



# Sustainable Development Goal Indicator 14.c.1

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# Indicator 14.c.1 will track progress against Target 14.c

**GOAL 14:** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

**TARGET 14.c:** Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of The Future We Want.

**INDICATOR 14.c.1:** Number of countries making progress in ratifying, accepting and implementing through legal, policy and institutional frameworks, ocean-related instruments that implement international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans and their resources.

# Development through broad and extensive consultations

Prior to June 2018	Development of an initial methodology proposal within UN-Oceans
June 2018 - June 2019	Further development and refinement of the methodology through consultations with States at side events and information sessions convened in the margins of meetings related to oceans and the law of the sea in New York
June 2019	Discussion on the refined methodology during the twentieth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea in New York
July 2019	Circulation of the refined methodology to Member States and States Parties to UNCLOS for feedback and seeking volunteers to participate in the pilot study
August - September 2019	Pilot testing of the methodology

# Methodological approach: a voluntary web-based questionnaire

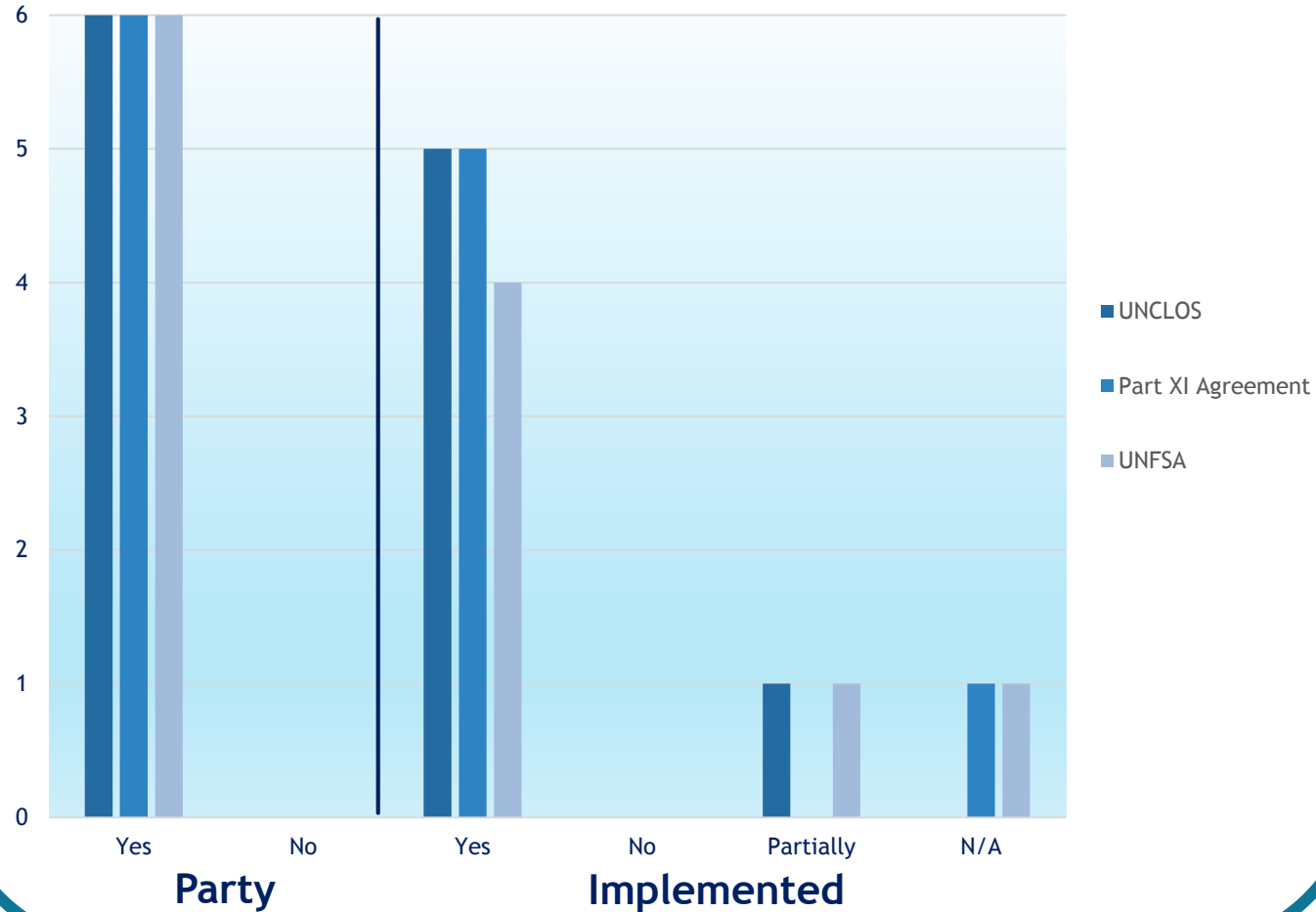
Two questions which track closely the elements of indicator 14.c.1:

- ▶ Question 1 collects information on ratification of, accession to and implementation of UNCLOS and its two implementing agreements.
- ▶ Question 2 collects information on the adoption of national policies for the ocean and/or designation of institutions/mechanisms with responsibility for ensuring that the problems of ocean space are considered through an integrated, interdisciplinary and intersectoral approach.

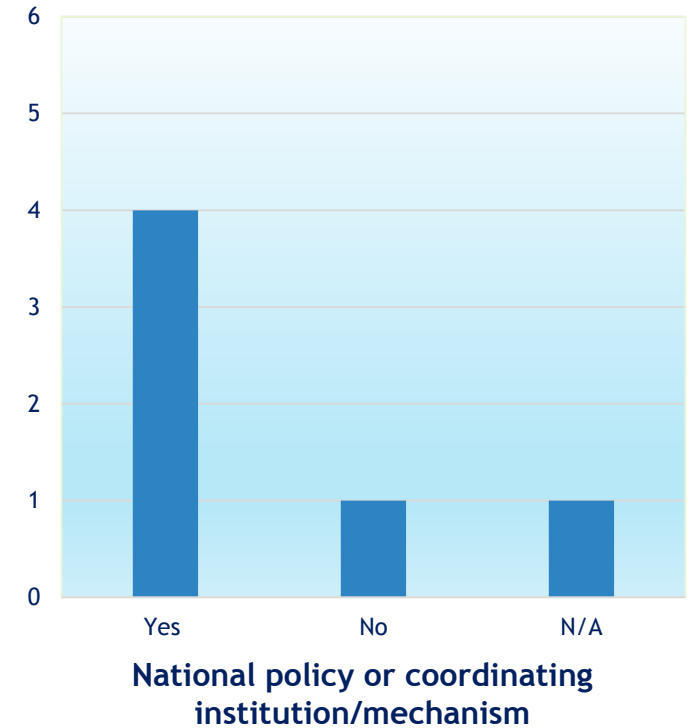
# Pilot results

- ▶ Successful pilot test with participation of Barbados, Italy, Poland, Republic of Korea, Sweden and Togo

## Question 1 Responses



## Question 2 Responses



# Conclusion: request for reclassification to Tier II

- ▶ The proposed methodology for indicator 14.c.1 has been developed and refined on the basis of extensive consultations with States.
- ▶ Pilot testing demonstrated the feasibility of that methodology.

**The IAEG-SDGs is therefore requested to reclassify indicator 14.c.1 from Tier III to Tier II**