

SAMOA OCEAN STRATEGY

2020 – 2030

*Dedicated to the memory
of Ms Sue Miller-Taei,
our dear friend and Pacific
Ocean warrior.*

An integrated Management
for a Healthy and Abundant
Future of Samoa's Ocean



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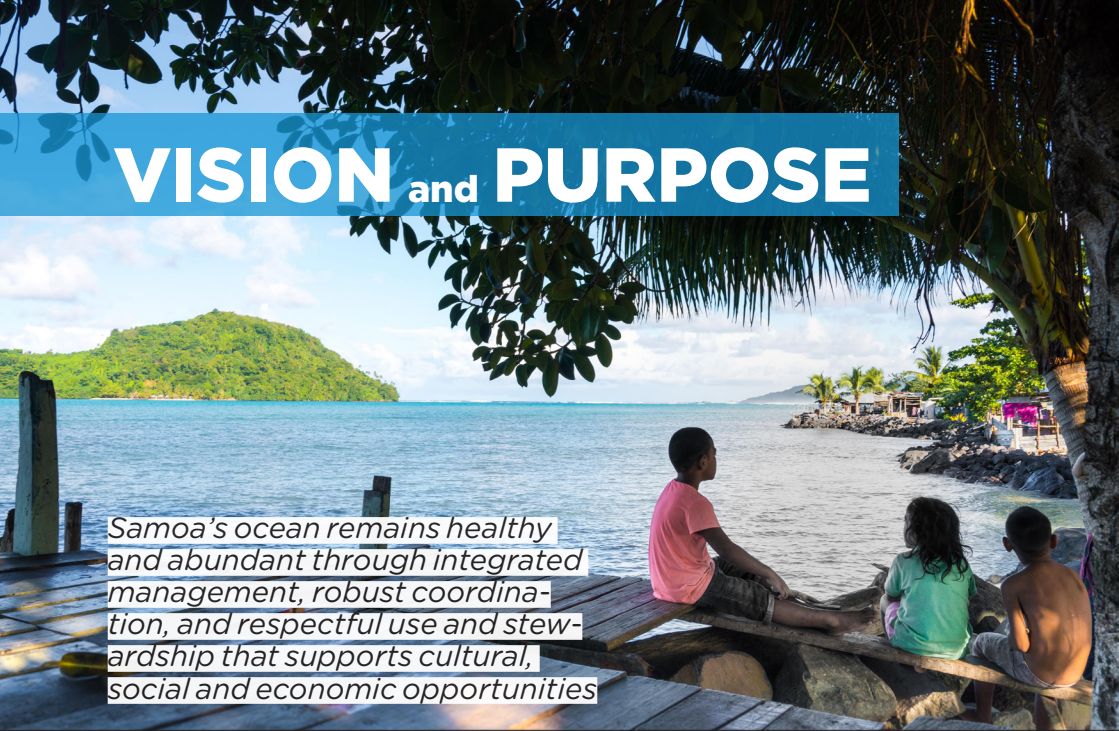
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VISION and PURPOSE

A photograph of three children sitting on a wooden pier overlooking the ocean. The pier is made of wooden planks and is situated on a rocky shore. In the background, there is a large, green, hilly island in the distance. The sky is blue with some clouds. The children are looking out at the water. One child is wearing a pink shirt, another a green shirt, and the third is shirtless.

Samoa's ocean remains healthy and abundant through integrated management, robust coordination, and respectful use and stewardship that supports cultural, social and economic opportunities

The **Samoa Ocean Strategy (SOS)** aims to:

Secure a future of sustainable development, management and conservation of Samoa's ocean and all resources within, living and non-living

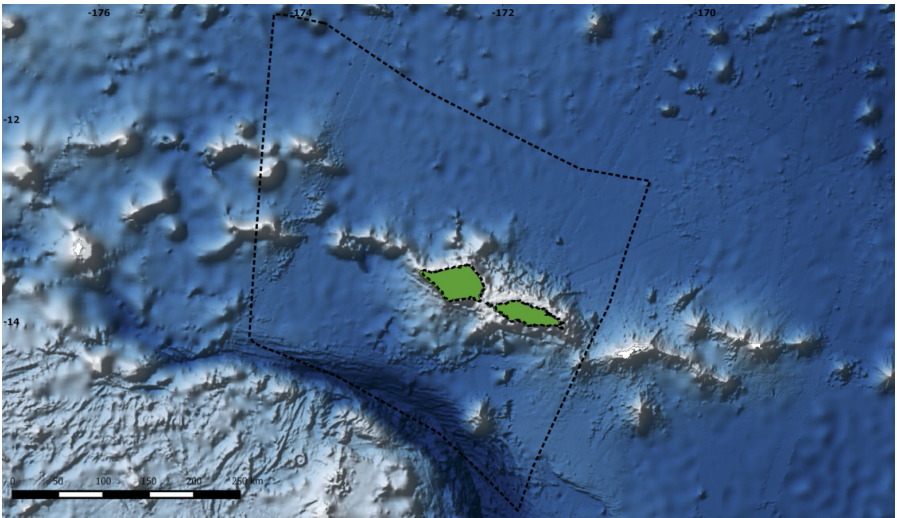
Integrate, complement, support but not undermine existing ocean related national strategies and sector plans by setting common goals and objectives for all the actors involved

Support Samoa to meet its commitments described in marine related national and international agreements

Catalyze and guide an integrated approach to ocean governance that reinforces traditional resource management alongside central government management

SCOPE

Whole of Samoa's 120,000 km² ocean domain inclusive of territorial sea, contiguous seas and EEZ claim based on the finalised archipelagic baseline points recorded in the Government of Samoa Maritime Zones Order 2017.



THEMATIC AREAS

Thematic areas represent VALUES. These include all the ecological and socio-economic attributes that define the value of the ocean to Samoan people.



Offshore Waters



Maritime Safety & Security



Species of Special Interest



Marine Coastal Ecosystems & Species



Food Security



Ocean Knowledge



THREATS



FISHING

- Unsustainable extraction, fishing equipment & methods
- Illegal, Unregulated & Unreported fishing activities



POLLUTION

- Land Based Pollution
- Pollution from vessels, ports & dry docks



UNSUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Local mangrove forest clearing
- Unsustainable Sand-mining
- Unsustainable coastal development
- Potential for unregulated deep-sea sand mining



KNOWLEDGE & DATA

- Limited integration of traditional knowledge
- Limited modern ocean science



INVASIVE SPECIES

- Invasive Species



CLIMATE CHANGE

- Coastal erosion
- Coral bleaching

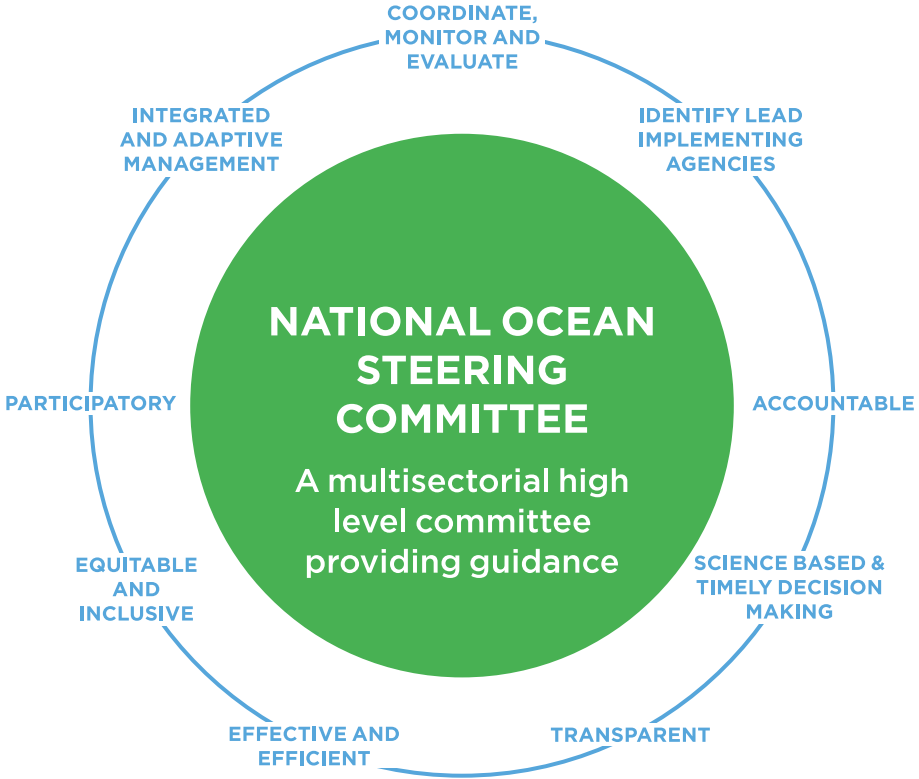
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

A total of 6 key overarching Priority Areas for intervention have been identified and a further 13 Integrated Management Solutions have been developed, to address many interrelated factors which collectively threaten the integrity and health of marine environments in Samoa's ocean.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS
Governance and Coordination	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a National Ocean Committee 2. Formalise Samoa's Maritime Boundaries
Financial Sustainability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Develop Sustainable Ocean Financing Mechanisms
Research & Data Collection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Improve scientific research, data collection & monitoring 5. Complete a Marine Spatial Planning for Samoa
Monitoring & Surveillance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Strengthen monitoring, control, surveillance & enforcement across all Samoa's oceans 7. Strengthen national MPA Network 8. Establish effective protection & management of endangered marine migratory species
Policy & Legislation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Strengthen policy & legislation for coastal ecosystem services protection 10. Integrate ecosystem based approach (EBA) into existing climate adaptation management plans and initiatives 11. Review existing policies & establish legislation where appropriate to manage risks posed by deep-sea & seabed exploration Awareness & Capacity Building
Awareness & Capacity Building	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Strengthen effectiveness of coastal management using traditional knowledge, innovation & marine science 13. Improve waste & marine pollution management at national level



GOVERNANCE





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