INTEGRATED NATIONAL OCEANS POLICY AND MARINE SPATIAL PLAN: OCEAN ACTION #19754
Solomon Islands

2014 – 2016

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spatial data sets collected and made accessible

2015
Through the Prime Minister’s Office and Cabinet, the Solomon Islands government hosted the inaugural Ocean Summit, attended by 12 Ministries (Ocean12)

2015
Marine Ecosystem Service Valuation launched

2016
Technical working group established, to carry out tasks under the leadership of the Ocean12

2016
Ocean12 Steering Committee established, with the Permanent Secretaries of the 12 Ministries

2016
Analysis of the legal basis for Marine Protected Areas published

2016
The Cabinet decided to establish the Oceans 12.
2017
Technical Working Group defined a national approach for integrated Ocean Governance with five priorities:
- national ocean policy,
- Marine Spatial Planning,
- adaptation of national legislation,
- supportive capacity building and
- sustainable funding

Analysis of the Arnavon Community Marine Conservation Area published

2017
Special and Unique Marine Areas identified and mapped

2017
National consultation strategy defined

The Ocean12 working group supported the delegation of the UN Ocean Conference in the submission of voluntary commitments to a national ocean policy and Marine Spatial Planning by 2020

2018
Marine bioregions drafted

2018
Ocean12 chairs committed to formulate and launch a National Ocean Policy by the end of the 2018
VALUE – OUR OCEAN SPACE

Crucial in photosynthesis, it absorbs solar energy and allows its transformation into chemical energy. In the Oceans, the presence of chlorophyll is essentially due to photosynthesis. Marine photosynthesis plays a key role in the global climate system. Understanding its spatiotemporal variability by using chlorophyll-a concentration is an important goal of the present day oceanographers. Consequently, chlorophyll-a concentration is an important proxy which is routinely measured in the Ocean and is also considered as a “core” parameter of global physical-ecological oceanic models.

Data Sources:
- Land cover/sea: Ministry of Lands and Survey
- Chlorophyll: Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) instrument aboard NASA’s Aqua satellite
- http://oceancolor.gsfc.nasa.gov

Legend:
- Exclusive Economic Zone
- Chlorophyll concentration
- Orange: 0.00
- Red: 0.10
- Brown: 0.15
- Dark Brown: 0.20
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Our Ocean Reality
Achieving Integrated Ocean Governance

1. Ocean Governance
   Develop an implementation framework and marine spatial plan for joint participation of all actors

4. Ocean Use
   Harmonize competing ocean uses while ensuring sustainable development in Solomon Islands through marine spatial planning
PROGRESS TO DATE

• National Ocean Policy
  • Endorsed by Cabinet but yet to be publicly launched
  • Immediate next step is to develop the Implementation plan

• Marine Spatial Planning
  • Soon to commence Nation-wide planning
  • Aim to have a draft MSP plan by 2019

• Adaptation of national legislation
  • Development of a legal framework to begin by mid 2020
CHALLENGES

• LEGAL FRAMEWORK

• CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

• SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

• CONTINUED POLITICAL WILL
CONCLUSION

• Building a Road map