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- Specialized UN agency responsible for regulating international shipping: 'Safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans'
- Membership:
 - 173 Member States and three Associate Members (including all major ship owning nations and all major port/coastal states)
 - Observers in consultative status: IGOs and NGOs
- 50+ IMO conventions and 100+ protocols/guidelines covering ship design and construction, ship operation and equipment, crew and discharge/emissions







Biodiversity and IMO Instruments/Guidelines

 Ballast Water Management Convention: reduces the risk of invasive aquatic species arriving via ballast water



- Anti-Fouling Systems Convention: bans harmful substances from anti-fouling coatings
- Biofouling Guidelines: recommended best practices to reduce the transfer of invasive aquatic species from fouled hulls
- London Convention & Protocol: bans dumping waste at sea

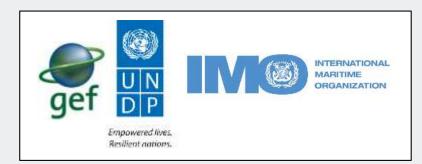


IMO projects to prevent invasive species

 GloBallast: Two-phase project over 15 years to address the legal, policy, and technical challenges to implementing BWM Convention and reduce invasive aquatic species



GloFouling: 5 year project beginning late
2018 to reduce the transfer of invasive
aquatic species from fouling







Cooperation with relevant organizations

- Environment Management Group
- Intergovernmental processes (e.g. BBNJ)
- Working Group on Ballast and Other Ship Vectors (WGBOSV)
 - ICES, IOC, IMO
- Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species
 - CBD, CABI, CITES, FAO, ICAO, IMO, IPPC, IUCN, OIE, WTO
- Biological and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net)
 - Hosted by UNDP





Unique challenges



- Multiple stakeholders/competing interests:
 - separate agencies within Member State governments (e.g. maritime and environmental ministries)
 - civil society stakeholders (shipowners and environmental groups)
 - Biodiversity an "invisible" problem to many stakeholders
- IMO is a regulatory organization
 - Member States must implement and enforce regulations
 - Necessary to support implementation of mandatory instruments and guidelines in developing countries







Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme: effective implementation of IMO instruments

Assist developing countries in building their human and institutional capacities for compliance with IMO's regulatory framework

IMO-ITCP 2017: 215 activities delivered to 3500 people







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