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IMO UPDATE RESTRUCTURE AND PACIFIC REGIONAL PRESENCE OFFICE

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PRESENTATION TOPICS

1) IMO Technical Cooperation overview and update

- IMO TC Strategic Framework
- Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division structural change

2) IMO Technical Cooperation in the Pacific

- IMO Regional Presence Scheme
- Progress on the establishment of the Pacific Regional Presence Office
- Updates on work underway and requesting assistance

INTRODUCTION



IMO bodies

Assembly

Council

Technical Cooperation Committee

IMO Secretariat

Plans, coordinates and implements technical assistance

Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP)

Long-term thematic projects

Regional Presence Offices

Financial and implementing partnership arrangements

Implementing partners

Consultants

Global Maritime
Training Institutions
(WMU and IMLI)

Global and regional
organizations

UN partners

Member States

Benefit from technical assistance

IMO TC FRAMEWORK

Why
does IMO deliver TC?

IMO Strategic Plan

IMO Mission “...effective implementation of IMO instruments, with a view to their universal and uniform application.”	IMO Vision “...implementation of and compliance with IMO instruments...and support Member States in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”
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Strategic Directions

What
are IMO’s TC priorities?

TC PRIORITIES

- 1 Safety
- 2 Environment
- 3 Efficiency
- 4 Liability and Compensation
- 5 Legislation
- 6 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
- 7 Women in Maritime
- 8 IMO Member State Audits

How
does IMO assist Member States to achieve the TC priorities?

STRATEGIES

1  Technical Advisory	2  Training and Education	3  Regional Presence	4  Partnerships and Projects	5  Technology and Infrastructure
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← Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP) “Laying the foundations” →

← Partnerships and Projects “Maritime development” →

IMO CAPACITY-BUILDING PATHWAY

1. A sound understanding of maritime obligations

1 Awareness Raising



Dialogue; needs assessments; advisory missions; engagement with government officials; workshops; conferences; promotional materials.

2. Trained people to do the work

2 Human Capacity-Building



Fellowships to World Maritime University (WМУ) and IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) and other maritime training institutions; national and regional training courses; e-learning courses; train-the-trainer courses; leadership and mentor programmes; IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) training etc.

3. Legal, policy and administrative frameworks to facilitate the work of the national maritime administration

3 Legal, Policy and Institutional Capacity-Building



National Maritime Transport Policy initiatives; drafting legislation to implement IMO Conventions and instruments; developing National Action Plans and guidance materials etc.

4. Technology and infrastructure in place that supports the overall maritime sector

4 Technology Infrastructure Capacity-Building



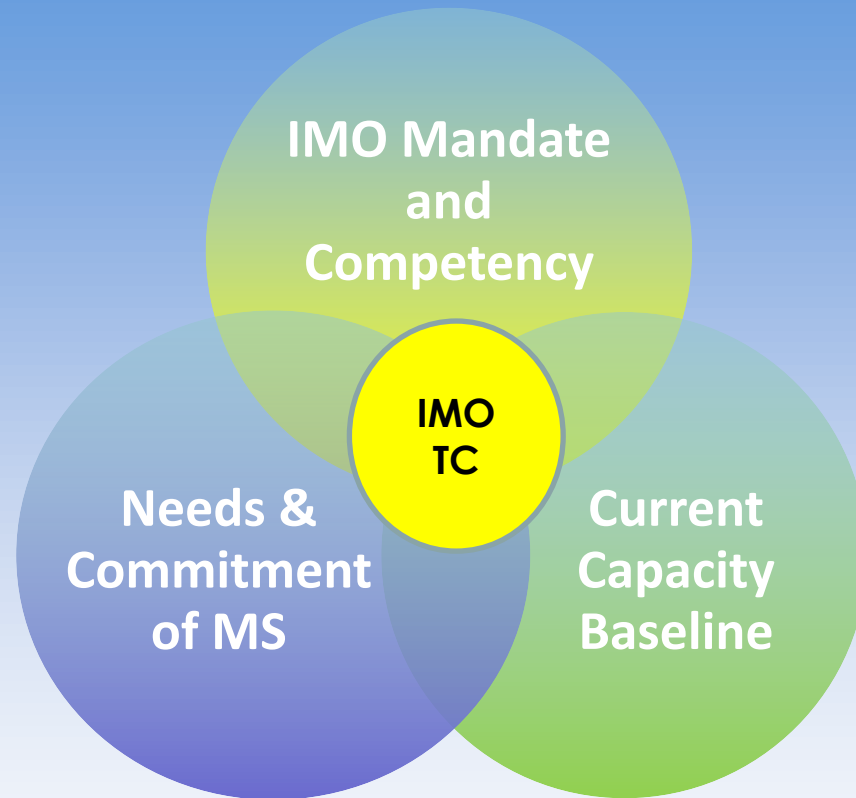
Develop and implement IT capability, invest in new technologies, port and inspection facilities, new training centres etc.



Support Regional Capacity Development

Once a Member State has developed a level of maturity in a particular area, they are able to assist other Member States in their region to enhance overall regional capacity.

INTERSECTION OF KEY TC ELEMENTS



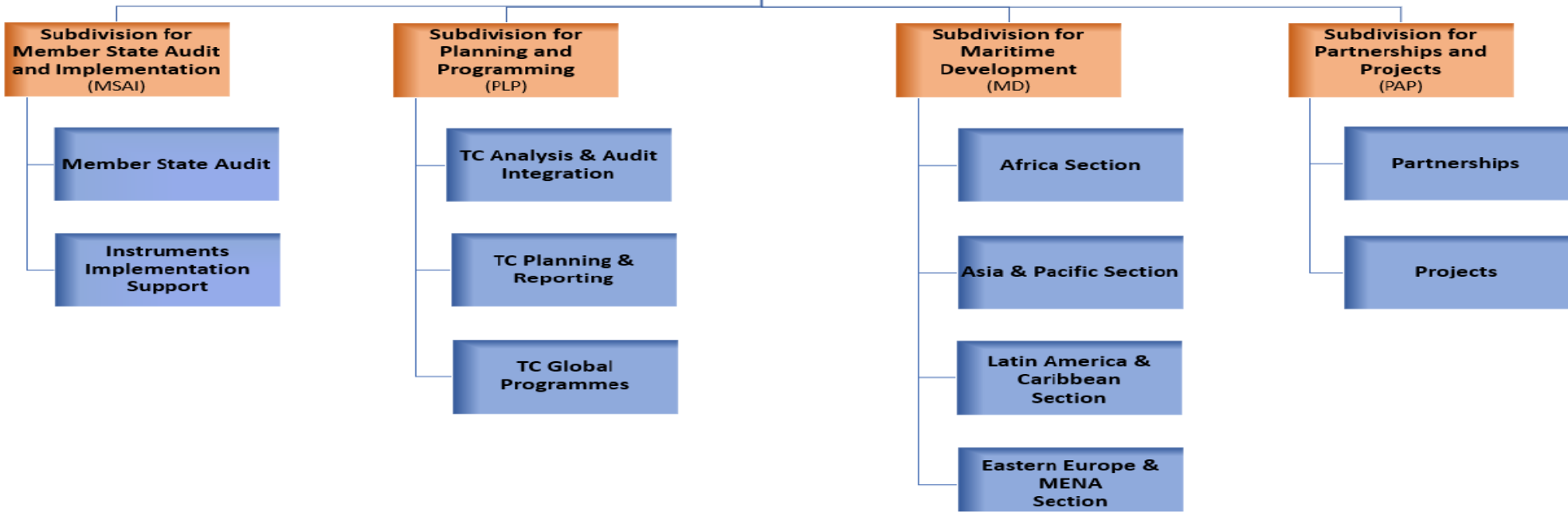
SUPPORTING THE SDG'S

Supporting 17 Goals to transform our world

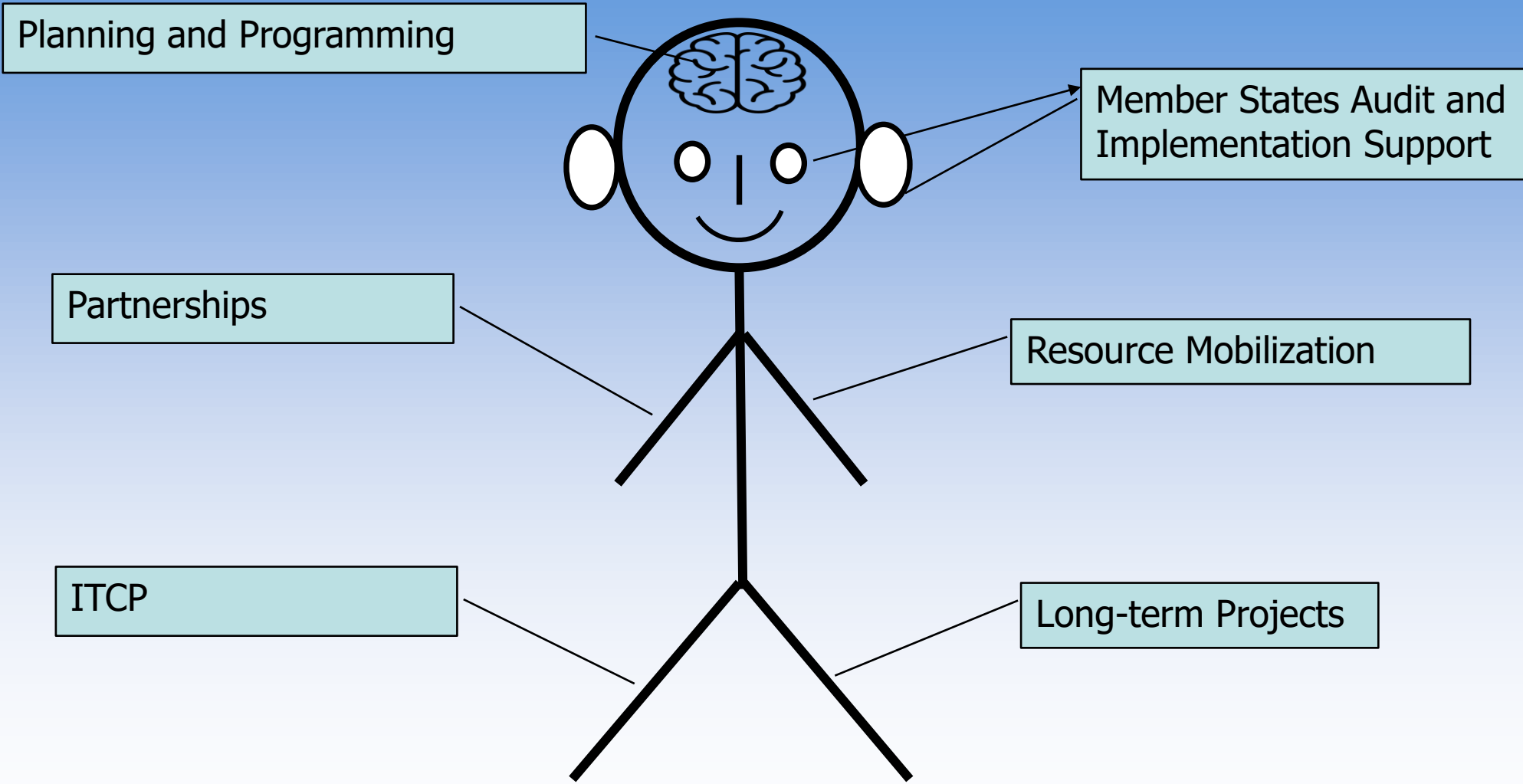
While SDG 14 'Life below water' is central to IMO activities, most of the SDGs can only be realized with a sustainable transport sector supporting world trade and facilitating the global economy



**TECHNICAL
COOPERATION and
IMPLEMENTATION
DIVISION
(TCID)**



TCID IN ACTION



IMO REGIONAL PRESENCE SCHEME

IMO Regional Presence Offices



IMO REGIONAL PRESENCE SCHEME

175
IMO Member States

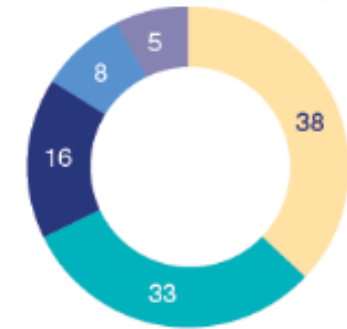
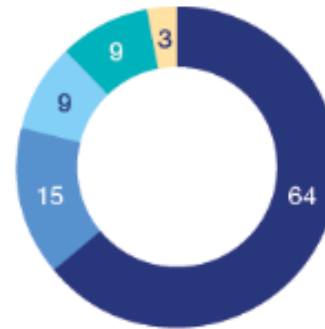
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Associate Members

37
SIDS

34
LDCs

IMO Member State LDCs (%)

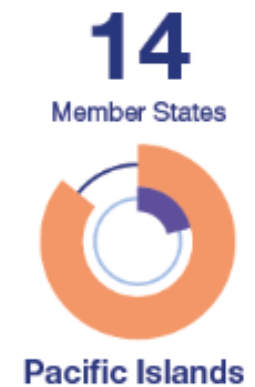
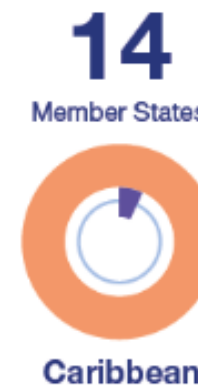
IMO Member State SIDS (%)



- Africa
- Asia
- Arab States and Mediterranean
- Pacific Islands
- Caribbean
- Latin America

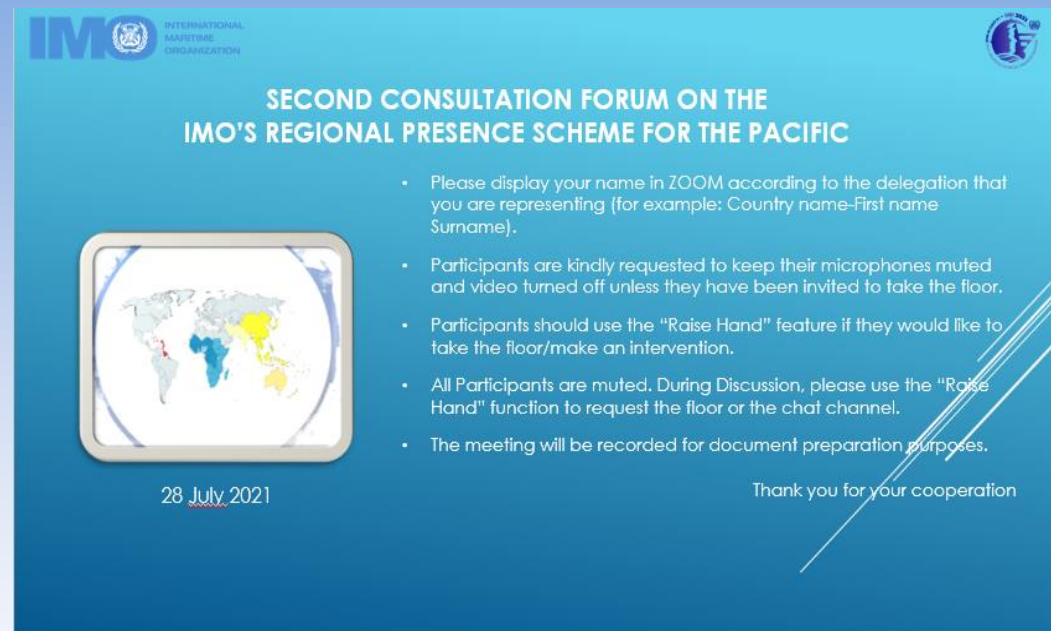
SIDS and LDCs by region (%)

- SIDS Member States
- LDCs Member States
- Overseas Territories



CONSULTATION FORUM ON PACIFIC RPO

- ✓ Since 2016, the Pacific has requested an IMO Regional Presence Office for the Pacific through the Technical Cooperation Committee.
- ✓ IMO TCO – temporary arrangement
 - March 2018 – present
- ✓ 3 consultation Forums on IMO RPO (April, July and October 2021)
- ✓ Fiji to host RPO



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**SECOND CONSULTATION FORUM ON THE
IMO'S REGIONAL PRESENCE SCHEME FOR THE PACIFIC**

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PROGRESS TO DATE

- ✓ IMO Junior Professional Officers from PNG and Solomon Islands engaged since 2023, with support from Australia, PNG and Solomon Islands.
- ✓ Establishment of the IMO Regional Presence Office:
 - signing of the MOU between IMO and Fiji during MEPC 81 on 18 March 2024
 - IMO RPO to be housed at SPC
 - engagement of Regional Coordinator for the Pacific region.



TC UPDATES AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE

✓ITCP 2024

- Currently 11 national and regional activities programmed in the Pacific related to:
 - Domestic Ship Safety
 - Maritime casualty investigation
 - BWM Convention
 - IMSAS Audits
 - Facilitation
 - Flag state implementation
- ✓Lond term thematic projects (overpage)
- ✓Assistance can be requested via the Pacific TCO for any of the maritime thematic priorities (as per slide 4). Contact TCID@imo.org

GREENHOUSE GAS PROJECTS Portfolio



- Country specific focus
- Identifying opportunities for potential pilot projects in developing countries
- Through the GreenVoyage2050 Accelerator, help to develop pilot ideas into bankable proposals (e.g through undertaking of feasibility studies)
- Support developing NAPs/ policies for green shipping
- Develop global tools (Online info portals, studies, training etc.)

Norway funded / Approx. 7.1 Million USD



- Regional Focus
- Providing practical demonstration of energy efficiency technologies in developing regions
- 5 Maritime Technology Cooperation Centres (MTCCs) ensuring close engagement with local stakeholders and regional dissemination of results

European Commission funded / 10 Million EURO



- Annual training programme for least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS)
- Supports LDCs and SIDS capacities to implement the IMO GHG Strategy
- Individual training support, assignments and follow-ups with participants, alongside online core training and in person practical training with site-visits
- The programme establishes two (2) annual scholarships for an in-person Master of studies at the World Maritime University (WMU) for two (2) participants, one male and one female in line with gender equality

Republic of Korea funded / Approx. 2.5 Million USD



- Connecting national, regional (MTCCs) and global level needs and solutions
- Showcasing technology solutions and supporting innovation in response to developing region challenges
- Connecting MTCCs to global level solutions

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia funded / Approx. 1.5 Million USD



- “Google of maritime decarbonization projects, initiatives”
- Call/proposals for route based maritime decarbonization action



- Support innovation and R&D development and deployment, with a focus on developing country needs especially LDCs and SIDS
- Showcase innovation models that may support further maritime decarbonization/sustainable shipping

Norway funded / Approx. 650 Thousand USD

FIN – SMART

- Showcase models of successful maritime decarbonization investments
- Support scale-up on IMO major project pilots/enable investment in working pilots
- IMO-World Bank-EBRD FIN-SMART Roundtable of key International Financial Institutions, developing countries participating in current IMO major projects and other interested stakeholder, with aim to propose innovative financial solutions to maritime decarbonization

OCEANS PROJECTS Portfolio



- Assists developing countries to minimize the introduction of invasive aquatic species via ships' biofouling'
- Joint GEF-UNDP-IMO initiative with global scope to support 12 Lead Partnering Countries and 14 Partnering Countries.
- Global Industry Alliance (GIA) for Marine Biosafety

GEF funded / Approx. 7 Million USD

TEST Biofouling (project)

- Complementary to the GloFouling Partnerships Project
- Showcases effective approaches to biofouling management through technology demonstration pilots at national and regional level
- Supports beneficiary countries to mitigate risks associated with the transfer of IAS to protect marine biodiversity as well as to reduce GHG emissions

NORAD funded / 4 Million USD



- Supports reduction of sea-based marine plastic litter from shipping and fisheries sectors in line with Marpol Annex V, London Convention/Protocol and FAO VGMFG
- National, regional and global partnerships led by IMO in partnership with FAO
- Provides support to 30 countries on policy, legislation, and capacity building in sea-based marine plastic litter
- Partners with private sector through GloLitter Global Industry Alliance (GIA)

Norway funded, in partnership with Australia, and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia / Approx. 4,5 Million USD

RegLitter (planned project)

- Preparatory phase finished
- Planned additional Asia-Pacific focused
- Sister-project to GloLitter

Republic of Korea funded / Approx. 5.5 Million USD

GloNoise Partnership (planned project)

- Assists developing countries in raising awareness, building capacity and collecting information to assist the policy dialogue on anthropogenic underwater noise from shipping.
- Helps drive action on the implementation of IMO's Underwater Noise Guidelines.
- Builds a multi-sectoral Global Strategic Partnership (GSP)

GEF funded / Approx. 2 Million USD

SENSREC

- Advancing sustainable ship recycling in Bangladesh
- Supporting Bangladesh' accession to Hong Kong Convention

Norway funded / Approx. 4 Million USD

LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Project	Countries
GV 2050	Cook Islands, Solomon Islands
GHG SMART	Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, Palau, Samoa
GMN	Fiji
IMOCARES	Fiji
GloFouling	Fiji (LPC*), Tonga (LPC*), Tuvalu (PC**)
TestBiofouling	Fiji (LPC*), Tonga (LPC*), Tuvalu (PC*)
GloLitter	Solomon Islands (PC*), Tonga (PC*), Vanuatu (LPC*)
PRO-SEAS	Vanuatu
SMART-C Women	Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu
SMART-C Leaders	Tonga, Vanuatu



PRO – SEAS

SMART – C WOMEN

SMART – C LEADERS

* LPC = Lead Project Country

** PC = Project Country

IMO Technical Cooperation

All Hands on Deck

Supporting IMO Member
States to meet their
international obligations



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