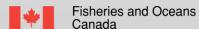


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- Voluntary association of diverse member institutions with a common interest to measure and manage progress towards sustainable ocean development
- Established in 2019, co-chaired by UN-ESCAP and Canadian Government, Secretariat hosted by University of New South Wales with catalytic support from the World Bank Blue Economy Program
- Key functions: mutual support and capacity building, inform adoption of statistical standards, ensure that ocean benefits and values are recognized in all decision-making about development
- Supporting implementation of political commitments emerging from the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy.















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Canada's Ocean Accounts Pilot – DFO and STC

Proof of Concept (2019-21)

Scaling Up (2022 and onwards)

Canada benefits from 3 oceans that serve as a social, environmental, and economic base for coastal communities

including **Indigenous communities**, and Canadians

Context

Information about Canada's oceans is **incomplete and fragmented** across scientific domains, sectors, and institutions.

Nationally coherent indicators to assess environmental, economic, and social aspects of the ocean are not available.

Policy Impacts

Facilitate multidimensional evidencebased decisions on the sustainable use of ocean resources and management of marine and coastal ecosystems DFO & STC Pilot Project

Developed the OA framework with leadership from UN-ESCAP

Undertook diagnostic of data and identified some priorities

Undertook the Eelgrass Blue Carbon Project with UBC

Updated the Marine Economy Accounts

Drafted the Human Activity and Environment Report Challenges

Locating, acquiring, and integrating existing DFO data holdings

Prioritizing, collecting, and integrating new data

Human and financial resource limitations

Expected Outcomes

Canada's ocean data is harmonized and integrated

Nationally-consistent set of indicators are produced for evidence based decision making

Canada's Ocean Accounts are developed and fully integrated in the national accounts

Powerful tool in support of the Blue Economy Strategy







Activities of members

