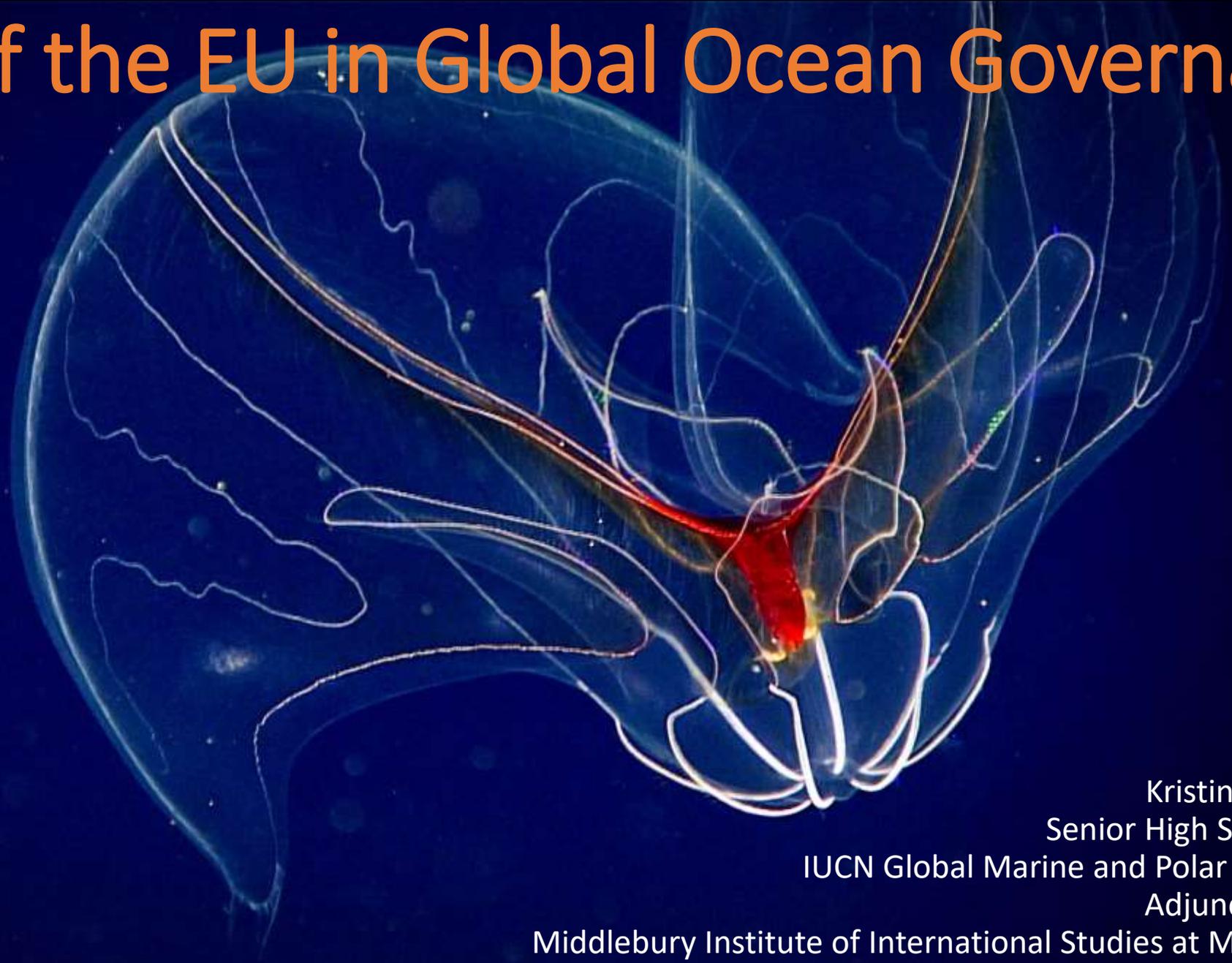
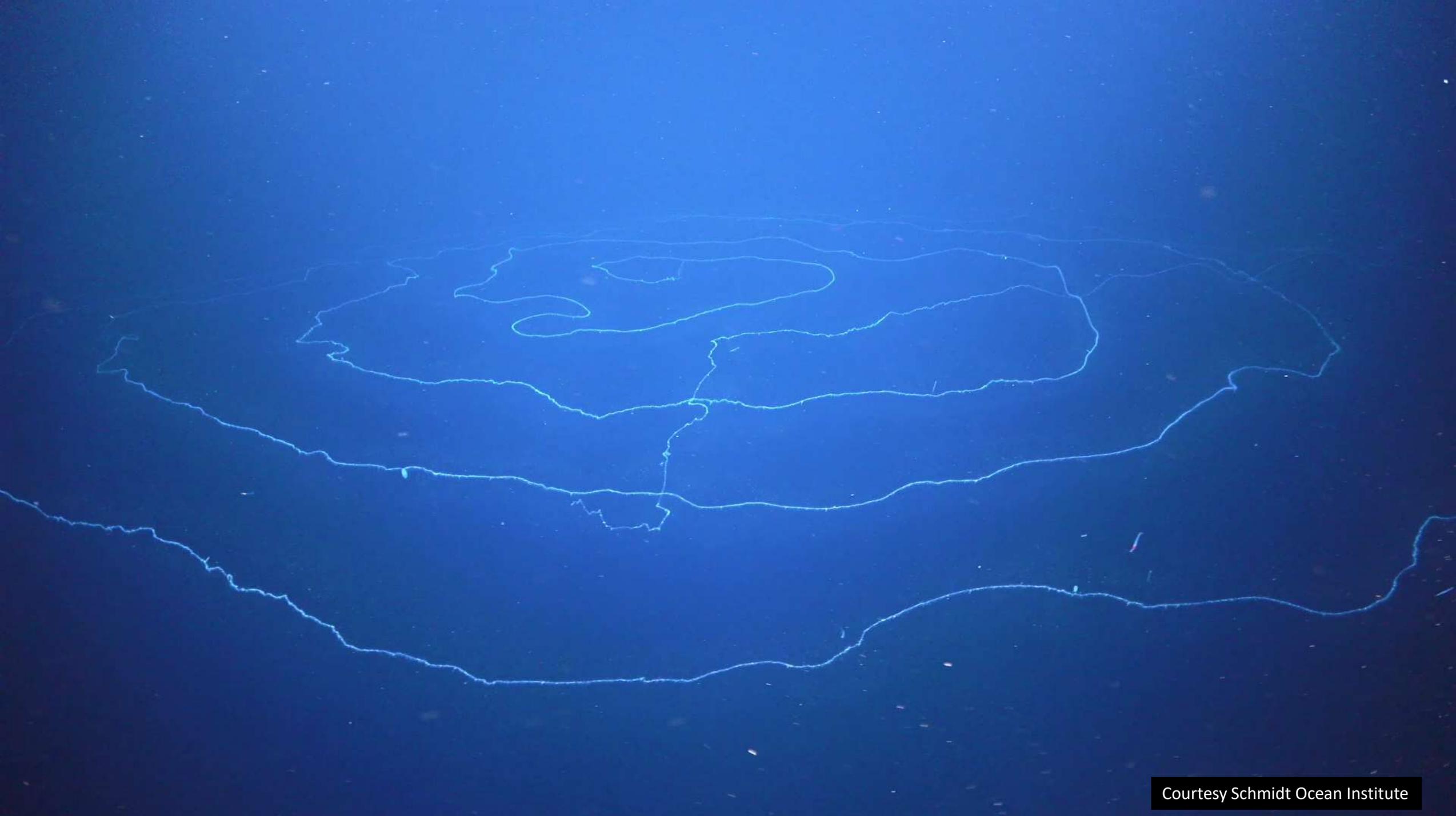


The Role of the EU in Global Ocean Governance



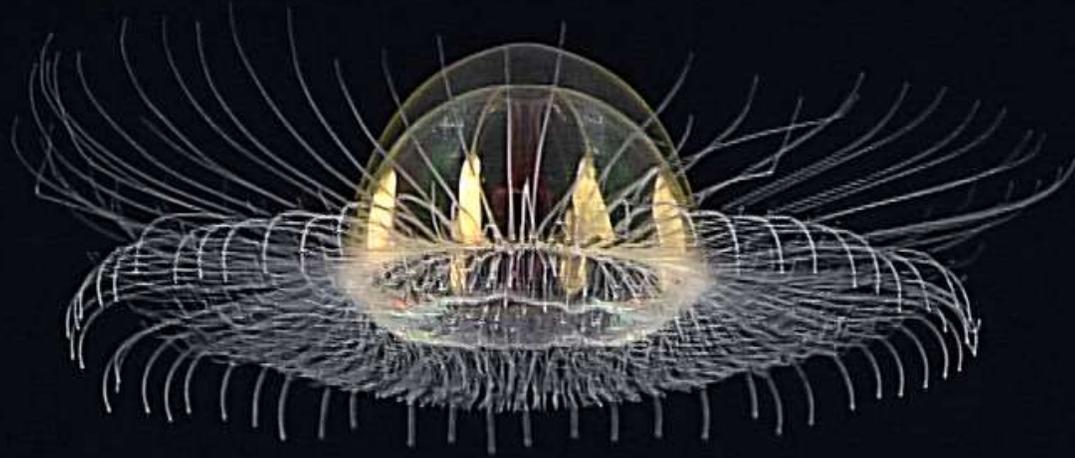
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“Today is a world characterised by:
volatility, uncertainty, complexity &
ambiguity,
a “VUCA” world.

**The only certainty will be that
the future is surprising”**

Role of EU in Global Ocean Governance



VUCA 2.0: Vision, Understanding, Courage and
Adaptability

Bill George, a senior fellow at Harvard Business School

Photo credit: NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research, 2017: American Samoa

How can the EU manifest Vision, Understanding, Courage and Adaptability in the BBNJ Agreement?



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Integration

1. Shared vision: No siloes; no separation
2. Systematically and effectively protect at least 30%
3. Plan and manage for 100% ecological sustainability



Inclusivity

4. Partnership in stewardship requires \$\$ support
5. Create platform for future generations to have a say

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6. Continuously observe, monitor and assess
 7. Strengthen decision-making processes
 8. Trust but verify

Informed and timely decision making

Manifesting Vision, Understanding, Courage and Adaptability in the BBNJ Agreement

EU role? 100% ambition for

1. Integration
2. Inclusivity
3. Informed decision making

Thank you for your attention!

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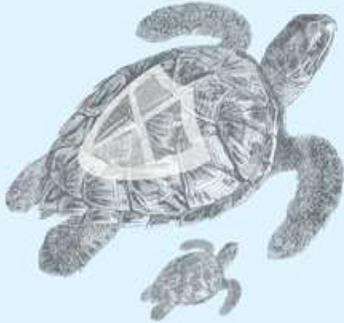


BUILDING OCEAN RESILIENCE BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION

KEY TOOLS TO PROMOTE ECOLOGICAL & INSTITUTIONAL RESILIENCE VIA THE BBNJ AGREEMENT

ECOLOGICAL RESILIENCE

DEFEND TOGETHER



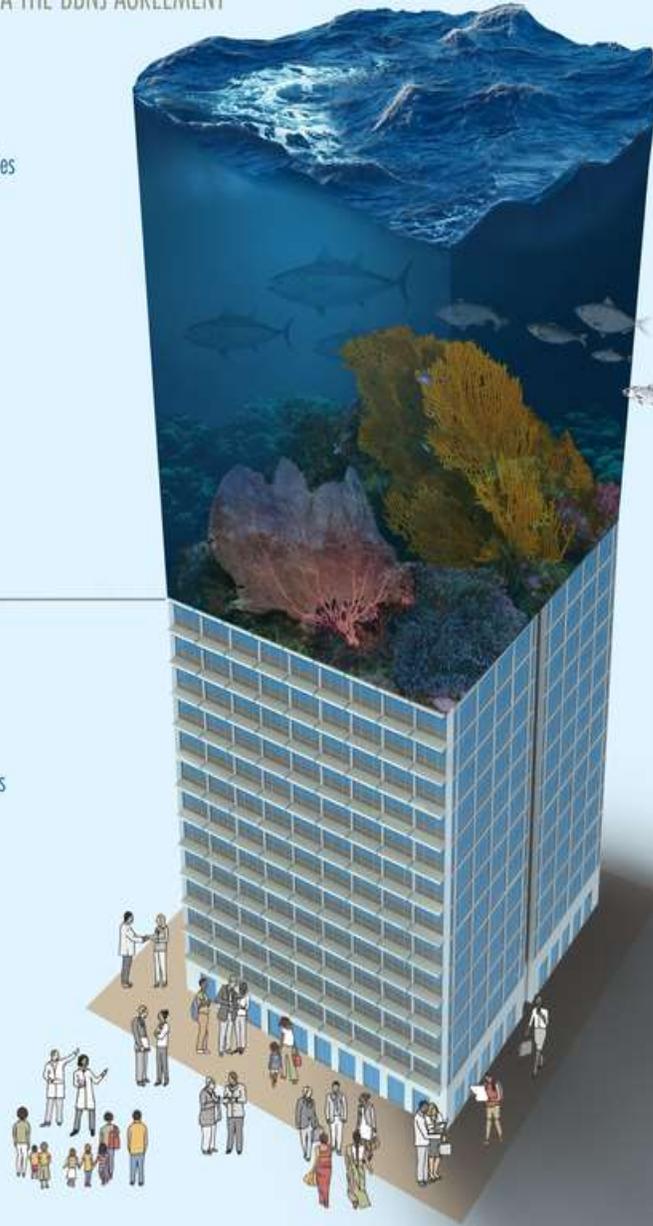
- Maintain diversity & redundancy
- Protect rare or fragile ecosystems & vulnerable species
- Protect habitat & limit bycatch
- Establish MPA networks
- Safeguard connectivity
- Ensure ecosystem-based management
- Apply precaution
- Prevent significant harm

INSTITUTIONAL RESILIENCE

LEARN TOGETHER

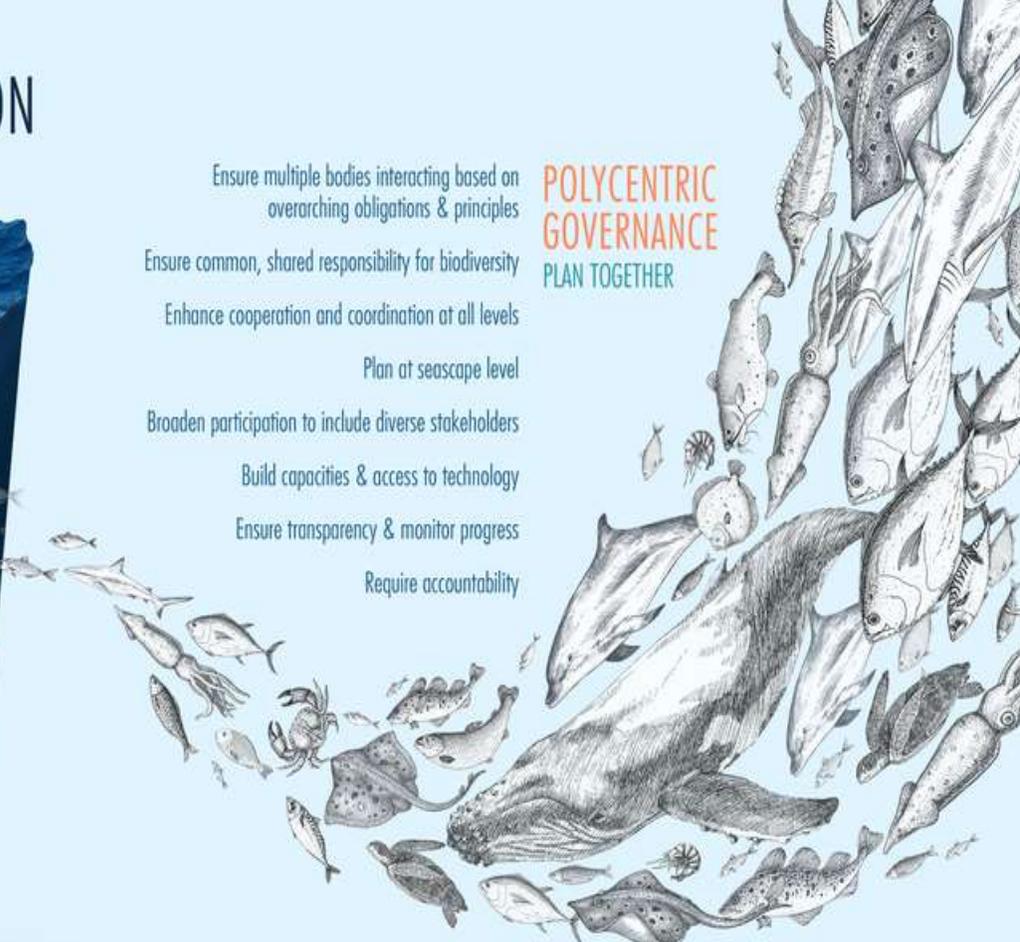


- Ensure knowledge-based decision-making
- Establish BBNJ science body
- Collaborate with global & regional scientific initiatives
- Encourage cooperative learning
- Access diverse sources of knowledge
- Address knowledge gaps
- Consider cumulative impacts, connectivity & key slow variables and feedbacks
- Monitor & share data
- Consult & include stakeholders



- Ensure multiple bodies interacting based on overarching obligations & principles
- Ensure common, shared responsibility for biodiversity
- Enhance cooperation and coordination at all levels
- Plan at seascape level
- Broaden participation to include diverse stakeholders
- Build capacities & access to technology
- Ensure transparency & monitor progress
- Require accountability

POLYCENTRIC GOVERNANCE PLAN TOGETHER



OCEAN STRESSORS

- WARMING
- DEOXYGENATION $-O_2$
- ACIDIFICATION $pH \downarrow$
- POLLUTION
- OVERFISHING
- HABITAT LOSS
- SEABED MINING