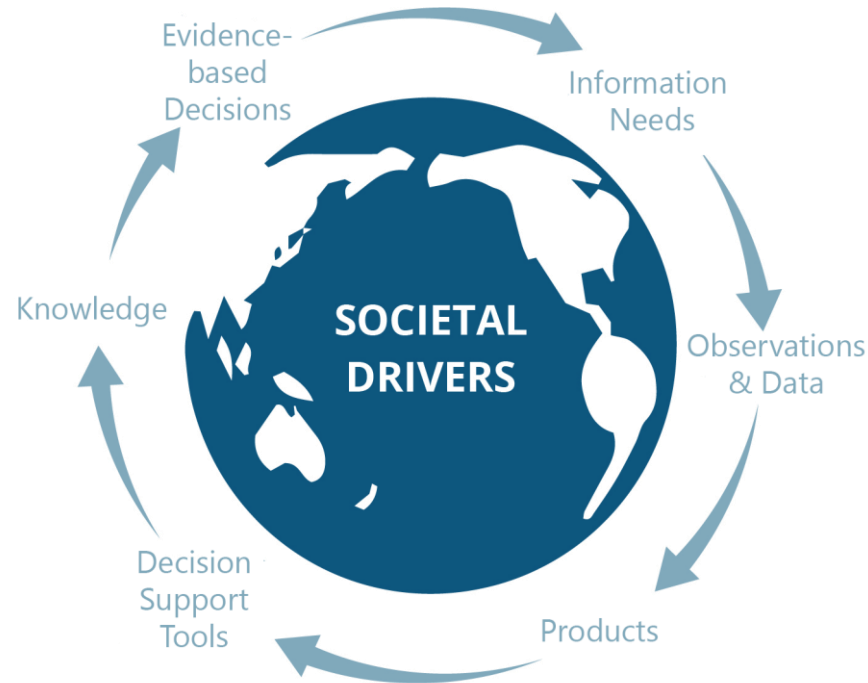


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Sustained development and use of ocean and coastal observations for the benefit of society



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The Blue Planet Initiative **Objectives** :

- ⦿ processing of data into **information**
- ⦿ linking this information with **societal needs** in line with the GEO engagement priorities

GEO Blue Planet is a network of:

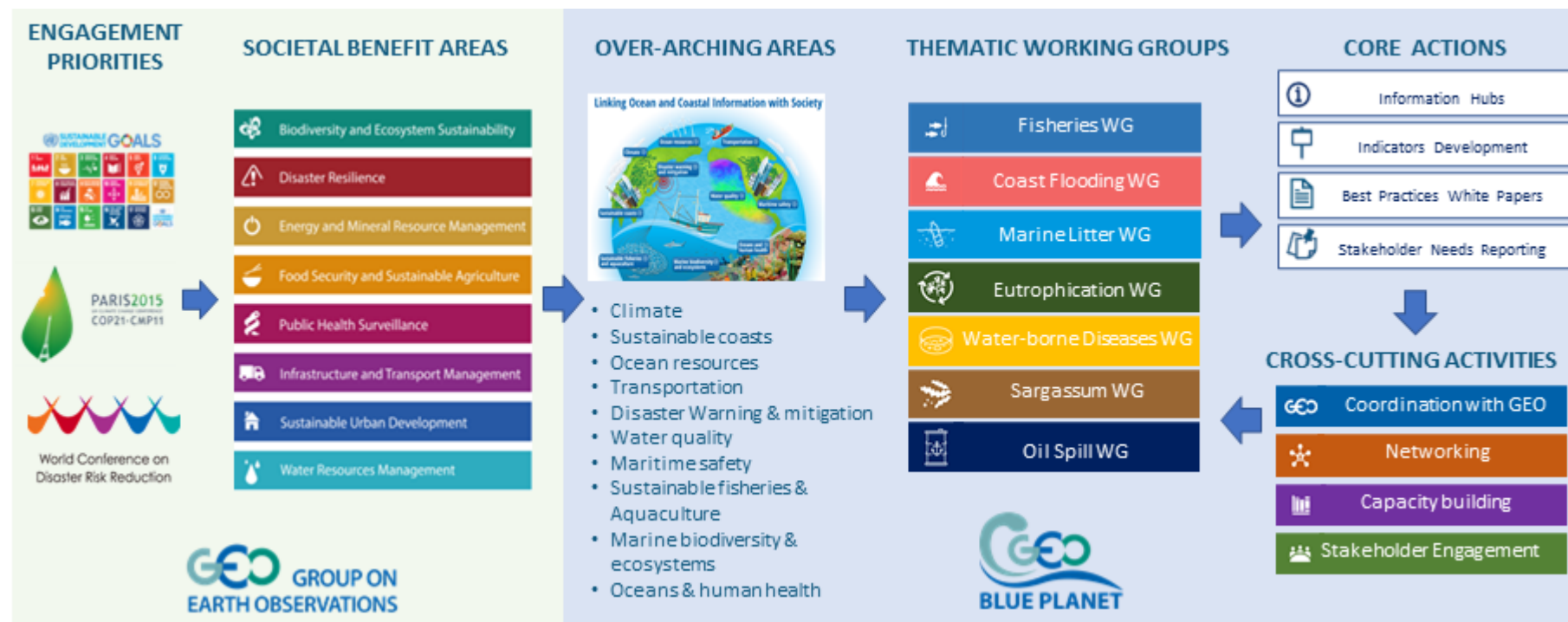
- ⦿ Ocean and coastal **scientists**
- ⦿ Social **scientists**
- ⦿ End user representatives from **stakeholder groups**



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GEO Blue Planet is the Ocean and Coastal Arm of GEO

- support **GEO engagement** priorities
- strengthen its linkages with **stakeholders**
- develop **knowledge hubs**
- forge **decision-support tools**



Updated terms of reference and Implementation plan to get out in the fall!



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The Sargassum Working Group

The WG was created following the 2018 workshop on Implementing the Sustainable Goals in the Caribbean Region.

We have about 15 members from 9 countries. Expending to include W. African countries.

- Sargassum Hub (present and future) – Workshop July 29th
- Organisation of All Atlantic 2021 conference side event
To foster Connection, Action and Cooperation between scientists and, international, regional and local stakeholders
- GEO-Microsoft Planetary Computer Project



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SARGASSUM INFORMATION HUB
Information about Sargassum in the Tropical Atlantic

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United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)

AtlantOS
AIRCENTRE ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE

All-Atlantic 2021
Connecting, Acting, Cooperating
2-4 June
Ponte de Guedes, Aveiro, Portugal

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Meet the speakers

Session 1: Challenges - state of the art knowledge on Sargassum

Session 2: Towards informed mitigation of Sargassum

Panel discussion with stakeholders and experts from session 1 & 2

UN environment programme, CAR-SPAW-RAC, AIRCENTRE, AtlantOS, UNESCO, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission





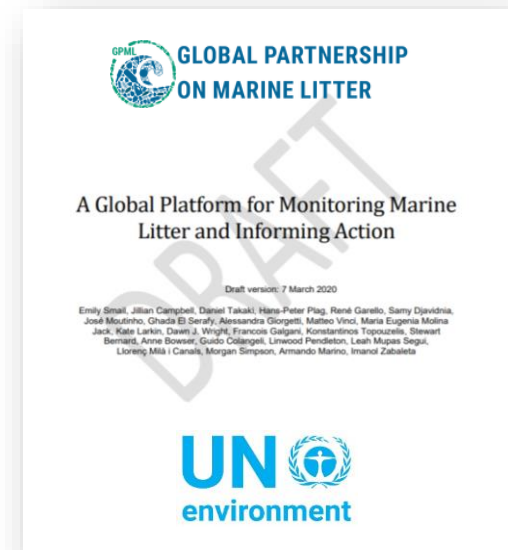
The Marine Litter Working Group

The WG was created following the 2019 UN Environment Experts Consultation Meeting on Marine Litter.

The European Office is leading this group since 2021.

We have 11 members from 7 countries, incl. E. Chassignet

- Marine Litter Monitoring and Best Practices white paper to feed the building up of the GPML Digital Platform
- Co-Organisation of best Practices Workshops
- Organisation of All Atlantic 2021 conference side event To foster Connection, Action and Cooperation between scientists and, international, regional and local stakeholders



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The Blue Planet Initiative for a Healthy Ocean



The Marine Litter Working Group



The Sargassum Working Group



The Oil Spill Working Group



The Waterborne Diseases Working Group



The Fisheries Working Group



The Eutrophication Working Group



The Waveforce Working Group



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