



Globally coherent, regionally relevant – what does this mean for marine litter?

UNEA Resolutions Marine Litter and Microplastics (1/6, 2/11, 3/7)

- Requested UNEP to **support development of marine litter action plans** upon request by countries (all resolutions)
- 1/6: **State of knowledge: Marine plastic debris and microplastics** (2016 report → UNEA-2)
 - Priority areas for action
 - Research gaps
 - Policy relevant recommendations
- 2/11: Requested **assessment of the effectiveness of relevant international, regional and sub-regional governance strategies and approaches** to combat marine plastic litter and microplastics and **identify gaps and options** for addressing them (→ UNEA-3)
- **Called for greater collaboration and coordination through/with the Global Partnership on Marine Litter** (all resolutions)

Implementation of the Marine litter and microplastics resolution 3/7



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Analysis of voluntary commitments

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- Strengthen Global Partnership on Marine Litter
- Developing six new Regional Action Plans
- Harmonization of monitoring methodologies for marine litter (GESAMP)

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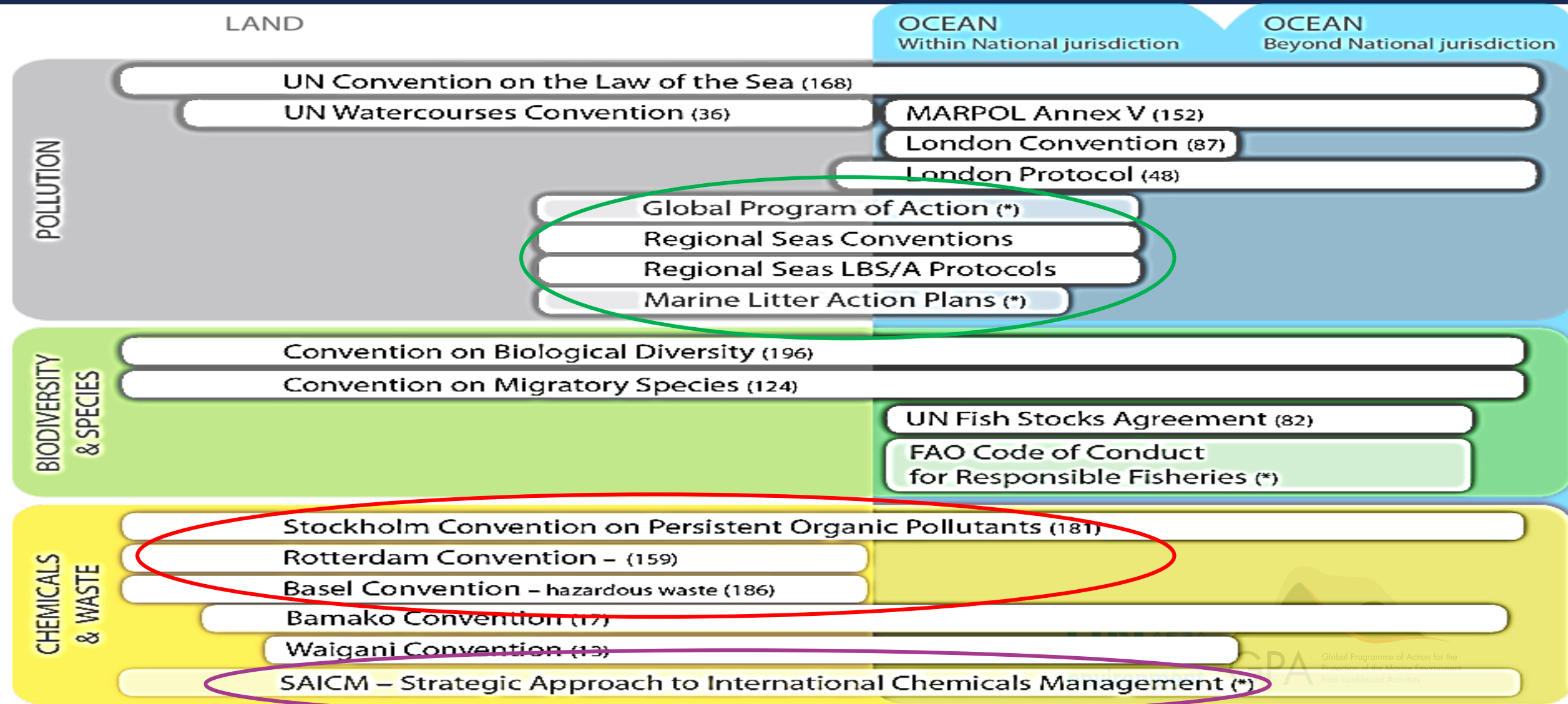
Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Experts Group (May & November):

- ✓ **barriers** to combating marine litter and microplastics
- ✓ Identify **response options**
- ✓ **Identify environmental, social and economic costs**
- ✓ Identify potential options for continued work

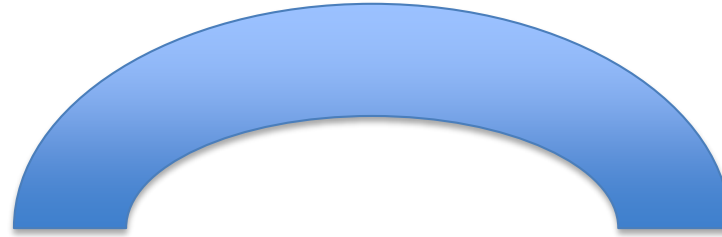
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Progress report on implementation of marine litter resolutions

International Legal Framework - Overview



Options



OPTION 1 Maintain Status Quo

- Strengthen implementation of existing instruments
- Continue current efforts

OPTION 2 Revise and Strengthen existing framework

- Bring industry into solution
- Strengthen existing measures
- Adopt voluntary agreement on marine plastic litter

OPTION 3 New global architecture with multilayered governance

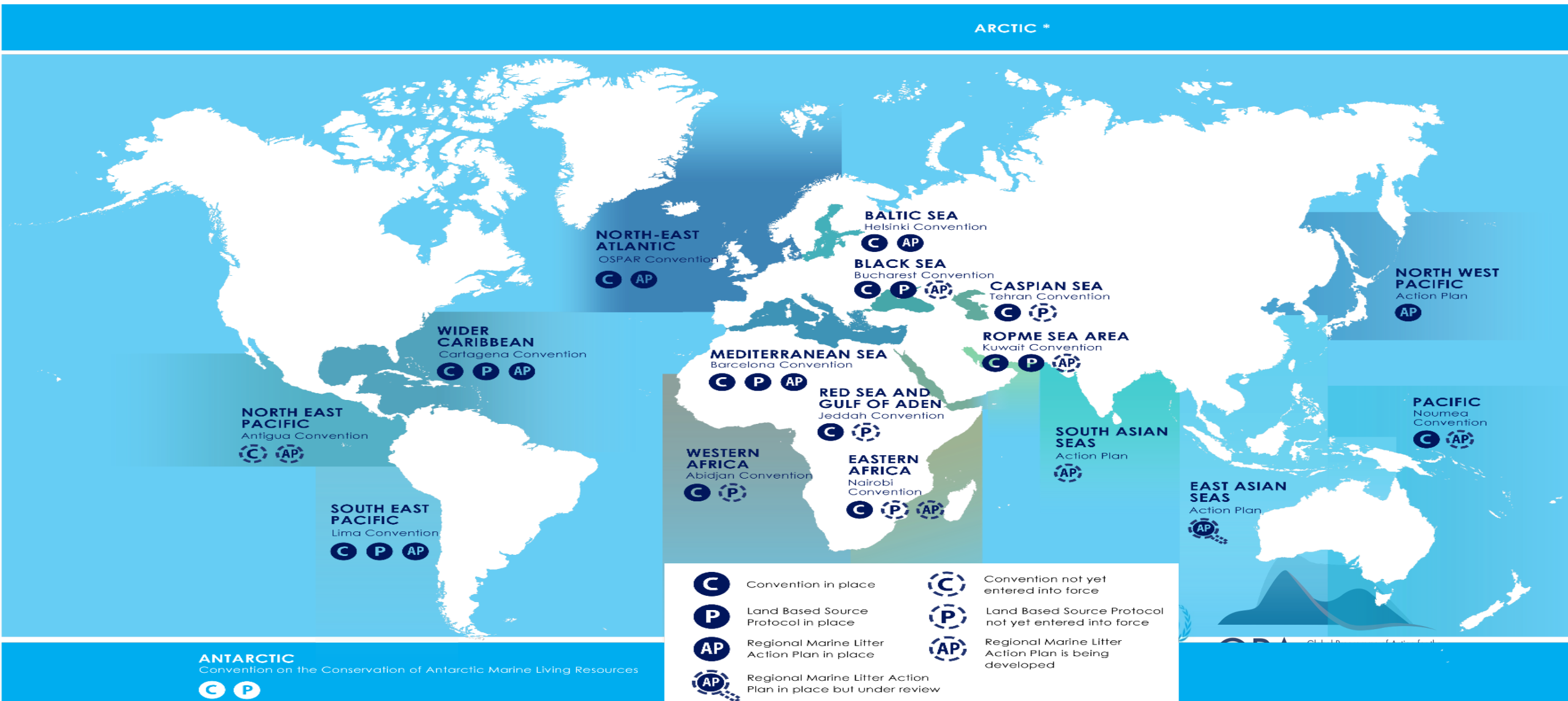
- Establish a new international legally binding architecture.
- Take phased approach

Ad hoc open ended expert group meetings



- ***Enhanced coordination and governance***
- Comprehensive, holistic, transparent, evidence-based.....incorporate *sea-based and land-based sources*, the **circular economy perspective** and the full-life-cycle approach
- **build on existing** global and regional governance frameworks to address marine litter and microplastics (GPML, SAICM, RSC)
- consider the feasibility/effectiveness of a potential new coordinating structure **building on existing initiatives**
- Encourage new and enhance existing, forms of financing and technical support

Regional instruments – Marine Litter Action Plans



Conclusion

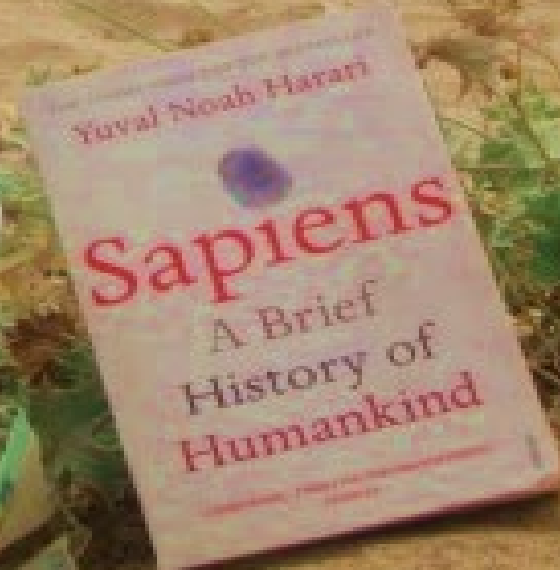
**Need for enhanced coordination and governance:
strengthening, improving and building on existing
Partnerships, Instruments, Mechanisms**

**to adequately address
marine litter and
microplastics**



Thank you for your attention!

Questions?



#Clean Seas – Partnerships & multipliers

- Museums, Zoos and **Aquaria**: e.g. Ocean Project, WAZA, EC
- World Scouts Association
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and their stakeholders have already committed to:
 - World Sailing - waste reduction strategy for its events by 2019 + education programme est. 70 million sailors;
 - World Rugby has undertaken a variety of actions to reuse and recycle, and will implement new measures with a focus on the reduction of plastic waste.
- **Flipflopi Expedition**

Join Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML):

- **GPA** hosts it and provides secretariat services
- Voluntary multi-stakeholder partnership ~ 150+ partners, IMO, FAO and many networks in their own right
- **Activities e.g.** *Clean Seas Campaign*, *Massive Open Online Courses*, Innovation Challenge,

