UN Atlas of the Oceans
www.oceansatlas.org

UN-Oceans Meeting
17 June 2011
What is the UN Atlas?

- Contribution to the 1992 Earth Summit decisions on ocean sustainability
- Collaborative network on world’s oceans
- Internet portal created by UN and Partners
- Advocate of UN news and events on oceans
- Information resource and communication support for ocean communities
# Who are the Atlas partners?

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Welcome to the United Nations Atlas of the Oceans

The Atlas is an information system designed for use by policy makers who need to become familiar with ocean issues and by scientists, students and resources managers who need access to underlying data bases and approaches to sustainability. Information about the Atlas...

World Oceans Day 8 June 2011
Our oceans: greening our future

The Atlas is developed under the authority of UN-OCEANS, the interagency coordination mechanism on oceans and coastal issues within the UN System
What does the Atlas contain?

- Thematic structure on ocean information
- Fact sheets, images, maps, data and statistics
- Links to UN and other databases, Web sites, publications
- Published or grey literature
- Info on UN and other projects
- Monthly newsletter
- News, events, discussions
Highlights of the Atlas

- **Ocean issues**: climate change, conservation, management

- **Fisheries issues**: governance, state of resources, fisheries communities, coastal development

- **Uses of the oceans**: contributing to poverty reduction, food, shipping, mining, energy

- **About the oceans**: scientific background on biology, ecology and research
Trends – membership

Membership: 9200, 9400, 9600, 9800, 10000, 10200, 10400, 10600, 10800, 11000, 11200
Technical Committee Meeting 2010

- Content
  - each Atlas partner regularly updates material
  - adopt thematic-based structures
  - develop new *State of the Oceans* worldview

- Systems development
  - Maintain, upgrade and enhance
  - Keyword-based content harvesting
  - Improve search and web statistics
  - Implement calendar, archive
What’s new – Content

- Top entry pages revised
- Main sections updated
- Geography worldview expanded
- Glossary enhanced
- About us / help pages improved
What’s new – Technology

• Improved Web statistics / Google analytics

web traffic analysis by cio

• Vulnerability testing

• Improved performance

• Keyword harvesting (Knowledge Object pools)
  – Background documentation
  – Case study
What’s ahead – Opportunities

UN Atlas of the Oceans 10th anniversary
2 June 2012

Yeosu World Exposition
May-August 2012 (Int’l Pavilion)

World Oceans Day
8 June 2012
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Thank you!