

ABNJ Deep Sea Fisheries Project

(development Dec 2019 – Jul 2021)
(execution Jan 2022 – Dec 2027)



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Deep Sea Fisheries (DSF) Project Presentation

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Program

Common Oceans Program
Sustainable utilization and conservation of
biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction

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Global Coordination Project for the Common Oceans ABNJ Program

To achieve responsible,
efficient and
sustainable tuna
harvests and
biodiversity
conservation in the
ABNJ in face of a
changing environmentt

Deep-sea
Fisheries
under the
Ecosystem
Approach

Strengthening the
stewardship of an
economically and
biologically
significant high
seas area – the
Sargasso Sea

Building and Enhancing
Sectoral and Cross-
Sectoral Capacity to
Support Sustainable
Resource Use and
Biodiversity
Conservation in Marine
Areas Beyond National
Jurisdiction

Deep Sea Fisheries (DSF) Project objective

To ensure that DSF in the ABNJ are managed under an ecosystem approach that maintains demersal fish stocks at levels capable of maximizing their sustainable yields and minimizing impacts on biodiversity, with a focus on data-limited stocks, deepwater sharks and vulnerable marine ecosystems.

Project approved by GEF in July 2020

DSF Project partners (provisional and looking for more!)

Funding:

US\$ 5 million
from GEF for
5 years



Co-funding

estimate US\$ 60 million

Executing Agency

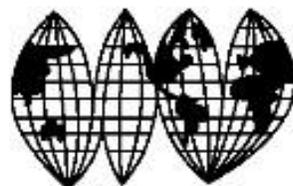


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Partners



Southern Indian Ocean
Deepsea Fishers Association



International Coalition
of Fisheries Associations



Theory of Change (the DSF project and beyond)

- Deep-sea fish stocks at or above levels supporting MSY and fished sustainably
- Deep sea marine ecosystems healthy with biodiversity protected
- Socio-economic benefits from DSF maximised
- Integrated multi-sectoral management of ABNJ

Long term impacts

Reduced IUU fishing in deep sea fisheries

Increase in number of fish stocks having known status and supporting sustainable DSF

Reduction in significant adverse impacts from DSF on biodiversity

Medium term outcomes

Component 1 Governance

Component 2 Effective management

Component 3 Cross-sectoral impacts

Project components

Outcome 1.1

Outcome 2.1

Outcome 2.2

Outcome 2.3

Outcome 3.1

Project outcomes

Output 1.1.1
Output 1.1.2
Output 1.1.3

Output 2.1.1
Output 2.1.2
Output 2.1.3

Output 2.2.1
Output 2.2.2
Output 2.2.3

Output 2.3.1
Output 2.3.2

Output 3.1.1
Output 3.1.2

Project outputs

Theory of Change (DSF Project - simplified)

Component 1

Governance - strengthening and implementing regulatory frameworks

Outcome 1.1 – Wider adoption, enforcement and compliance of international obligations relating to sustainable fisheries (stocks and impacts)

Component 2

Strengthening effective management of DSF

Outcome 2.1 – Effective decision-making strengthened to increase sustainability and reduce impacts

Outcome 2.2 - Improved advice supporting science-based fisheries management

Outcome 2.3 - DSF impacts on biodiversity quantified, assessed and managed

Component 3

Improving understanding and management of cross-sectoral impacts on DSF

Outcome 3.1 - Improved integration of cross-sector activities to maintain biodiversity and resource sustainability

Project components

Project outcomes

GEF Project funding

Mix of project (GEF) funding and partner funding:

- Project funding supports Project work (not normally undertaken by the partners)
- Partner funding is the partner's contribution to the Project. It can be cash to the Project, or more commonly in-kind contributions of work from their "regular" activities that supports the Project's objectives

Activities that can be supported by GEF funding

- Workshops for international collaboration
- Training programmes (GEF eligible countries)
- Infrastructure support (GEF eligible countries)
- Partnership coordination
- Hire of expert consultants for project work
- Production of technical documents (e.g. FAO series, project series)
- Development of guidelines (e.g. DSF Guidelines) and field guides
- Technical work supporting RFMOs (but not part of core activity, e.g. trialling new technology, bycatch studies)
- Support for compliance activities (especially Port State Measures)
- Support to States for drafting legislation

Timeline

- The DSF Project will be developed during 2020 and early 2021.
- The DSF Project is expected to start around January 2022.
- Inception workshop in July/August 2021 with key partners (this will introduce the project to key stakeholders and develop a participatory design process)
- Project funded baseline consultancies in 2020 will provide background to the current situation.
- Validation workshop in September 2020 to finalise details for the participatory preparation of activities
- Project documented submitted in early 2021 for approval