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Strengthening stewardship through cooperation in an economically and biologically significant high seas area – the Sargasso Sea

Validation Workshop

## Agenda Item 5

Summary Presentation of the Project Document  
Project Components, Outcomes, Outputs and Activities

## Introduction



The Proposed Project Components, Outcomes and Outputs were agreed by the countries and regional partners prior to submission of the PIF by UNDP to GEF for endorsement

Since then the Project Developers have worked with the countries and other partners and stakeholders to tighten and strengthen the intended Outputs and Deliverables so as to better address the objectives of this Project and the mandate of the Sargasso Sea Commission

We are grateful for all of the comprehensive yet detailed inputs and amendments which the various partners and stakeholder have contributed to get to this stage



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# The Project Document

## The Structure of the Document

Development Challenge (the Baseline, threats, impacts and barriers)

Strategy and Proposed New Scenario

Results and Partnerships

Project Results Framework

Monitoring and Evaluation

Governance and Management Arrangements

Main Annexes

- Maps
- Causal Chain Analysis and Theory of Change
- Project Work-Plan
- Project Staff and Consultants
- Stakeholder Engagement Plan

## OVERALL PROJECT OBJECTIVE

**Facilitation of a collaborative, cross-sectoral ecosystem-based sustainable stewardship approach for the Sargasso Sea, as an ABNJ of significant importance, through improvements in the knowledge base and strengthened frameworks for collaboration**

This will be achieved through the multi-stakeholder negotiation and adoption of a Strategic Action Programme for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the Sargasso Sea, consistent with the UNCLOS and its implementation agreements

## Intended Purpose of the UNDP IOC-UNESCO & GEF Intervention and Funding

- A. To assist with collaboration between the signatories to the Hamilton Declaration and other partners and stakeholders in pursuing possible conservation measures for the Sargasso Sea ecosystem through existing regional and international organisations with relevant mandates and competencies (as articulated in the Declaration)
- B. To consider the means and modalities by which Signatories could, according to their mandate and their means, further support the work of the Commission in strengthening stewardship within the Sargasso Sea Ecosystem
- C. Encourage collaboration with and between relevant regional and international organisations, as well as other bodies and entities, who wish to contribute to efforts to conserve the Sargasso Sea ecosystem in accordance with the Declaration.

## Component 1: Improved Knowledge Base to Support a Collaborative, Adaptive Ecosystem-based Stewardship Approach

### Outcome 1.1

Quantified threats and impacts identified along with their immediate and root causes establishing a baseline for on-going monitoring and collaborative ecosystem-based stewardship.

### Output 1.1.1:

A detailed Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis (EDA) for the Sargasso Sea Collaboration Area providing a baseline to guide the long-term collaborative monitoring and stewardship of the natural resources of Sargasso Sea by the relevant partners

### Indicators of Achievement:

- Definition of baseline (current) state of Sargasso Sea Ecosystem clearly defined and extrapolated where possible into long-term trends with all main threats, impacts, barriers and drivers identified along with existing actions being taken to address these
- Compilation of current organizations related to Sargasso Sea leading to actions for increased cooperation within the Strategic Action Programme

<b>ACHIEVEMENT INDICATOR</b>	<b>MID-TERM TARGET</b>	<b>END-OF-PROJECT TARGET</b>
<p>Definition of baseline (current) state of Sargasso Sea Ecosystem clearly defined and extrapolated where possible into long-term trends with all main threats, impacts, barriers and drivers identified along with existing actions being taken to address these</p>	<p>Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis (EDA) completed by Mid-Term (confirmed by MTR)</p>	<p>Annual reports on the ongoing monitoring of baseline parameters (as established in EDA) which also identify trends in impacts, threats and improvements</p>
<p>Compilation of current organizations related to Sargasso Sea leading to actions for increased cooperation within the Strategic Action Programme</p>	<p>EDA includes a compilation of organizations included in this process which can advise Component 3 on how best to encourage cooperation as part of the overall SAP</p>	<p>A summary document provided to Component 3 on existing and potential cooperative practices and used to guide development of the SAP</p>

### Output 1.1.1 - Main Activities

- A. Confirm Terms of Reference and Work-Plan for the Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis
- B. Identify the stakeholders and partners that need to be involved (drafting or reviewing) in the EDA development process through an appropriate workshop(s) and dialogue that also catalogues the available data
- C. Establish Technical Development Review body for the EDA and approve the system boundary for stewardship
- D. Capture the Baseline Environmental Status (oceanography, productivity, fisheries, biodiversity, etc.).
- E. Capture Baseline on socioeconomics (Fisheries, tourism, dependent livelihoods, shipping, etc.).
- F. Capture any other risks, threats and emerging concerns (including gender mainstreaming, climate change, ocean acidification, etc.) - Also, through the various partnerships and stakeholder arrangements.
- G. Compile a list of existing institutional arrangements relating to the Sargasso Sea including legal instruments & treaties, RFMOs, adjacent RSPs, LOS, etc. and including available funding mechanisms for stewardship
- H. Development and approval of a more detailed Causal Chain Analysis arising from the DPSIR/EDA process
- I. Drafting of the Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis Report
- J. Adoption of draft EDA by Technical Board and submission for Peer Review
- K. Final EDA approved by SSC, Commissioners, participating countries and Hamilton Declaration Signatories



## Component 1: Improved Knowledge Base to Support a Collaborative, Adaptive Ecosystem-based Stewardship Approach

### Outcome 1.2

Analysis of the global value of this unique ecosystem (with accurate figures and conclusions where possible) so as to further justify and mobilize support for collaboration.

### Output 1.2.1:

An Ecosystem Valuation and a Value-Chain Analysis delivering a detailed global economic assessment of the actual and potential value of goods and services provided by or falling within the Sargasso Sea ecosystem along with a cost-benefit analysis of the various ecosystem approaches

### Indicators of Achievement:

- Raised awareness generally of the long-term value of this ecosystem and its goods and services supporting the need for improved cooperation (through published articles and other media distributions)
- Current and potential future conservation and sustainable use bodies advised on different practices and their actual values

<b>ACHIEVEMENT INDICATOR</b>	<b>MID-TERM TARGET</b>	<b>END-OF-PROJECT TARGET</b>
<p>Raised awareness generally of the long-term value of this ecosystem and its goods and services supporting the need for improved cooperation (through published articles and other media distributions)</p>	<p>An Ecosystem Valuation Report drafted and circulated to all Commissioners, Signatories and appropriate partners/ collaborators for feedback</p>	<p>Final Ecosystem Valuation Report adopted and has 'informed' the SAP</p>
<p>Current and potential future conservation and sustainable use bodies advised on different practices and their actual values</p>	<p>Draft report provides initial guidance on benefits of ecosystem goods and services with associated figures</p>	<p>Briefings providing guidance on benefits of conservation and sustainable use of ecosystem goods and services endorsed by Commission and circulated to appropriate bodies</p>

## Output 1.2.1 - Main Activities

- A. Confirm Terms of Reference and Work-plan for an Ecosystem Valuation process
- B. Establish an Ecosystem Valuation Technical Team (partners)
- C. Identify the various goods and services that the Sargasso Sea provides globally (e.g. provisioning, regulating, habitat, cultural) for both Market (e.g. fisheries, tourism) and Non-Market (e.g. carbon sequestration, nutrient cycling, etc. )
- D. Capture information on the value that the individual goods and services provide over a fixed period
- E. Calculate the value-chain, i.e., the linkages between the various components, species, habitat types etc. in the ecosystem and the overall value that these provide at both Market and Non-Market levels
- F. Draft report circulated to stakeholders and partners for comment and revision as appropriate
- G. Finalise an overall report and guidance on the value of the ecosystem for use in the development of the SAP

## Component 1: Improved Knowledge Base to Support a Collaborative, Adaptive Ecosystem-based Stewardship Approach

### Outcome 1.3

Knowledge and Information capture and analysis to support effective stewardship

### Output 1.3.1:

Filling of Priority Information and Knowledge Gaps arising from the Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis along with a Road-Map and Programme under implementation for Monitoring of the Ecosystem

### Indicators of Achievement:

- Partnerships and collaborations with SSC following a clear road-map to fill gaps in knowledge and information and effectively distribute this knowledge and information
- Capacity to monitor the Sargasso Sea ecosystem expanded and strengthened

<b>ACHIEVEMENT INDICATOR</b>	<b>MID-TERM TARGET</b>	<b>END-OF-PROJECT TARGET</b>
Partnerships and collaborations with SSC following a clear road-map to fill gaps in knowledge and information and effectively distribute this knowledge and information	Partnership Agreements (MoUs) as appropriate) adopted to support filling of data and information gaps and to develop a monitoring programme	A long-term partnership-based Science Monitoring Programme management and monitoring drafted and adopted by SSC and Partners
Capacity to monitor the Sargasso Sea ecosystem expanded and strengthened	Capacity Building and Training needs and partners identified and CB&T activities underway	Relevant Capacity Building and Training Workshops (3) and Training Courses (4) delivered

### Output 1.3.1 - Main Activities

- A. Prioritising the gaps in data and information needs
- B. Identifying and prioritizing options for gap-filling through partnerships and stakeholders (MoUs)
- C. Adoption of a science and technical programme for data and information capture
- D. Annual review of data and information gaps
- E. Adoption of a long-term partnership-based Science Monitoring Programme for monitoring Ecosystem health
- F. Identification of weaknesses in capacity to support long-term monitoring of the Sargasso Sea Ecosystem and training and infrastructure requirements needed to rectify
- G. Undertake capacity building and training workshops and training courses to support data and information capture, analysis and management; resource mobilization to fill gaps in monitoring infrastructure

## Component 2: Development of a Strategic Action Programme for Addressing Threats and Strengthening Stewardship through Collaboration and Conservation of the Sargasso Sea ecosystem

### Outcome 2.1

Priority immediate and long-term actions identified in order to a) address or mitigate the impacts of threats and b) strengthen cooperative stewardship and conservation

### Output 2.1.1:

A list of priority immediate and long-term actions needed along with identified partnerships and responsible entities for delivering on these priority actions.

### Indicators of Achievement:

- The actions to address impacts and threats to the ecosystem are negotiated and endorsed by SSC, Signatory Countries and other partners

<b>ACHIEVEMENT INDICATOR</b>	<b>MID-TERM TARGET</b>	<b>END-OF-PROJECT TARGET</b>
<p>The actions to address impacts and threats to the ecosystem are negotiated and endorsed by SSC, Signatory Countries and other partners.</p>	<p>All actions have been endorsed by stakeholders at the MTR</p>	<p>Formal scientific and/or professionally recognised publications define the actions that have been endorsed along with a preliminary road-map/work-plan for activities</p>



### Output 2.1.1 - Main Activities

- A. Data capture to analyse ecological sensitivity of Sargasso Sea and environmental impacts from shipping
- B. Data capture to feed into regional environmental planning at the International Seabed Authority
- C. Threat/Risk mitigation analysis and response group established
- D. Establishment of a specific group of partners to consider the potential impacts from climate change
- E. Identification/allocation of partnership/stakeholder roles and activities for delivering on priority actions to remove or mitigate threats and risks
- F. Establish a Monitoring and Review process for identified threats, potential risks and impacts as well as identifying emerging concerns. This can be aligned with the Science Monitoring Programme (1.3.1) as appropriate
- G. Establish a procedure for regular publication of Monitoring and Review findings (e.g. Sargasso 'State of the Marine Environment and Socioeconomics')
- H. Identify the required mechanisms to integrate the above processes into a long-term implementation plan for the Strategic Action Programme

## Component 2: Development of a Strategic Action Programme for Addressing Threats and Strengthening Stewardship through Collaboration and Conservation of the Sargasso Sea ecosystem

### Outcome 2.2

Priority actions to strengthen collaborative stewardship endorsed by various partner institutions and other stakeholders to support actions for the conservation and sustainable use of the Sargasso Sea.

### Output 2.2.1:

A Strategic Action Programme defining the priority actions, endorsed by the institutions, partners and collaborators supporting partnerships for implementation of conservation processes within the Sargasso Sea

### Indicators of Achievement:

- A negotiated Strategic Action Programme endorsed by the main stakeholders and accepted by other partners and collaborators

**ACHIEVEMENT  
INDICATOR**

A negotiated Strategic Action Programme endorsed by the main stakeholders and accepted by other partners and collaborators

**MID-TERM TARGET**

A SAP Development Drafting Team established with broad representation from the stakeholders

**END-OF-PROJECT  
TARGET**

A Strategic Action Programme endorsed as appropriate which defines the actions to be taken (being taken) within a work-plan and assigns budgets and responsibilities and identifies partnerships (funding and other resources)

### Output 2.2.1 - Main Activities

- A. Establish a SAP Development and Drafting team involving appropriate stakeholders and partners including relevant private sector representation
- B. Clearly define the objectives and the 'content' of the SAP with the various stakeholders and particularly with the Hamilton Declaration Signatories
- C. 'Populate' the various sections of the SAP document
- D. First Draft of SAP circulated to appropriate stakeholders and partners for comment
- E. SAP Development and Drafting team review and revise SAP text as appropriate following comments
- F. Second Draft to Stakeholders and partners.
- G. Final revision of SAP
- H. Endorsement of the Strategic Action Programme for Stewardship of the Sargasso Sea

## Component 3: Partnerships and Cooperation for the Sustainability of the Natural Resources of the Sargasso Sea Ecosystem

### Outcome 3.1

Collaborative stewardship of an iconic high seas ecosystem through the development of interactive, partnerships for the conservation and sustainable use of its natural resources

### Output 3.1.1:

A road-map and budget to help define and support SAP implementation via a collaborative Ecosystem Based Approach within the Sargasso Sea.

### Indicators of Achievement:

- Collaborative arrangements for implementation of a Strategic Action Programme for stewardship of the Sargasso Sea ecosystem clearly defined into the future with a road-map and supportive budgeting

<b>ACHIEVEMENT INDICATOR</b>	<b>MID-TERM TARGET</b>	<b>END-OF-PROJECT TARGET</b>
<p>Collaborative arrangements for implementation of a Strategic Action Programme for stewardship of the Sargasso Sea ecosystem clearly defined into the future with a road-map and supportive budgeting</p>	<p>SAP Implementation Planning Team established</p>	<p>A fully developed and endorsed initiative to support the implementation of the SAP post-Project</p>

### Output 3.1.1 - Main Activities

- A. Establish a SAP Implementation Planning Group to guide and monitor the following activities
- B. Define and approve a road-map (timing and work-plan) for long-term implementation of the SAP
- C. Review and approve partnership inputs and contributions to long-term implementation of the SAP. This includes identifying Centres of Excellence that can or have contributed or that may arise as part of SAP implementation
- D. Review the scientific and technical (including socioeconomic) monitoring needs for SAP implementation (including those feeding into or arising from the Platform - see 4.1.2) with a clear road-map and roles/responsibilities
- E. Provide the results of monitoring and any emerging scientific and technical issues and concerns to the attention of responsible and/or mandated parties
- F. Define and adopt a communications and knowledge management methodology related to the SAP Implementation activities building on the processes developed by the Project where they have been appropriate and effective. This would link directly to the input and support from IW:LEARN (see Output 4.1.3 below)
- G. Review the training and capacity building needs to support SAP implementation. Define and adopt a CB&T SAP Plan-of-Action. This would also link into Output 4.1.3 and the support from IW:LEARN for TDA-SAP development
- H. Formulate budget funding needs for SAP Implementation beyond this Project identifying sources where possible
- I. Develop a further initiative for SAP Implementation for a 5-year period post-Project (as part of this Project's Sustainability Strategy) which identifies partners and funding needs to support all of the above and to secure collaboration for the conservation for the Sargasso Sea

## Component 4: Knowledge Management, Monitoring and Evaluation

### Outcome 4.1

Knowledge Capture and Management through Identification of Best Lessons and Practices

#### Output 4.1.1:

Best lessons and practices captured at Mid Term for effective application and distribution

#### Output 4.1.2:

Information packages developed and disseminated through a communications strategy which inform appropriate government bodies and regional entities

#### Output 4.1.3:

Project support to and engagement with IW:LEARN activities with allocated (1% plus) budget

#### Output 4.1.4:

Effective ongoing Project Monitoring and Evaluation

#### Indicators of Achievement:

- Innovative mechanism for handling large and diverse data sets is developed through a data management and handling platform
- Knowledge products, services and assets are properly formulated, catalogued and distributed efficiently to the appropriate bodies that can act on them with the Project contributing to the scientific literature as well as the popular literature to raise awareness of the value of this ecosystem



<b>ACHIEVEMENT INDICATOR</b>	<b>MID-TERM TARGET</b>	<b>END-OF-PROJECT TARGET</b>
<p>Innovative mechanism for handling large and diverse data sets is developed through a data management and handling platform</p>	<p>A data platform is established (through confirmed partners) and has begun to be 'populated' and its analysis results and performance are the subject of a Conference.</p>	<p>Data Platform fully functional and guiding scientific analysis and decisions</p>
<p>Knowledge products, services and assets are properly formulated, catalogued and distributed efficiently to the appropriate bodies that can act on them with the Project contributing to the scientific literature as well as the popular literature to raise awareness of the value of this ecosystem</p>	<p>A series of high-quality contributions to the scientific literature as well as the popular literature and press</p> <p>Knowledge arising from the Project activities is being fed into ecosystem approach and appropriate actions are being taken</p>	<p>Briefing documents are circulated to entities with responsibilities related to the Sargasso Sea and with interest in making use of the results of a monitoring process</p> <p>Lessons and Practices from the Sargasso Sea Project are documented and available for use by other ABNJ strategies as appropriate along with an End-of Project Workshop on Lessons &amp; Best Practices</p>

### Output 4.1.1 - Main Activities

- A. Undertake a review of achievements and constraints at the half-way point of the Project (Mid-Term Review) with the aim of capturing lessons learned and good or inappropriate practices
- B. Share this with the various stakeholders and partners for comment
- C. Undertake a review of final achievements and constraints at the end of the Project with the aim of capturing lessons learned and good or inappropriate practices
- D. Share this with the various stakeholders and partners for comment
- E. Send a final report on Lessons and Practices to appropriate bodies/institutions/organisations to support replication as appropriate in other ABNJ
- F. Organise/hold an End-of-Project 'lessons and practices' international-level workshop to share experiences and lessons learned for ABNJ cooperation

## Output 4.1.2 - Main Activities

- A. Recruit/identify a Communications Officer for the Project
- B. Adopt a Communications and Knowledge sharing strategy that also identifies various information packages needed to support the Project as well as to inform partners and stakeholders
- C. Conference on the use of data analytics and use with associated peer-reviewed publications
- D. Establish a complex data set handling platform to deal with predictive analytics
- E. Specific information documents prepared for senior managers and policy-makers on the ecosystem value of the Sargasso Sea and the Cost-Benefits of the ecosystem approach
- F. General updates and briefings that recognise the need for adaptive management
- G. High-quality contributions from the Project partners to the scientific literature as well as the popular press

### Output 4.1.3 - Main Activities

- A. Establish linkages between the Sargasso Sea Project website and the IW:LEARN website
- B. Send Mid-Term Lessons and Practices Report to IW:LEARN
- C. Send a final report on Lessons and Practices to IW:LEARN
- D. Provide IW:LEARN with 'Experience Notes' and other appropriate capacity building and training materials
- E. Attendance at various appropriate International Waters Conferences and other GEF-related workshops and meetings (e.g. LME workshops)

## Output 4.1.4 - Main Activities

- A. Adoption/formation and functioning of a Project Steering Committee
- B. Recruitment of Project Staff/Lead Consultants
- C. Quarterly and Annual reviews of progress (Quarterly Reports and PIRs) with main focus on RF Indicators and Targets as well as any issues or problems what may arise as a result of the on-going COVID pandemic.
- D. Mid-Term and Terminal Evaluations
- E. UNDP 'on-site' Project review meetings

# CHANGES TO COMPONENT 1

## ORIGINAL TEXT

Component 1: **Information and** Knowledge to Support an Adaptive **Ecosystem-Based Management Approach**

Outcome 1.1: Quantified threats and impacts identified along with their immediate and root causes establishing a baseline for on-going monitoring and **adaptive management**.

Outcome 1.2: Analysis of the global value of this unique ecosystem (with accurate figures and conclusions where possible) to further justify and mobilize support for a collaborative **sustainable management approach**

## REVISED TEXT

Component 1: **Improved** Knowledge **Base** To Support A Collaborative, Adaptive **Ecosystem-Based Stewardship Approach**

Outcome 1.1: Quantified threats and impacts identified along with their immediate and root causes establishing a baseline for on-going monitoring and **collaborative ecosystem-based stewardship**.

Outcome 1.2: Analysis of the global value of this unique ecosystem (with accurate figures and conclusions where possible) to further justify and mobilize support for collaboration

## CHANGES TO COMPONENT 1 (Continued)

### ORIGINAL TEXT

Output 1.1.1: A detailed Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis (EDA) for the Sargasso Sea Collaboration Area providing a baseline **for** long-term collaborative monitoring and stewardship of the natural resources of Sargasso Sea by the relevant partners

Output 1.2.1: An Ecosystem Valuation and a value-chain analysis delivering a detailed global economic assessment of the actual and potential value of goods and services provided by or falling within the Sargasso Sea ecosystem along with a cost-benefit analysis of **potential stewardship /management approaches**

### REVISED TEXT

Output 1.1.1: A Detailed Ecosystem Diagnostic Analysis (EDA) for the Sargasso Sea Collaboration Area providing a baseline **to guide** the long-term collaborative monitoring and stewardship of the natural resources of Sargasso Sea by the relevant partners

Output 1.2.1: An Ecosystem Valuation and a value-chain analysis delivering a detailed global economic assessment of the actual and potential value of goods and services provided by or falling within the Sargasso Sea ecosystem along with a cost-benefit analysis of **the various ecosystem approaches**

# CHANGES TO COMPONENT 2

## ORIGINAL TEXT

Component 2: Development of a Strategic Action Programme for Addressing Threats and Strengthening the Stewardship and Conservation of the Sargasso Sea Ecosystem

Outcome 2.2: Stewardship measures and associated priority actions identified and agreed by various management-mandated institutions, and other partners and stakeholders to support adoption of a sustainable process for the conservation and protection of the Sargasso Sea.

Output 2.2.1: : A Strategic Action Programme defining the stewardship measures and associated priority actions, agreed between and endorsed by the appropriate mandated institutions, partners and collaborators supporting partnerships for implementation of sustainable management and conservation processes within the Sargasso Sea

## REVISED TEXT

Component 2: Development of a Strategic Action Programme for Addressing Threats and Strengthening Stewardship through Collaboration and Conservation of the Sargasso Sea Ecosystem

Outcome 2.2: Priority actions to strengthen collaborative stewardship endorsed by various partner institutions and other stakeholders to support actions for the conservation and sustainable use of the Sargasso Sea.

Output 2.2.1: A Strategic Action Programme defining the priority actions, endorsed by the institutions, partners and collaborators supporting partnerships for implementation of conservation processes within the Sargasso Sea



# CHANGES TO COMPONENT 3

## ORIGINAL TEXT

Component 3: Partnerships **and Organisational Infrastructure for Stewarding the Sustainable Management** of the Natural Resources of the Sargasso Sea Ecosystem

Outcome 3.1: Collaborative stewardship of an iconic high seas ecosystem through the development **and adoption of** interactive, **sustainable management measures** for the conservation **and protection** of its natural resources

Output 3.1.1: A road-map, budget **and organisational structure** to help define and support **collaborative** SAP implementation via a collaborative Ecosystem Based Approach **to sustainable management of natural resources and conservation** within the Sargasso Sea.

## REVISED TEXT

Component 2: Partnerships and Collaboration for the Sustainability of the Natural Resources of the Sargasso Sea Ecosystem

Outcome 3.1: Collaborative stewardship of an iconic high seas ecosystem through the development of interactive, **partnerships** for the conservation **and sustainable use** of its natural resources

Output 3.1.1: A road-map and budget to help define and support SAP implementation via a collaborative Ecosystem Based Approach within the Sargasso Sea.

# CHANGES TO COMPONENT 4

## ORIGINAL TEXT

Output 4.1.2: Information packages developed and disseminated, through a communications strategy, which inform appropriate government bodies and regional entities **on management and decision-making processes**.

## REVISED TEXT

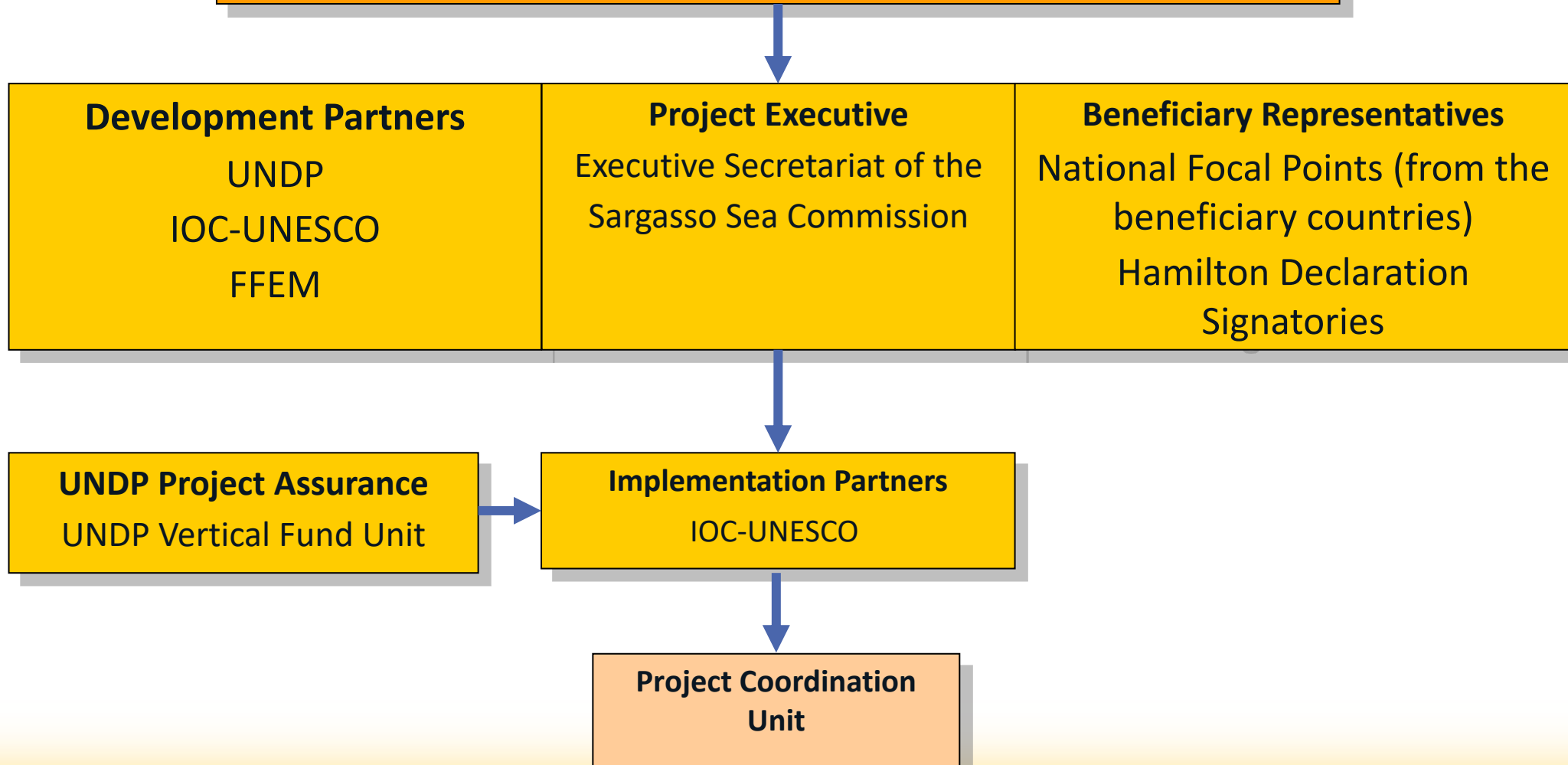
Output 4.1.2: Information packages developed and disseminated, through a communications strategy, which inform appropriate government bodies and regional entities.

# CONSISTENT CHANGES TO THE MAIN TEXT

- Removal /replacement of text that provides a presumption of establishing any form of new international body for the high seas – particularly one which appears to have potential oversight or control over other international treaties/bodies.
- Removal of any references to ‘management’ where that might suggest either establishing a new management body and infrastructure.
- Removal/replacement of any text/wording that might give the impression that the existing management structures and institutions are less than effective
- Removal/replacement of any text that might suggest that the Project itself would be acting as a direct advisory body to such mandate institutions or management bodies or would be instructing them on changes
- Stronger emphasis on the need better understand the Sargasso Sea and potential impacts, as well as to cooperate using relevant, existing treaties and or organizations
- More focus on the need for collaboration and partnership to achieve the goals of stronger conservation, protection and sustainable use within the Sargasso Sea Ecosystem

# Project Organisation Structure

## Project Board/Steering Committee



# Project Organisation Structure (continued)

**Project Coordination Unit**  
Project Coordinator/CTA  
Finance & Admin Officer  
Communications Officer

**Project Stakeholders & Mandated Bodies**

NAFO  
ICCAT  
IMO  
ISA  
Etc.

**Project Consultancies and Expert/Technical Groups**

EDA Experts  
Ecosystem Valuation  
Gaps Analysis Review  
CB&T Review,  
Etc.

**Project Partners**

Global Fishing Watch  
Duke University  
Imperial University  
Edinburgh University  
WMU  
Etc.

# What Next!

## Final Reviews

If there are any aspects of the Document arising from this presentation or from your review of the overall ProDoc then please do raise them either at this current meeting or at the earliest opportunity afterwards

A Validation Report arising from this current meeting will be shared with all of you providing an opportunity for you to ensure that any of your concerns and proposed amendments are addressed

Please do contact SSC or myself if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions

Once this document has been agreed it will then go to UNDP for their internal detailed review and clearance before submission to GEF. The GEF Secretariat will then undertake its own review.

**THANK YOU!!**

