF - CLME+
**Caribbean Large Marine
Ecosystem & North Brazil Shelf**

ACP MEAS Phase III MPAs
Marine Protected Area Network

GEF - IWEco
**Integrating Water, Land and Ecosystems
Management in Caribbean SIDS**

Plastics/Marine Litter Management
Caribbean Node for Marine Litter

GEF - CReW+
**Caribbean Regional Fund for
Wastewater Management**



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General Feedback from Contracting Parties & Regional Activity Centres

**Grammar &
General Editing**

**Length & Areas
of Duplication**

**Organization &
Flow of some
sections**

**Acronyms &
consistency
between English
& Spanish**

**Background &
context for
some of the
content**

**Reference to
specific
projects**

Substantive Feedback from Contracting Parties & Regional Activity Centres

Role of the Secretariat in project execution vs resource mobilization

Role of Regional Activity Centres/Regional Activity Network

Reference to MEAs or Frameworks that are not accepted/ratified by all Parties

Use of terms & principles that are not fully agreed or accepted in other international fora e.g. nature-based solutions, blue economy, natural capital, ocean-based economies

Strategic Objectives of Sub-Programmes & specific themes – could be more specific or aspirational: could be linked to SOCAR and Regional Strategies

Specific
examples where
Contracting
Parties will
need to guide
the Secretariat:

- Delete reference to blue economy
- Delete reference to natural capital
- The main role of the Secretariat is a steering role: fund raising, developing and maintaining strategic relations with the Parties and Partners, and monitoring and facilitating the implementation of the activities led by the RACs
- This strategy will be implemented in compliance with the principle of non-regression
- Delete reference to a “Regional Ocean Governance Framework”

Way Forward

Initial Discussion on more substantive issues using time allocated taking into account findings of the Functional Review

Establishment of Working Group including countries who provided substantive comments on the CEP Strategy with a view towards having an updated version for endorsement at the next Cartagena Convention COP.

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