



MINISTRY OF
NATURAL RESOURCES
AND ENVIRONMENT



Samoa Ocean Strategy 2020-2030

Integrated Efforts, Healthy Ocean, Abundant Future

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SAMOA

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- The SOS Goals & Governance Structure
- Stakeholder Involvement
- Link to Regional and International Ocean Policies
- SOS Implementation, follow up & review
- Need for Regional Approach



NEED
Improved communication, coordination and united efforts.





SAMOA OCEAN STRATEGY

The main **overarching national strategy** to guide and track Samoa's efforts to achieve overall ocean goals with **integrated multi-sectoral management** of its ocean domain for the next 10 years.

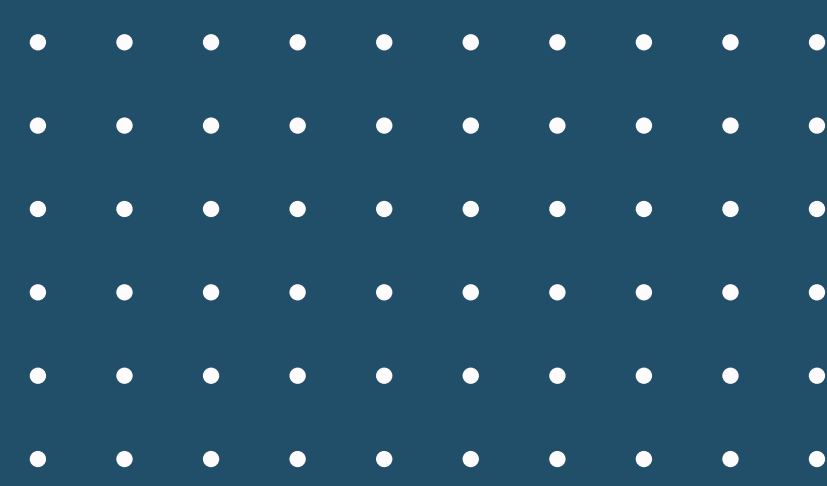
Also, serves as a **platform** to foster and **improve alignment** of Samoa's national efforts and policies to **regional and global** ocean **commitments**

The SOS Vision

For Samoa's ocean to remain healthy and abundant through integrated management, robust coordination, and respectful use and stewardship that supports cultural, social and economic opportunities for Samoa's people.



The Journey



Briefing Papers
on current ocean
status



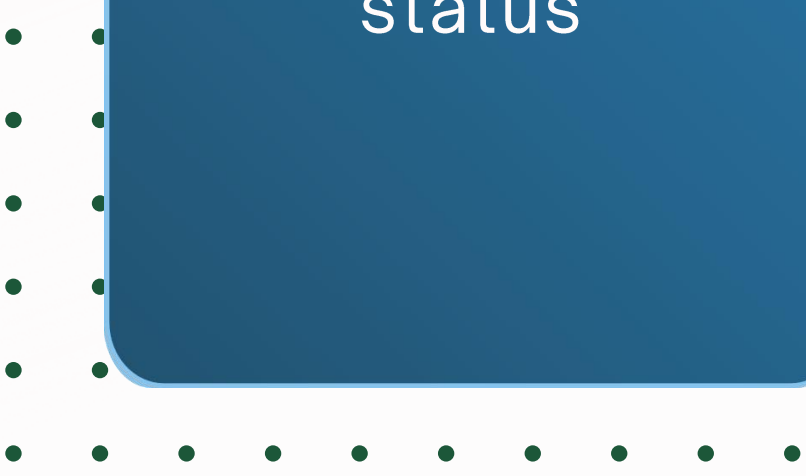
Define the Key
Thematic Areas:
*these represent
what & how
Samoans value
oceans*



Identify Threats:
*Things negatively
impacting value
of ocean as
defined*



Design Integrated
Management
Solution:
*Strategies to
minimize or
remove threats*



Strategic Priorities

Governance & Coordination

- Create the National Ocean Steering Committee
- Formalise Samoa's Maritime Boundaries

Sustainable Ocean Financing

- Enhance Sustainable Ocean Financing

Research & Data Collection

- Improve Scientific Research, Data collection & Sharing
- Complete a Marine Spatial Plan for Samoa

Monitoring & Surveillance

- Strengthen Monitoring, Control, Surveillance & Enforcement
- Strengthen National MPA network
- Establish effective protection and management of endangered marine migratory species

Policy & Legislation

- Strengthen Policy & Legislation for coastal ecosystem services protection
- Integrate EBA approach into climate adaptation management plans and initiatives
- Review existing policies and establish legislation where appropriate risks posed by deep sea and seabed exploration

Awareness & Capacity Building

- Strengthen effectiveness of coastal management using traditional knowledge, innovation and marine science
- Improve waste and marine pollution management at national level

Integrated Management Solutions

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Provides advisory role and decision making in the coordination and implementation of integrated management solutions for the SOS.

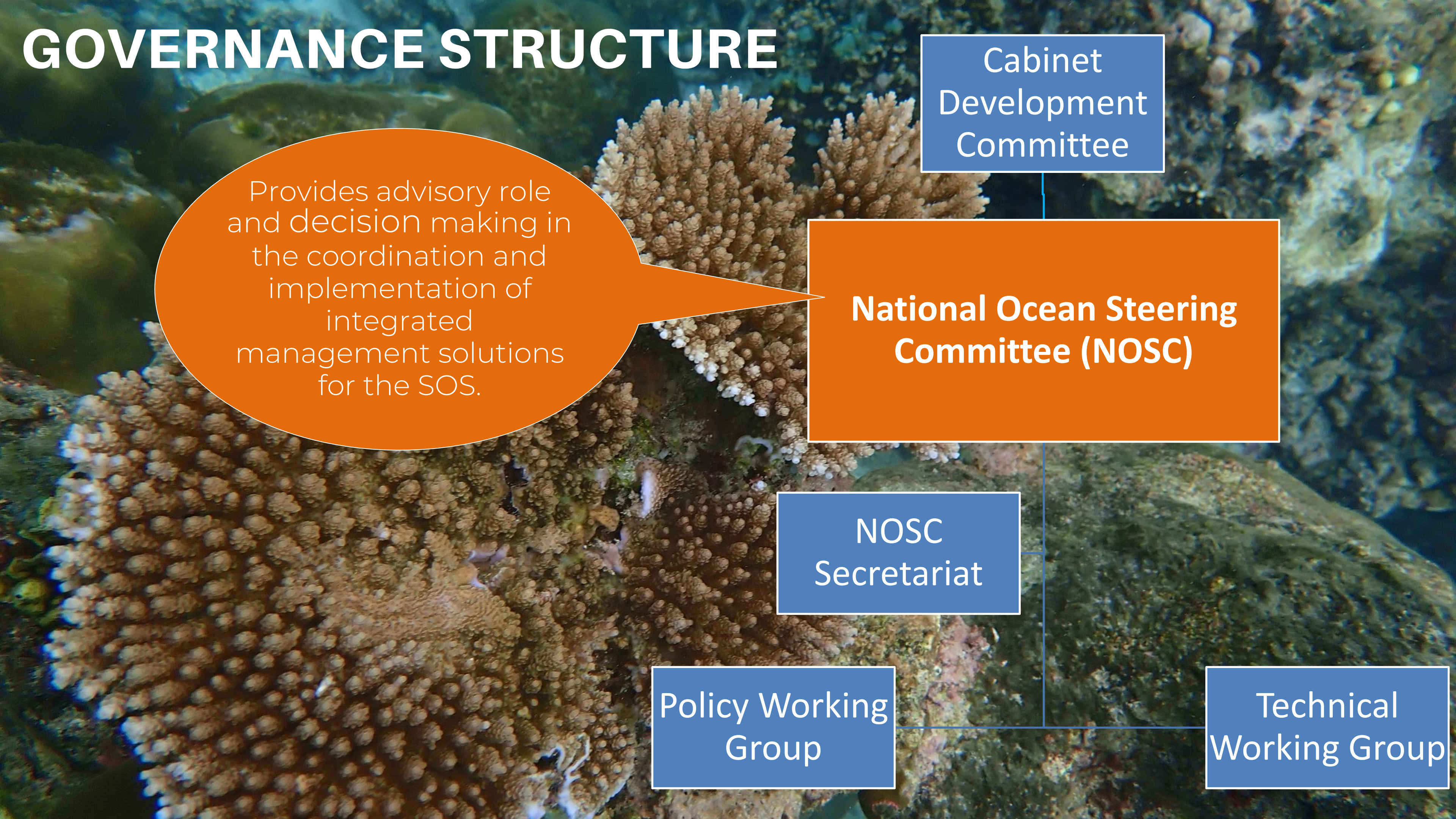
Cabinet Development Committee

National Ocean Steering Committee (NOSC)

NOSC Secretariat

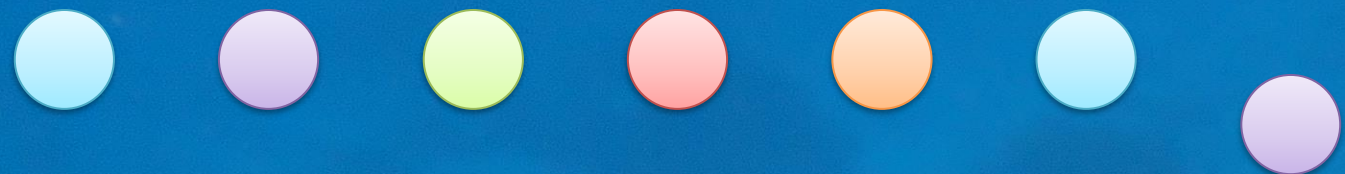
Policy Working Group

Technical Working Group



Example: Implementation Progress for IMS 5

Multi-sectoral Core Consultation Team



National Sector-wide consultations (2 Rounds)



Nation-wide community consultations (2 Rounds)



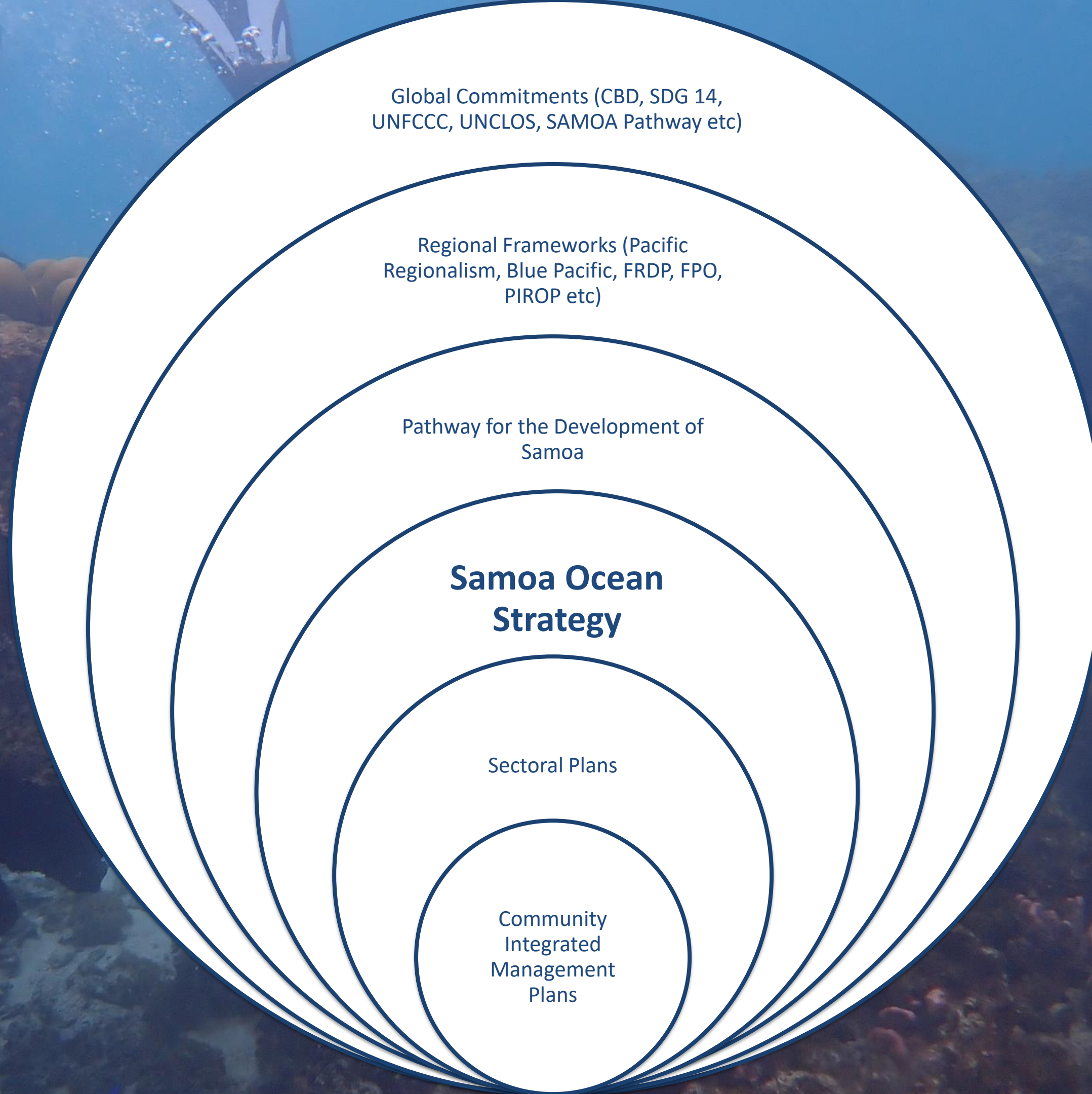
Govt. Ministries and SOE consultations (2 Rounds)



Information from 4000+ consulted shape the Design of the MSP

PROGRESS ON IMS 5:
Complete Samoa's Marine Spatial Plan for all ocean domain

LINK TO REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL POLICIES



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**IS THERE A NEED FOR
REGIONAL SUPPORT??**

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