

World Parks Congress Workshop: Governance Stream

How to Move Forward: Concept of Implementing Agreement



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HIGH SEAS ALLIANCE MEMBERS INCLUDE:





Oceans Cover 70% of the planet

50% of this is the high seas

40% is strongly impacted by
human activities



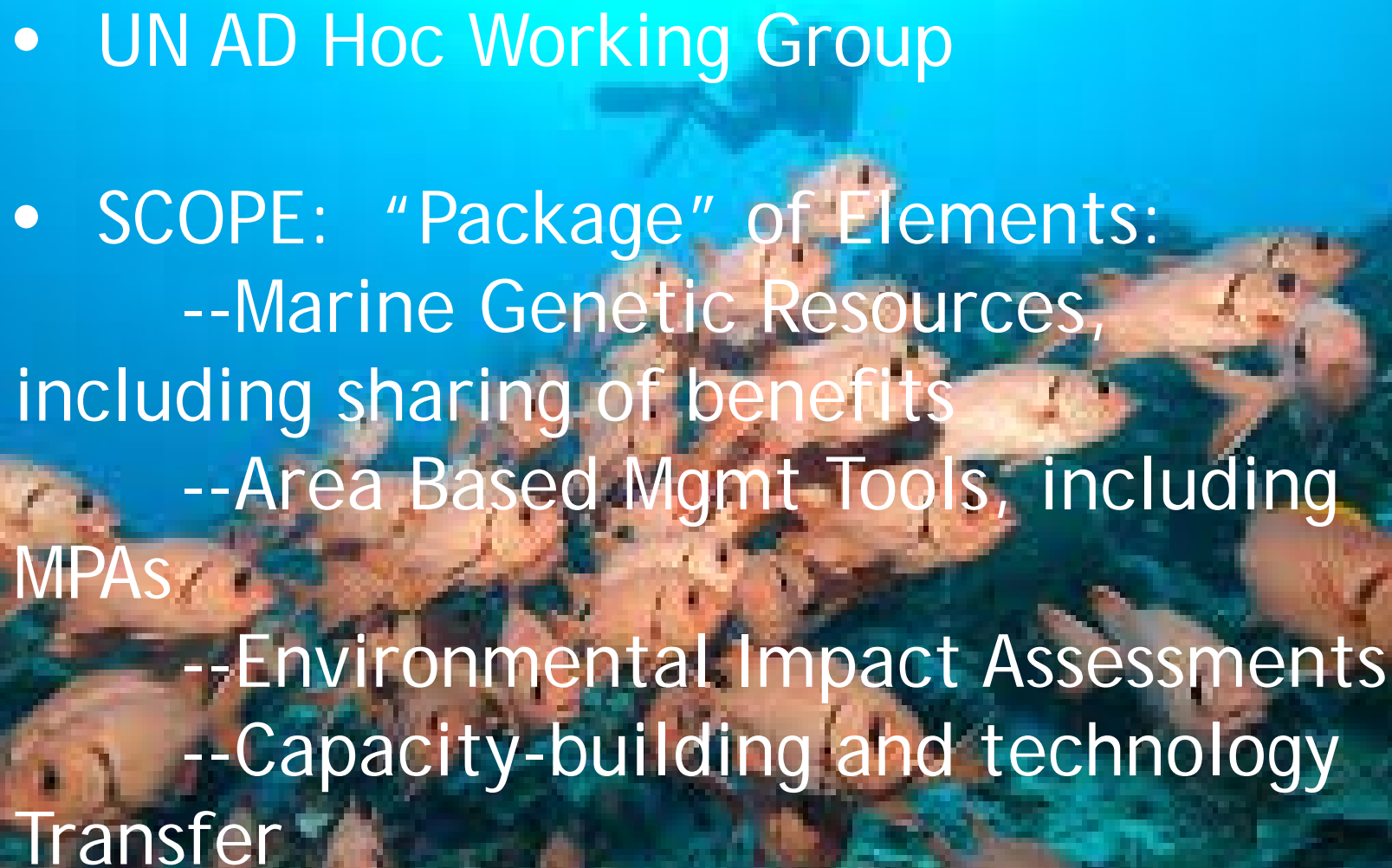
The Problem

Current Legal Regime

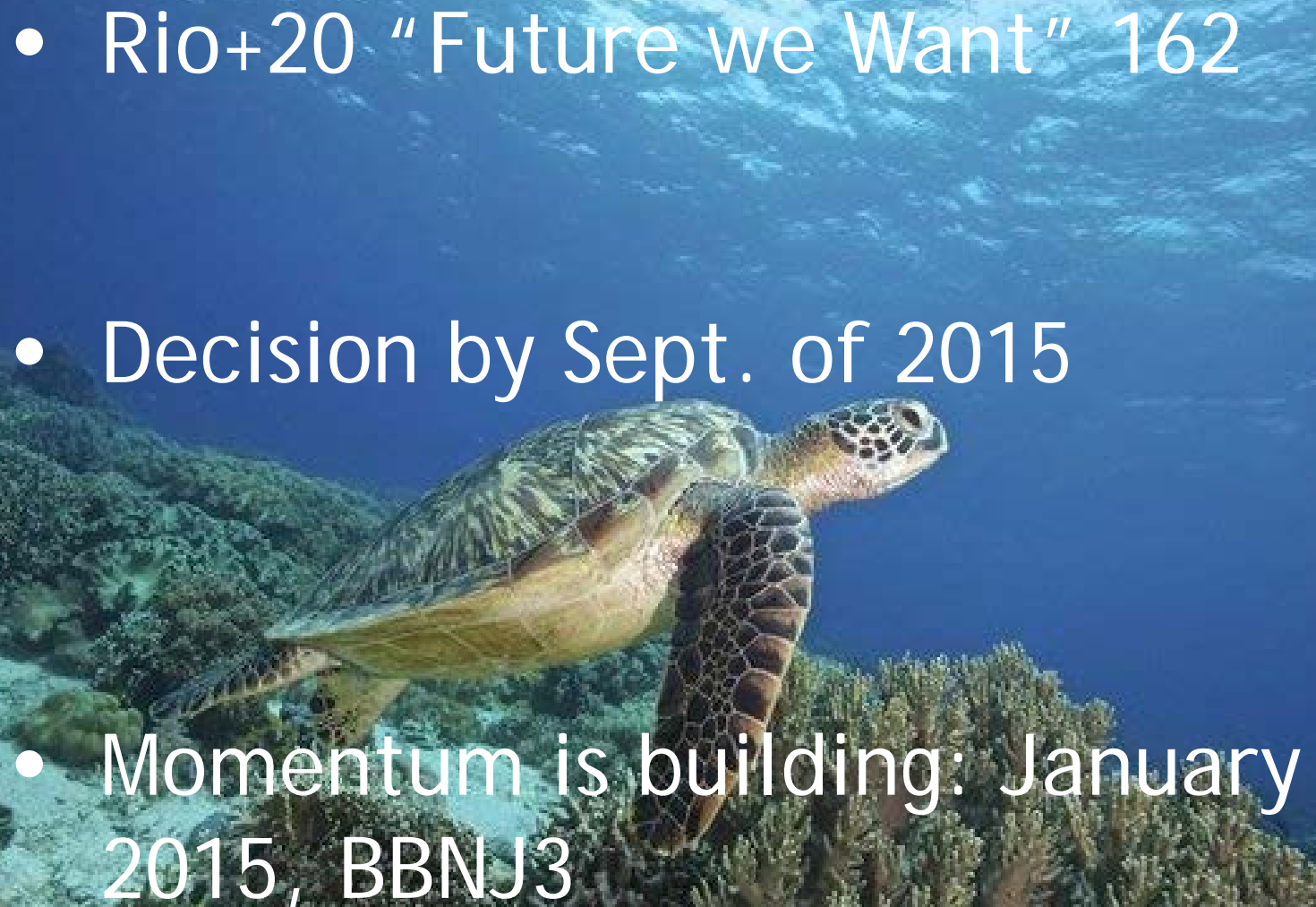
- 1982 Law of the Sea Convention (UNCLOS)
- 1992 UN Fish Stocks Agreement
- 1994 Implementation Agreement for “the Area” (creating the Int’l Seabed Authority)

Gaps Under UNCLOS

- No coordinating mechanism for the establishment, monitoring and enforcement of MPAs
- No coordinating mechanism for conducting and review of EIAs
- No regulation of new and emerging uses

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- A school of orange fish swimming in clear blue water. The fish are densely packed and moving in the same direction, creating a sense of motion. The background is a deep, clear blue, suggesting an underwater environment.
- UN AD Hoc Working Group
 - SCOPE: “Package” of Elements:
 - Marine Genetic Resources, including sharing of benefits
 - Area Based Mgmt Tools, including MPAs
 - Environmental Impact Assessments
 - Capacity-building and technology Transfer

- “Together and as a whole”

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- Rio+20 “Future we Want” 162
 - Decision by Sept. of 2015
 - Momentum is building: January 2015, BBNJ3



Thank you!