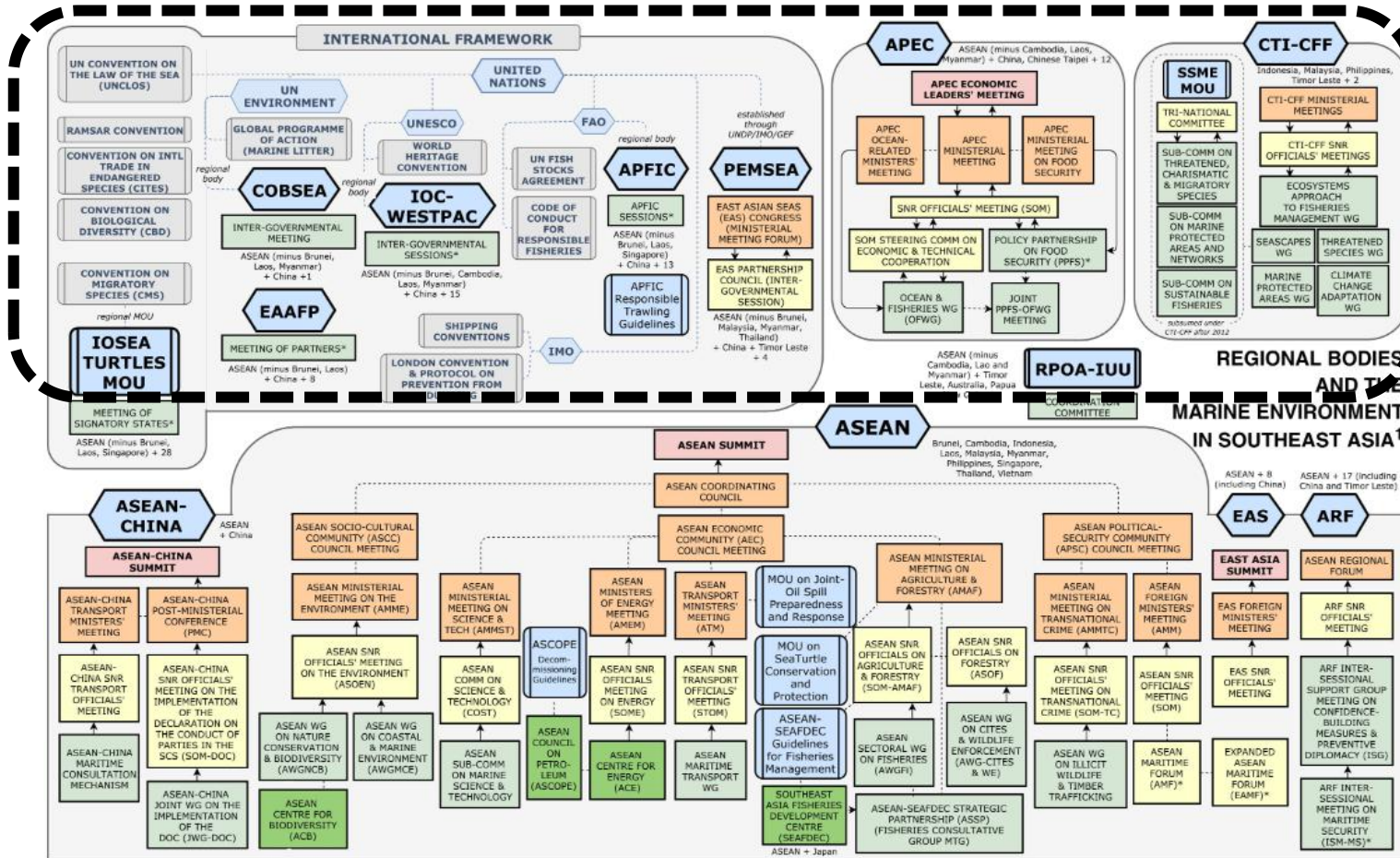


# Other Global and Regional Bodies



## Panel 2 – Institutional Background

# Introduction

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- **Investigation into policy making and law making at regional level which is relevant to the protection and management of the marine environment**
- **Are regional bodies creating legal norms and/or strengthening international legal norms?**
- **Intergovernmental bodies only, incl track 1.5**
- **NGO or mixed international organisations such as the IUCN not included**

# Outline

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**Introduction**

**Part 1 – Int’l treaties adopted in the region**

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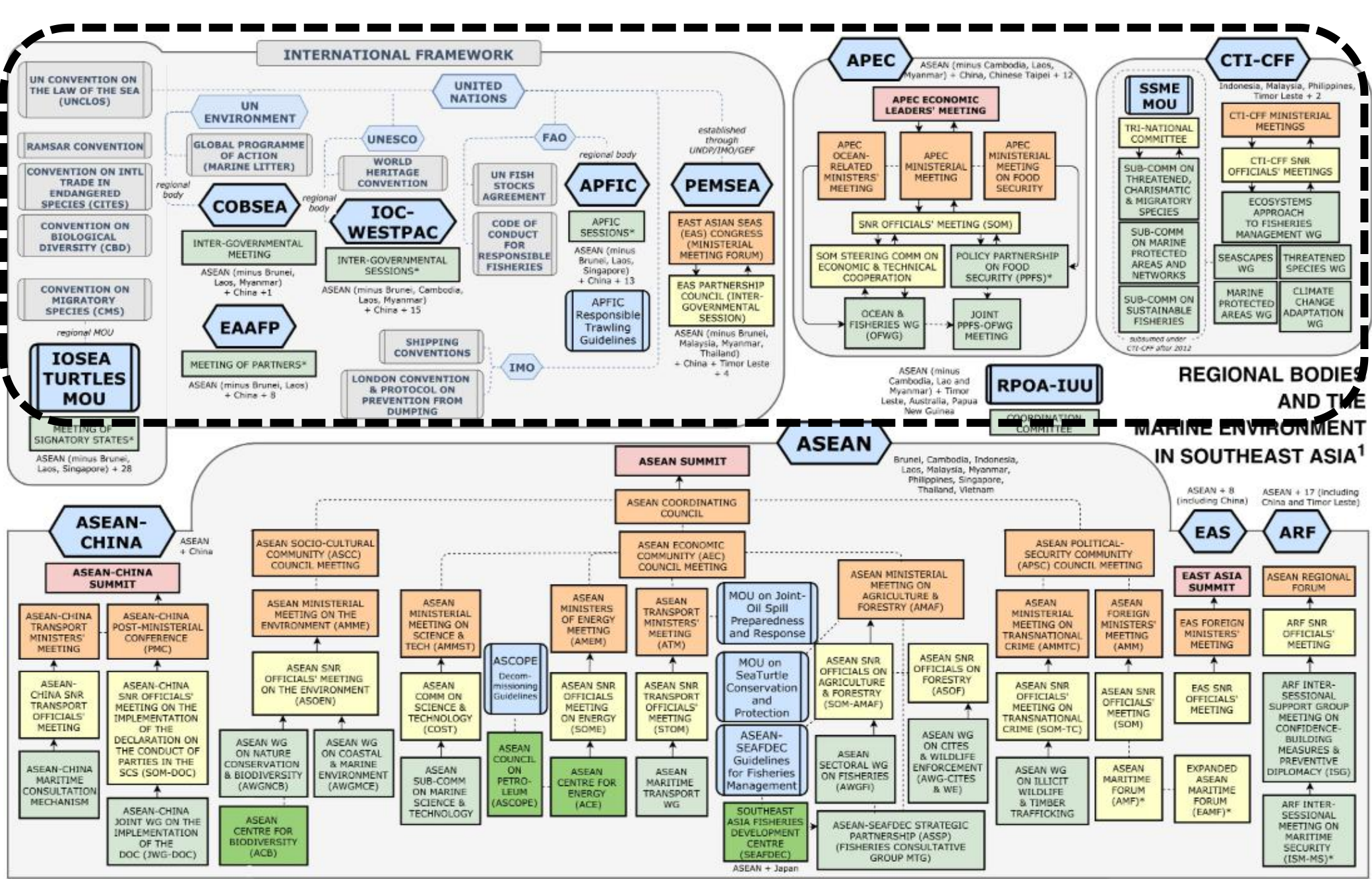
# Part 1 – Int’l Treaties adopted in the Region

33 Treaties/MOU

# adopted

<b>ALL</b>	<b>3</b>	CBD, World Heritage Convention	<b>Highlights</b>
<b>ALL -1</b>	<b>7</b>	UNCLOS, CITES, MARPOL Annex I & II	
<b>ALL -2 or 3</b> [Qualified majority]	<b>4</b>	Ramsar Convention MARPOL Annexes III-V	
<b>ALL -4 or 5</b> [Strict majority]	<b>7</b>	MOU on Marine Turtles Nagoya Protocol, OPRC	
<b>3, 4 or 5 adoptions</b> [minority adopted]	<b>6</b>	Fish Stock Agreement - Also note Growing adoption of PSMA and work on IUU	<b>Not Global Trend</b>
<b>1 or 2 adoptions</b>	<b>4</b>	London Convention on Dumping, Convention on Migratory Species	
<b>0 adoption</b>	<b>2</b>		

**Adoption by Coastal States of Southeast Asian Seas (11)**





# Part 3 – Institutional Mandates

	UN Environment	UNDP	UNESCO	IMO	CMS	FAO	Regional Only
ASEAN							
ASEAN-China							
APEC							
COBSEA							
PEMSEA		Hist.		Hist.			Now
IOSEA Turtles MOU							
IOC-WESTPAC							
AFPIC							
CTI-CFF							



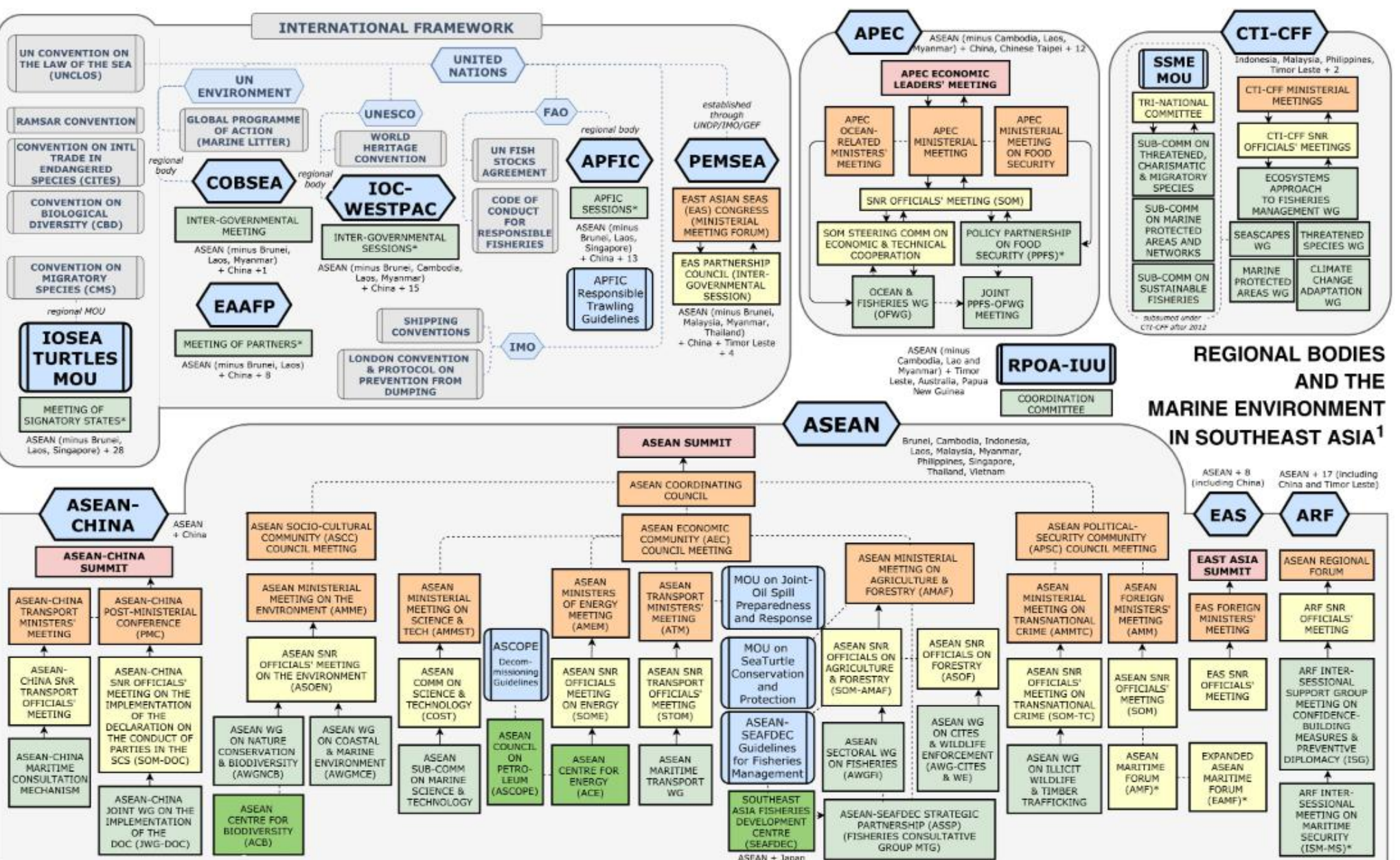


# Part 5 – Prospects for Fisheries *Refugia*

- **Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC) is an inter-government body created in 1967 to foster cooperation between governmental agencies responsible for fisheries in SEA**
- **ASEAN and SEAFDEC's collaboration started in 1998**
- **ASEAN-SEAFDEC 2001 Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security**
- **2003 ASEAN-SEAFDEC Guidelines for Responsible Fisheries Management**
- **Guidelines on Fisheries Refugia developed in the context of the fisheries component of the UNEP-GEF project entitled 'Reversing Environmental Degradation Trends in South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand'**
- **Collaborative effort between UNEP-GEF SCS Project and SEAFDEC, the FAO, the WorldFish Centre and the IUCN**
- **Parallel identification of regionally important transboundary Species and their critical habitat, and development of guidelines for the use of Fisheries Refugia**

<https://fisheries-refugia.org/>

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# Conclusion

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- **Many treaties and rules of international hard and soft law are applicable to Southeast Asian States despite the absence of a regionally binding instrument for the management of the marine environment regionally**
- **Numerous regional bodies refer to international marine environmental law in their document**
- **Strengthening the institutional mandate and powers of some of these bodies could be a path towards implementation of international law in an ASEAN-way, including SDG14 – a policy target**
- **Also explore ways to develop further cross-sectoral cooperation within and between bodies and avoid redundancies**