



"If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever"
- St. Thomas Aquinas

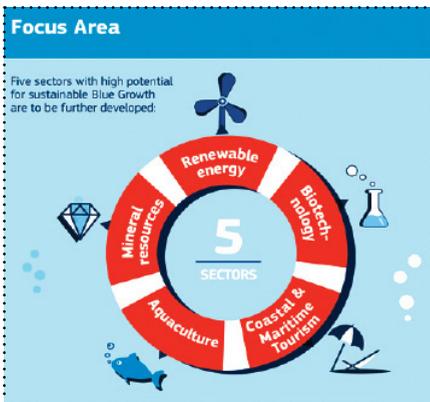
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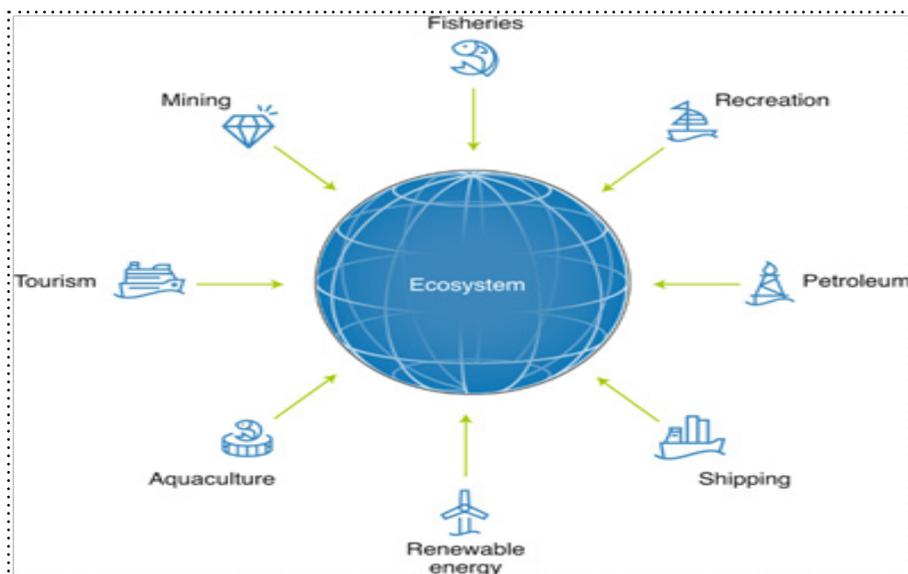


Blue Economy and Ocean Governance :

The fundamental value of ocean governance is the maintenance of long-term sustainability of marine natural resources. In setting out a comprehensive range of rules governing ocean activities, UNCLOS divides marine space into a number of zones horizontally as well as vertically.

Ocean governance means the coordination of various uses of the ocean and protection of the marine environment. Ocean governance is also defined as the process necessary to sustain ecosystem structure and functions. Effective ocean governance requires globally-agreed international rules and procedures, regional action based on common principles, and national legal framework works and integrated policies.

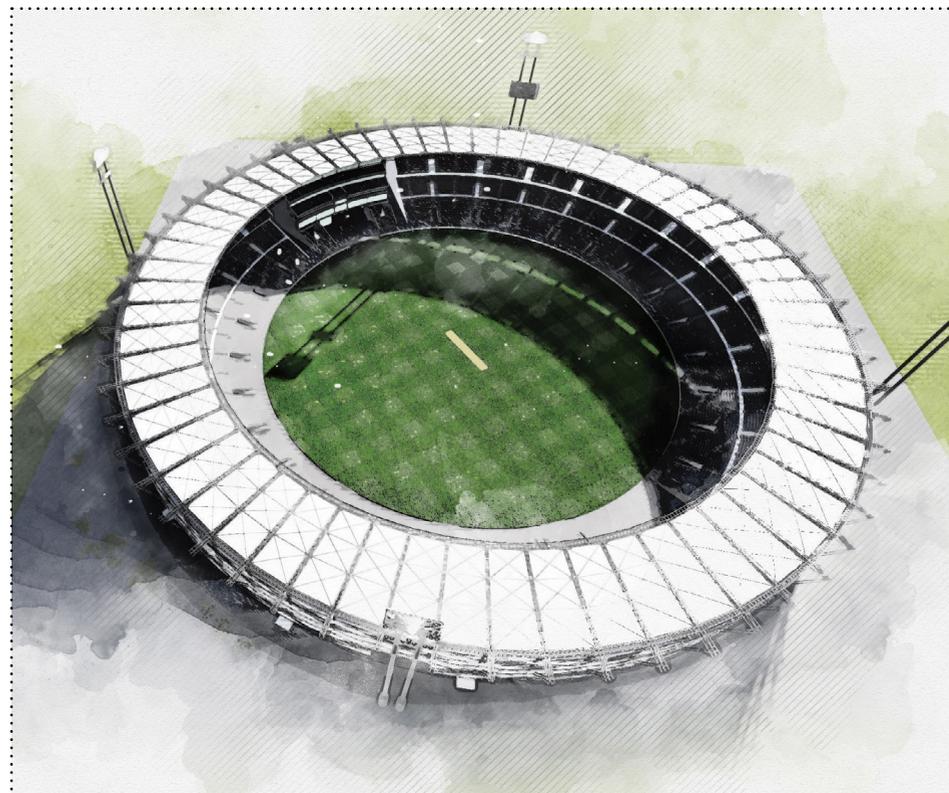
decision making and management at the global level. It also includes maritime areas beyond national jurisdiction, and integrates activities substantively and institutionally. Protection and preservation of the environment as a unity and natural resources should be considered as superior to irrational use of the marine environment. It is assumed that this would be possible with the creation of a global maritime administration having clear objectives and scope of. Therefore, it would also need to have appropriate available financial resources and adequately-trained human resources, as well as a constantly-updated database. The creation of integrated management of the marine environment in maritime areas within the boundaries of coastal States and territories, where coastal States exercise sovereign rights associated with efficient and flexible instruments, allows a reasonable balance between the protection and preservation of the environment and the freedom to use the seas and oceans. The sectoral approach to the marine environment, developed and persisted through the years, should



Global ocean governance (GOG), as well as management of the marine environment (or management of the World Ocean) is essential for achieving the objectives of sustainable development. Common and rational use of the World Ocean (which is also defined as the marine environment and its resources) should be based on integrated maritime governance, understood as the processes of planning,

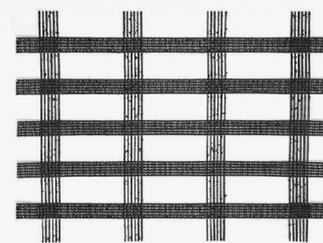
be balanced by an integrated approach activities.

Holistic, ecosystem and precautionary approaches are recognized as rules of marine resources management, but the idea of global ocean governance and regional maritime management is deeply fragmented and insufficiently developed. Numerous sectors are regulated and managed independently of others, by diverse agencies and under different rules and procedures,



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