

UNODC contribution to the Secretary-General's background note for the preparatory meeting on the high-level 2020 UN Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14: *Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14*

II. Activities, challenges and opportunities relating to the implementation SDG 14

2. Challenges and opportunities

Challenges

The UNODC Global Programme for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime supports Member States to address many of the serious offences committed along the fisheries value chain. UNODC works with criminal justice institutions, fisheries authorities and other stakeholders to enhance criminal justice and law enforcement responses to criminality in the fisheries sector and promotes accountability for sustainable use of marine resources.

III. Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation

UNODC Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) is working closely with EMSA Copernicus in strengthening Member States' maritime law enforcement capacity in response to maritime crime by use of technology, including satellite imagery. The technical assistance is provided ideally where GMCP has embedded maritime law enforcement mentors. These mentors can support national maritime law enforcement agencies in strengthening their maritime domain awareness with use of provided Copernicus satellite imageries as part of responding to crimes occurring in their waters and which allows for a more cost efficient and targeted patrolling.