

Indicator 14.c.1

Indicator Name, Target and Goal

Indicator 14.c.1 Number of countries making progress in ratifying, accepting and implementing through legal, policy and institutional frameworks, ocean-related instruments that implement international law, as reflected in the United Nation Convention on the Law of the Sea, for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and their resources

Target 14.c Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of “The future we want”

Goal 14 Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Definition and Rationale

○ Definition

The indicator 14.c.1 is defined as the degree of ratification and implementation of the United Nation Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and its two implementing agreements as well as the progress of constructing inter-ministerial mechanisms for the comprehensive implementation of ocean-related policies through an integrated approach, for the purpose of conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and their resources.

○ Concepts

- “Ratification” is one of the ways that a state expresses its consent to be bound by a treaty.
- “Implementation” means the application of international law as domestic law within a state.
- “The comprehensive implementation (···) through an

integrated approach” means the implementation of ocean-related policies with inter-ministerial coordination.

○ Rationale and Interpretation:

The conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and their resources will be reinforced by ratification and domestic application of UNCLOS and its two implementing agreements, which set out the comprehensive legal frameworks within which all activities in the oceans and seas must be carried, and by constructing inter-ministerial mechanisms for comprehensive implementation of ocean-related policies.

Data Sources and Collection Method

The indicator will be computed, to two scores (%), based on the countries’ responses to the following questionnaire. This collection method follows the instruction issued by OLA/DOALOS.

Instrument 1 : UNCLOS

- 1.1 Is your country a party to UNCLOS?
- 1.2 To what extent has your country implemented this instrument through domestic legal frameworks (indicate a score from 1 to 9)?
- 1.3 Does your country have a national policy and/or an institution or another mechanism with responsibility for ensuring that the problems of ocean space through an integrated approach?

Instrument 2 : Part XI Agreement

- 2.1 Is your country a party to the Part XI Agreement?
- 2.2 To what extent has your country implemented this instrument through domestic legal frameworks (indicate a score from 1 to 9)?
- 2.3 Does your country have a national policy and/or an institution or another mechanism with responsibility for ensuring that matters related to the Part XI Agreement through an integrated approach?

Instrument 3 : UN Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA)

3.1 Is your country a party to the UNFSA?

3.2 To what extent has your country implemented this instrument through domestic legal frameworks (indicate a score from 1 to 9)?

3.3 Does your country have a national policy and/or an institution or another mechanism with responsibility for ensuring that matters related to the UNFSA through an integrated approach?

Method of Computation and Other Methodological Considerations

Computation Method

The indicator will be computed on the basis of countries' responses to the questionnaire concerning ratification and implementation of UNCLOS and its two implementing agreements (will be scored as below).

Score 1

Question 1.1/2.1/3.1	A score of "1" for "Yes" (maximum score of 3 points) . Points will be reported as a percentage.
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Score 2

(a) Question 1.2/2.2/3.2	Score evaluation of their own national implementation.
(b) Question 1.3/2.3/3.3	A score of "1" for "Yes"
Total (%)	Total score [(a) + (b)] will be reported as a percentage.

Comments and limitations

Countries will score on the basis of a self-analysis in response to the questionnaire.

Data Disaggregation

References

Custodian Ministries of Data

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Custodian Ministries of Related Policies

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Fisheries Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

International Organizations

Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs,
United Nations Secretariat