

Major Milestones

Numerous global and regional conventions and events relate to the protection of the marine environment from land-based activities, including:

1974	The regional seas Conventions and related Protocols (e.g. North Sea, 1974; Mediterranean, 1976; Kuwait region, 1978; South-East Pacific, 1981; Wider Caribbean, 1983)
1982	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
	UNEP started addressing issues related to impacts on the marine environment from land-based activities
1985	Montreal Guidelines for the Protection of the Marine Environment Against Pollution from Land-based Sources
1992	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) and Agenda 21
	Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
1995	UNEP Governing Council decisions 18/31 and 18/32 pertaining to the Washington Conference and persistent organic pollutants (POP's)
	Adoption of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities and adoption of the Washington Declaration
	Jakarta Mandate on the Programme of Action for Marine and Coastal Biodiversity within the CBD
1996	GPA Implementation Plan presented to the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-4)
	United Nations General Assembly resolution 51/189 on the institutional arrangements for the implementation of the GPA
1997 - 1998	UNEP Governing Council decision 19/14 on global and regional GPA implementation
	Establishment and operationalization of the UNEP/GPA Coordination Office in The Hague, The Netherlands