

Regional Reporting for the 2001 Intergovernmental Review of the GPA

Purpose of regional reporting

- The aim of GPA Regional Reporting is to:
- Share information and experiences on GPA implementation activities by partners⁽¹⁾ at the regional level;
 - Identify barriers to effective action, and the needs to overcome these barriers, as well as opportunities that could support effective action at local, national or regional level;
 - Promote coordination and joint planning for the future where cooperation between several regional partners would facilitate and assist stakeholders to implement the GPA.

Mechanism for GPA Regional Reporting

- The GPA Regional Reporting will normally be coordinated by Regional Seas Secretariats. Also other regionally operating offices including the UNEP Regional Offices and others as appropriate (e.g. regional economic commissions), will be invited to contribute to exchange of information and submit their views, especially where no regional seas secretariat is active.
- The office that coordinates the GPA Regional Reporting is urged to consult its partners⁽¹⁾ at the regional level. There may be a need to seek endorsement of the regional report by Government experts prior to submission to the GPA Intergovernmental Review.
- It is the intention of the GPA Coordination Office to make the regional reports available to the GPA Intergovernmental Review Meeting, among others through the GPA clearing-house. The Office will present a summary of status, barriers and opportunities and recommendations, and future joint activities to the Review Meeting for consideration.

Instructions for GPA Regional Reporting

Please use the sheets, provided as Annexes A to P, to report on initiatives and issues relevant to efforts to address land-based sources of marine degradation.

IMPORTANT: Regions are not required to provide exhaustive reports of all activities within their region that seek to address land based sources of marine pollution. Instead, regions are invited to select representative examples and/or particularly innovative initiatives within the region.

The Regional Report should be submitted in electronic form to the GPA Coordination Office by 30 April 2001 at the latest.

Region:

Date:

Details of Reporting Officer and Organisation

Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Telephone:

Facsimile:

¹ Relevant regional organizations include: UN organizations, institutions and agencies such as UNDP, FAO, WHO, IMO, UNESCO-IOC, and their regional branches, international financial institutions, such as World Bank, GEF and their regional branches, as well as the regional development banks, river basin organizations, regional economic commissions and organizations, private sector organizations such as World Business Council for Sustainable Development and environmental organizations and their regional branches.

Component I – Regional Action to Address Marine Pollution from LBA

Using the reporting form provided as Annex A, please provide details of 2-3 selected main binding instruments at the regional level currently being developed or being implemented.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex B, please provide details of 2-3 selected non-binding instruments or regional programmes of action currently being developed or being implemented by UN agencies or other partners that are active at the regional level.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex C, please provide details of 2-3 selected major capacity building initiatives currently being developed or being implemented by UN agencies or other partners that are active at the regional level.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex D, please provide details of 2-3 financial instruments or mechanisms that are commonly being applied or implemented in the region.

Component II - Barriers and Needs

Using the reporting form provided as Annex E, please provide details of any barriers to conclude regional binding instruments to support action at the regional or national level.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex F, please provide details of any barriers to effective programming or planning at the regional level.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex G, please provide details of any barriers to effective or new partnerships involving partners in the region.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex H, please provide details of any barriers to effective action, resulting from lack of capacities among stakeholders in the region.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex I, please provide details of any barriers to the introduction of financial instruments or mechanisms to address land-based degradation at the regional level (Check Annex I to the GPA for the various instruments and mechanisms).

Component III - Opportunities

Using the reporting form provided as Annex K, please provide details about opportunities that may induce, strengthen or support effective action to address land-based activities the region.

Component IV – Proposed Joint Activities in 2002-2006

Using the reporting form provided as Annex L, please provide details about future joint actions to develop binding regional instruments that may help to overcome the barriers identified.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex M, please provide details about future joint programming or planning of partners at the regional level to overcome the barriers identified.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex N, please provide details about future new partnerships at the regional level to be developed to overcome the barriers identified.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex O, please provide details about future joint action for capacity building at the regional level to overcome the barriers identified.

Using the reporting form provided as Annex P, please provide details about future joint action to introduce financial instruments or mechanisms at the regional level to overcome the barriers identified.

Component I – Regional Action to Address Marine Pollution from LBA

ANNEX A

Regional Binding Instruments

(No exhaustive reporting; 2-3 selected representative or innovative examples only, please.)
 (Please use one sheet for each selected binding instrument or measure reported on.)

Name of region:

Name of the Regional Legally Binding Instrument:

Please indicate which of the GPA source categories the selected binding instrument addresses (may be more than one):

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|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sewage | <input type="checkbox"/> | Oils (Hydrocarbons) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Persistent Organic Pollutants | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nutrients | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Radioactive Substances | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sediment Mobilisation and Litter | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Heavy Metals | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Physical Alterations and Destruction of Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Please provide a brief description of the regional legal instrument or measure, including the objectives, major results at the local and national level, and why this instrument or measure is particularly interesting:

Please list major sources of information on this instrument (e.g. document, web-site):

What would you identify as the main lesson learned in applying this instrument or measure?

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**Regional Non-Binding Instrument
Or Programme of Action**

(No exhaustive reporting; 2-3 representative or innovative examples only, please.)

(Please use one sheet for each selected regional programme reported on.)

Name of region:

Name of the Regional Non-Binding Instrument or Programme of Action:

UN agency most responsible for this Programme:

Please indicate which of the GPA source categories the selected binding instrument addresses (may be more than one):

Sewage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oils (Hydrocarbons)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Persistent Organic Pollutants	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrients	<input type="checkbox"/>
Radioactive Substances	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sediment Mobilisation and Litter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heavy Metals	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Physical Alterations and Destruction of Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Please provide a brief description of the RPA, including the objectives, major achievements, and which of the resulting action is representative, innovative or particularly successful:

Please list major sources of information on this programme (e.g. document, web-site):

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Who are the partners in this Programme (including governments, UN agencies, non-governmental organisations, private sector, and other partners)?

What has been done to promote involvement of the private sector in this programme, and what is their role in formulation or implementation at the regional level?

Give examples of existing voluntary action, initiatives or agreements involving one or more parties at the regional level (Please, identify the sector, outcome, and/or level of success anticipated, as appropriate):

Please list major sources of information on these voluntary initiatives (e.g. document, web-site):

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ANNEX C

Capacity-Building

(No exhaustive reporting; 2-3 representative or innovative examples only, please.)
 (Please use one sheet for each selected capacity-building initiative reported on.)

Name of region:

Name of the Capacity-Building initiative:

UN agency most responsible for this Programme:

What is the target group for this capacity-building initiative?
 (Please specify stakeholder group)

Regional stakeholders Please specify:
 National stakeholders Please specify:
 Municipal/local stakeholders Please specify:
 Other stakeholders Please specify:

Please indicate which of the GPA source categories the selected capacity-building initiative addresses (may be more than one):

Sewage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oils (Hydrocarbons)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Persistent Organic Pollutants	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrients	<input type="checkbox"/>
Radioactive Substances	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sediment Mobilisation and Litter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heavy Metals	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Physical Alterations and Destruction of Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Please provide a brief description of the capacity-building initiative, including its objectives, major achievements, and why it is representative, innovative or particularly successful (as appropriate):

Please list major sources of information on this initiative (e.g. document, web-site):

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ANNEX D

Financial Instruments and Mechanisms

(No exhaustive reporting; 2-3 representative or innovative examples only, please.)
 (Please use one sheet for each selected financial instrument or mechanism reported on.)

Name of region:

Which financial instrument or mechanism is commonly used or is particularly interesting in your region?

What is the major characteristic of this financial instrument or mechanism?

(See Annex I to GPA)

Internal to State level:

- User charge
 Polluter charge
 Local taxes
 National taxes
 Private-sector borrowing
 National revolving fund
 Private-sector participation

External to State level:

- International private sector
 Export credit agency
 Grant and concessionary assistance
 Multi-lateral loans
 Multi-lateral equity funds
 Debt-for-Equity swaps
 Foundation grants

Other (Please specify):

Please indicate which of the GPA source categories the selected instrument addresses (may be more than one):

- | | |
|--|--|
| Sewage <input type="checkbox"/> | Oils (Hydrocarbons) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Persistent Organic Pollutants <input type="checkbox"/> | Nutrients <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Radioactive Substances <input type="checkbox"/> | Sediment Mobilisation <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Heavy Metals <input type="checkbox"/> | and Litter <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Physical Alterations and Destruction of Habitat <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Please provide a brief description of the financial instrument or mechanism, including its objectives, major achievements, stakeholders addressed, and why it is representative, innovative or particularly successful (as appropriate):

Please list major sources of information on this instrument (e.g. document, web-site):

Component II - Barriers and Needs

ANNEX E

Barriers to Regional Binding Instruments

(Please use one sheet for each barrier reported on.)
(No exhaustive reporting; representative or innovative examples only, please.)

Name of region:

Which barrier to regional binding instruments to support effective action at regional level would you identify?

Why do you characterise this as a barrier or gap?
(Please specify the political, cultural, socio-economic and/or other characteristics)

How does this barrier or gap negatively influences (directly or indirectly) effective action by stakeholders to address land-based activities?

Which partners are negatively affected in effective action by this barrier or gap?

- UN agencies:
- Regional organisations (incl. IFIs):
- Governments:
- Private sector:
- Non-governmental organisations:
- Other:

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ANNEX F

**Barriers to Non-Binding Agreements
Or Regional Planning/Programming**

(Please use one sheet for each barrier to effective planning/programming reported on.)
(No exhaustive reporting; representative or innovative examples only, please.)

Name of region:

Which barrier to effective planning/programming at regional level would you identify?

Why do you characterise this as a barrier or gap?
(Please specify the political, cultural, socio-economic and/or other characteristics)

How does this barrier or gap negatively influences (directly or indirectly) effective action by stakeholders to address land-based activities?

Which partners are negatively affected in effective action by this barrier or gap?

- UN agencies:
- Regional organisations (incl IFIs):
- Governments:
- Private sector:
- Non-governmental organisations:
- Other:

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ANNEX G

Barriers to Effective Partnerships

(Please use one sheet for each barrier to partnerships reported on.)
(No exhaustive reporting; representative or innovative examples only, please.)

Name of region:

Which barrier to effective or new partnerships and voluntary initiatives at regional level would you identify?

Why do you characterise this as a barrier or gap?
(Please specify the political, cultural, socio-economic and/or other characteristics)

How does this barrier or gap negatively influences (directly or indirectly) effective action by stakeholders to address land-based activities?

Which partners are negatively affected in effective action by this barrier or gap?

- UN agencies:
- Regional organisations (incl. IFIs):
- Governments:
- Private sector:
- Non-governmental organisations:
- Other:

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ANNEX H

Barriers in relation to Available Capacities

(Please use one sheet for each barrier reported on.)
(No exhaustive reporting; representative or innovative examples only, please.)

Name of region:

Which barrier that relates to capacities at regional level would you identify?

Why do you characterise this as a barrier or gap
(Please specify the political, cultural, socio-economic and/or other characteristics)

How does this barrier or gap negatively influences (directly or indirectly) effective action by stakeholders to address land-based activities?

Which partners are negatively affected in effective action by this barrier or gap?

- UN agencies:
- Regional organisations (incl. IFIs):
- Governments:
- Private sector:
- Non-governmental organisations:
- Other:

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ANNEX I

Barriers to Financial Instruments or Mechanisms

(Please use one sheet for each barrier reported on.)
(No exhaustive reporting; representative or innovative examples only, please.)

Name of region:

Which barrier to introduction or application of financial instruments or mechanisms would you identify (ref. Annex I of the GPA)?

Why do you characterise this as a barrier or gap?
(Please specify the political, cultural, socio-economic and/or other characteristics)

How does this barrier or gap negatively influences (directly or indirectly) effective action by stakeholders to address land-based activities?

Which partners are negatively affected in effective action by this barrier or gap?

- UN agencies:
- Regional organisations (incl. IFIs):
- Governments:
- Private sector:
- Non-governmental organisations:
- Other:

Component III - Opportunities

ANNEX K

Opportunities

(No exhaustive reporting; representative or innovative examples only, please.)

Opportunities are external developments that may induce, strengthen or support the feasibility or efficacy of measures. This includes socio-economic developments (such as integrated coastal zone management and tourism development), and public or political awareness and perception (such as accident or conflict triggered).

Not all categories of opportunities may be applicable in your region; please be selective.

Name of region:

Which opportunities that relate to **public health and food supply** can you identify?

Which steps need to be taken to exploit this opportunity in your region?

Which partners are crucial to exploit this opportunity to the fullest extent?

Which partners would benefit most from exploiting this opportunity?

Which opportunities that relate to **socio-economic developments** can you identify?

Which steps need to be taken to exploit this opportunity in your region?

Which partners are crucial to exploit this opportunity to the fullest extent?

Which partners would benefit most from exploiting this opportunity?

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Which opportunities that relate to **natural resources management** can you identify?

Which steps need to be taken to exploit this opportunity in your region?

Which partners are crucial to exploit this opportunity to the fullest extent?

Which partners would benefit most from exploiting this opportunity?

Which opportunities that relate to local, national and/or regional **political developments** can you identify?

Which steps need to be taken to exploit this opportunity in your region?

Which partners are crucial to exploit this opportunity to the fullest extent?

Which partners would benefit most from exploiting this opportunity?

Which opportunities that relate to **financial capacities or participation** can you identify?

Which steps need to be taken to exploit this opportunity in your region?

Which partners are crucial to exploit this opportunity to the fullest extent?

Which partners would benefit most from exploiting this opportunity?

Component IV – Proposed Joint Activities in 2002-2006

ANNEX L

Joint Action on Binding Instruments

(Please use one sheet for each joint action reported on.)

Name of region:

Which additional binding instrument at the regional level is necessary to take effective action?

Which barrier, gap or need will be addressed by this joint action?

What steps at what level are needed for this action, and how long will this take?

Which partners need to be involved in this joint action? (Please specify and indicate the various tasks and roles)

UN agencies:

Regional organisations (incl. IFIs):

Governments:

Private sector:

Non-governmental organisations:

Other:

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ANNEX M

**Joint Non-Binding Instruments
Or Regional Programming of Action**

(Please use one sheet for each joint action reported on.)

Name of region:

Which joint regional programming is proposed for development at the regional level?

Which barrier, gap or need will be addressed by this joint action?

What steps at what level are needed for this action, and how long will this take?

Which partners need to be involved in this joint action? (Please specify and indicate the various tasks and roles)

UN agencies:

Regional organisations (incl. IFIs):

Governments:

Private sector:

Non-governmental organisations:

Other:

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ANNEX N

Joint Action for New Partnerships

(Please use one sheet for each joint action reported on.)

Name of region:

Which new partnership or voluntary initiative is proposed for development at the regional level?

Which barrier, gap or need will be addressed by this joint action

What steps at what level are needed for this action, and how long will this take?

Which partners need to be involved in this joint action? (Please specify and indicate the various tasks and roles)

UN agencies:

Regional organisations (incl. IFIs):

Governments:

Private sector:

Non-governmental organisations:

Other:

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ANNEX O

Joint Action for Capacity-Building

(Please use one sheet for each joint action reported on.)

Name of region:

Which capacity building at the regional level is proposed for development?

Which barrier, gap or need will be addressed by this joint action

What steps at what level are needed for this action, and how long will this take?

Which partners need to be involved in this joint action? (Please specify and indicate their tasks and roles)

UN agencies:

Regional organisations (incl. IFIs):

Governments:

Private sector:

Non-governmental organisations:

Other:

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ANNEX P

Joint Action on Financial Instruments and Mechanisms

(Please use one sheet for each joint action reported on.)

Name of region:

Which financial instrument or mechanism is proposed for development at the regional level?

Which barrier, gap or need will be addressed by this joint action

What steps at what level are needed for this action, and how long will this take?

Which partners need to be involved in this joint action? (Please specify and indicate the various tasks and roles)

UN agencies:

Regional organisations (incl. IFIs):

Governments:

Private sector:

Non-governmental organisations:

Other: