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## **Regional Seas Core Indicators Set**

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### Regional Seas Indicators Matrix

No	Category of Indicator	Possible regional Seas Coordinated Indicator	SDG 14 (plus SDG 1 SDG 2 others)	TWAP indicators <sup>1</sup>	Desirability in RS
1	Total inputs of nitrogen and phosphorus from agriculture, sewage and atmospheric nitrogen	Chlorophyll a concentration as an indicator of phytoplankton biomass	14.1	Chlorophyll time series; DIN, DIP (modelled data) (both concentration and flux	Med / BS/ NOWPAP/ ROPME / SACEP /HELCOM / Nairobi
2	Inputs of marine chemical pollution Trends for selected priority chemicals	Trends for selected priority chemicals including POPs and heavy metals	14.1	POPS (Persistent Organic Pollutants) status	NOWPAP /Nairobi / BS/ CPPS
3	Overall levels of marine litter Quantification of beach litter items	Quantification and classification of beach litter items	14.1	Marine Plastic Litter	NOPAP /HELCOM/ PERSGA /Nairobi
4	Ocean warming	Annual mean sea surface temperature (25m below the surface)	14.2	Sea Surface Temperature (SST)	Agreed
5	Fish landings	Fish catches within EEZs (tonnes) – total capture production	14.4	Fish landings and Landed Value, Fishing effort, Fish stock status, Primary Production required, Marine Trophic Index, Fishing in Balance Index	FAO to provide inputs
6	Aquaculture	Application of risk assessment to account for pollution and biodiversity impacts	14.4		FAO to provide inputs
7	Aquaculture	Destruction of habitat due to aquaculture			FAO to provide inputs
8	Population pressure / urbanization	Length of coastal modification and km <sup>2</sup> of coastal reclamation	14.2	Rural/ Urban population, %poor,	ROPME / MAP / NOWPAP/ SACEP
9	Eutrophication status	Locations and frequency of algal blooms reported	14.1	Index of coastal eutrophication	agreed
10	Pollution hot spots <sup>2</sup>	1) Concentration of Status of	14.1	Floating plastic debris	agreed

<sup>1</sup> A detailed table is presented below.

<sup>2</sup> Actual pollution hotspot and source of hotspot

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		selected pollutant contamination in biota and sediments and temporal trends  2) Number of hotspots			
11	Ocean acidification	1) Aragonite saturation 2) pH 3) Alkalinity	14.3	Pteropods at risk:	ROPME (pH)
12	Level of exploitation of commercial fisheries	FAO stock status: % stocks overfished compared to MSY	14.4	Catch Stock Status, Marine Trophic Index, Fishing in Balance Index	FAO to provide inputs
13	Species replacement as a consequence of capture fisheries	Marine trophic index	14.5	Marine Trophic Index	FAO to provide inputs
14	Endangered species	Distribution of Red List Index species	14.5		NOWPAP
15	Loss of critical habitat	Trends in critical habitat extent and condition	14.5	Mangrove status; Reefs at Risk Index; seagrass; salt marshes	NOWPAP / CPPS
16	National Action Plans to reduce input from LBS	% National action plans ratified / operational	14.1	Transboundary Legal Instruments	agreed
17	Waste water treatment facilities	1) % coastal urban population connected to sewage facilities  2) % of waste water facilities complying with adequate standards  3) % of untreated waste water	14.1	NA	agreed
18	Incentive to reduce marine litter at source	1) % port waste reception facilities available	14.1	NA	agreed

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		2) Incentives to reduce land based sources <sup>3</sup> 3) Amount of recycled waste on land (%)			
19	Climate change adaptation	1) % national adaptation plans in place 2) Sector based national adaptation plans 3) Number of existing national and local coastal and marine plans incorporating climate change adaptation	14.2	Transboundary Legal Instruments	agreed
20	Fish harvested within safe ecological limits	Fisheries measures in place (by-catch limits, area-based closures, recovery plans, capacity reduction measures) and multilateral/bilateral fisheries management arrangements	14.4	Catch Stock Status, Marine Trophic Index, Fishing in Balance Index; Fishery Production Potential of LMEs	FAO to provide inputs
21	Critical marine habitat under protection	% Marine protected areas designated	14.5	Change in Protected Area Coverage	agreed
22	National ICZM in place	National ICZM guidelines and enabling legislation adopted	14.2		agreed

<sup>3</sup> In monetary terms