

U N	<b>Goal</b>	<b>14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development</b>
	<b>Target</b>	<b>14.2 By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans</b>
	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>14.2.1 Number of countries using ecosystem-based approaches to managing marine areas</b>

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<b>Indicator</b>	Number of countries using ecosystem-based approaches to managing marine areas
<b>Definition</b>	<p>The number of countries using ecosystem-based approaches to managing marine areas are expressed as the extent to which they have introduced Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in their Exclusive Economic Zones using ecosystem-based approaches. As this indicator has not been fully established, the Regional Seas Programme Indicator 22, ICZM, is used as the primary indicator.</p> <p>From an ecological perspective, ecosystem approaches consider the connections between the living organisms, habitats, physical and chemical conditions within an ecosystem, focusing on the importance of ecological integrity, biodiversity and overall ecosystem health.</p> <p>From a management perspective, ecosystem-based approaches refer to integrated management strategies for socio-ecological systems that consider ecological, social and economic factors and apply principles of sustainable development. These two different interpretations of ecosystem-based approaches are well-incorporated in the indicators reflecting them. Integrating ecological and management perspectives, for example marine spatial planning and integrated coastal management has been recognized as a key tool for sustainable ecosystem-based management.</p> <p>Consequently, implementing these approaches can be considered as a valid indicator for ecosystem-based management.</p>
<b>Global indicator link</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Metadata: <a href="https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-14-02-01.pdf">https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-14-02-01.pdf</a></li> <li>■ Data: <a href="https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/">https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/</a></li> </ul>