Restoration and Recovery of the Oceans

Remarks to the G7 2023

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# 2023 Recommendations

 Restore and conserve the oceans and their biodiversity by promoting MPAs, ending damaging fishing practices, and enforcing regulations on invasive species. Incentivize conservation.

- Create a sustainable ocean through international cooperation, ecosystems-based management, public awareness. Remove illdirected and counterproductive incentives.
- Increase scientific support for ocean management through human capital development, innovation in ocean observing, and data sharing.

# Ocean Science Thematic Areas Cross-Cut UN Sustainability Goals





#### A Clean Ocean

Sources of pollution are identified, quantified and reduced, and pollutants removed from the Ocean.



#### A Healthy & Resilient Ocean

Marine ecosystems are mapped and protected, multiple impacts, including climate change, are measured and reduced, and the provision of Ocean ecosystem services is maintained.





#### **A Predicted Ocean**

Society has the capacity to understand current and future Ocean conditions, forecast their change and impact on human wellbeing and livelihoods.



#### Slide modified from Craig McLean, NOAA

#### Societal Outcomes Promoted by the Decade



**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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4 LIFE BELOW WATER



#### A Safe Ocean

Human communities are protected from ocean hazards and the safety of operations at sea and on the coast is guaranteed.





#### A Sustainable Productive Ocean

The provision of food supply and alternative livelihoods are secured.



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4 QUALITY EDUCATION

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## A Transparent and Accessible Ocean

All nations, stakeholders and citizens have access to ocean data and information, technologies, and are capable of making **informed decisions.** 



# Delivering on a transparent and predictable ocean

Send instruments to sea, not people. Bring back data, not samples



#### Al control of an *insitu* mission

AUV searches for signal of interest, maps it out in time and space, and then collects samples to return to the lab



#### Figure from Kanna Rajan



Delivering on a sustainable and productive ocean



Create the triple bottom line: more fish in the sea, more fish for food, with less effort per catch. The new UN High Seas Treaty is an important step, but many details TBD.

### Take early action on emerging ocean uses

- Ocean energy (wind, tides, waves, energy gradients)
- Deep-sea mining

• Enhanced carbon storage



# Delivering on a safe ocean

Need situational awareness



# Situational Awareness on Land

- Weather up to 10-days out for temperature, rain, wind, major events
- Doppler radar maps

- Earthquake early warning
- Traffic report and accident alert



# Public awareness of ocean issues

"In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught." Baba Dioum

