



# Role of IOC Regional Subsidiary Bodies in IOC's Contribution to BBNJ

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# An ecosystem-based and people-centered approach

## Why IOC Regional Subsidiary Bodies?

To ensure IOC's global mandate is implemented effectively, equitably, and in a regionally and nationally relevant manner, recognizing **the differing oceanographic, ecological and socio-economic conditions of regions.**

- **Strategic interfaces** between global objectives and national priorities and actions;
- **Effective catalysts** for joint actions among science and policy communities to address ocean sustainability challenges ;
- **Regionally anchored mechanisms** for strengthening marine research, sustainable planning and management capacities for development .

**Ocean science is not an end in itself.**



**IOCARIBE**- for the Caribbean and adjacent regions

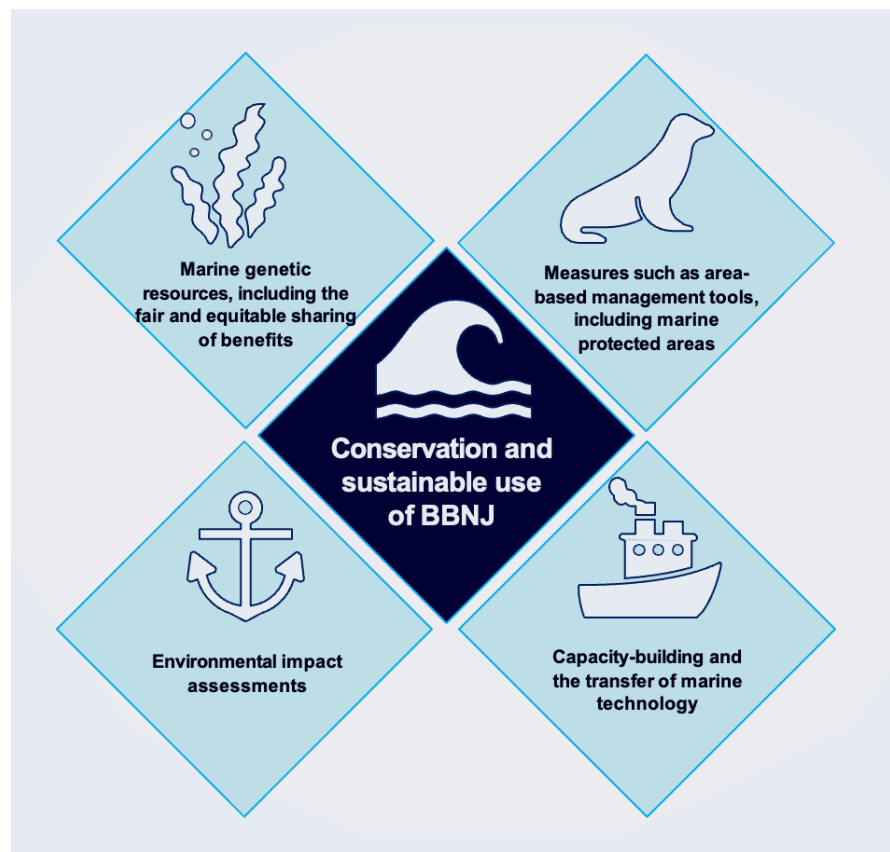
**WESTPAC**-for the Western Pacific and adjacent areas;

**IOCAFIRCA**-for Africa and the Adjacent Island States;

**IOCINDIO**-for the Central Indian Ocean

# Ocean science is the operational backbone

## RSBs in the IOC's contribution to BBNJ



*Ocean science is not an add-on — it is the operational backbone of the BBNJ implementation.*

- **Act as the regional interfaces** between the global BBNJ Agreement and IOC Member States in the regions- Cooperation mechanism and regional platform for information sharing and joint actions;
- **Advance scientific knowledge and research capacity** of MS related to BBNJ provisions or obligations;
- **Ensure equitable participation** of developing States and SIDS;
- **Provide coordinated regional scientific input** to IOC related to BBNJ implementation

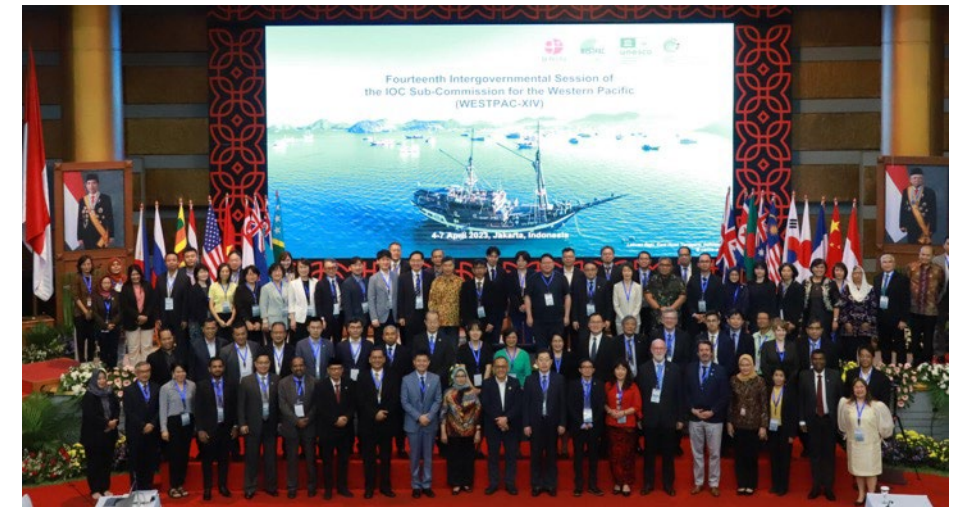




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- **Foster a cooperation mechanism for BBNJ**, connecting national institutions, researchers, and policy makers

Biennial Intergovernmental Session, Triennial International Marine Science Conference, and BBNJ Task Force



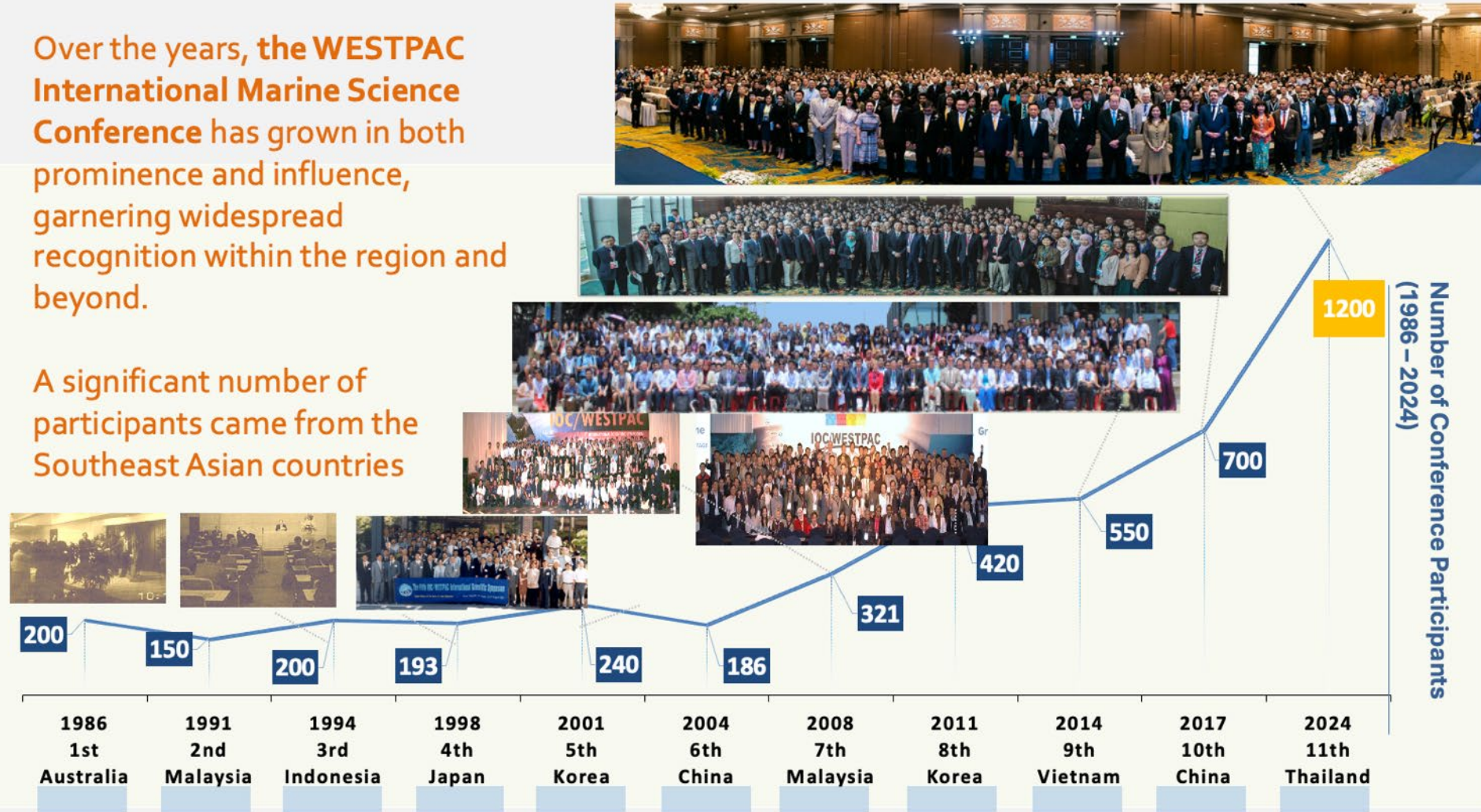


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- Drive progress in deep-sea research, information and knowledge

Over the years, the **WESTPAC International Marine Science Conference** has grown in both prominence and influence, garnering widespread recognition within the region and beyond.

A significant number of participants came from the Southeast Asian countries



# A Western Pacific perspective and ongoing efforts

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- Capacity development and transfer of ocean technology



### Regional Network of Training and Research Centers (RTRCs) in the Western Pacific

*SDG 14.A: Increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer of marine technology*

- ❖ Marine biodiversity and ecosystem health (BRIN, Jakarta, Indonesia)
- ❖ Coral reef restoration and MPAs (Bolinao, the Philippines)
- ❖ Marine toxins and seafood safety (Nha Trang, Vietnam)
- ❖ Marine plastic debris and microplastic (Shanghai, China)
- ❖ Coastal contaminant monitoring and marine innovative technology. (Hong Kong SAR, China)



Ocean Dynamics and Climate  
First Institute of Oceanography, IMR, China



Reef Management and Restoration  
University of the Philippines Cebu



Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health  
Indonesian Institute of Sciences



Phuket Marine Biological Center, Thailand



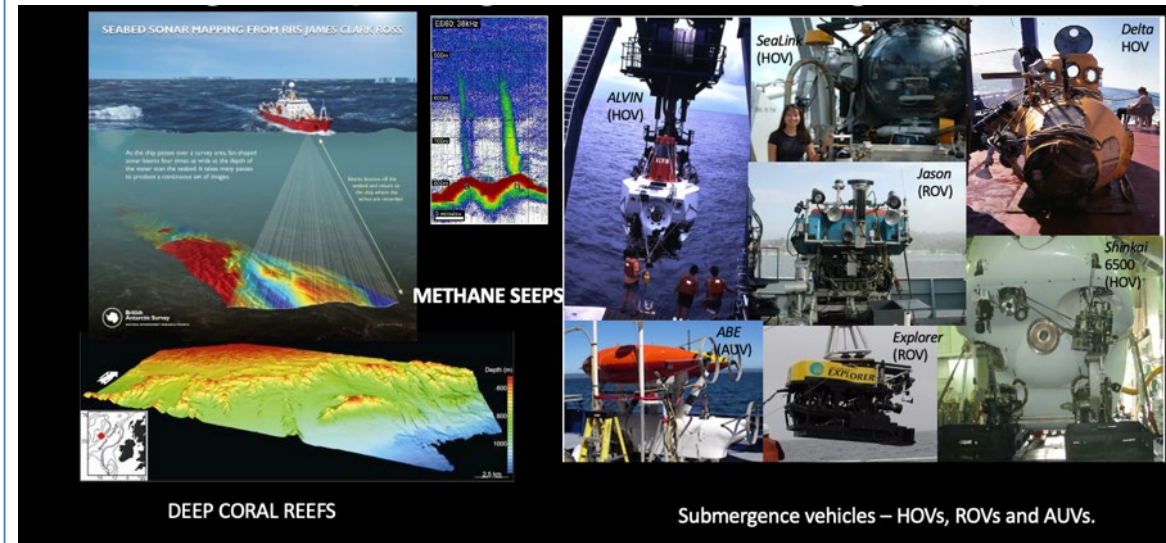
Marine Toxins and Seafood Safety  
Institute of Oceanography, Vietnam



Marine Plastic Debris and Microplastics  
East China Normal University

More RTRCs under establishment based on "demand driven", specialization, and willingness.

Tailored national and international hands on trainings to strengthen South-South and Triangular Cooperation- MGR, EIA...





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Thank you!