



Handbook on the Economics and Management of Sustainable Oceans

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The trans-disciplinary thematic areas of oceans management and policy require stocktaking of the state of knowledge on ecosystem services being derived from coastal and marine areas. Recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) especially Goals 14 and 15 explicitly focus on this. This Handbook brings together a carefully chosen set of world-class contributions from ecology, economics, and other development science and attempts to provide policy relevant scientific information on ecosystem services from marine and coastal ecosystems, nuances of economic valuation, relevant legal and sociological response policies for effective management of marine areas for enhanced human well being. The contributors focus on the possible nexus of science-society and science-policy with the objective of informing on decision makers of the governmental agencies, business and industry and civil society in general with respect to sustainable management of Oceans.

'This important new book reveals the complex issues facing the planet's oceans: a vital global commons. The detailed description of practical policy tools and innovative solutions should be recommended reading for anyone working on the health and sustainable management of the marine environment.'

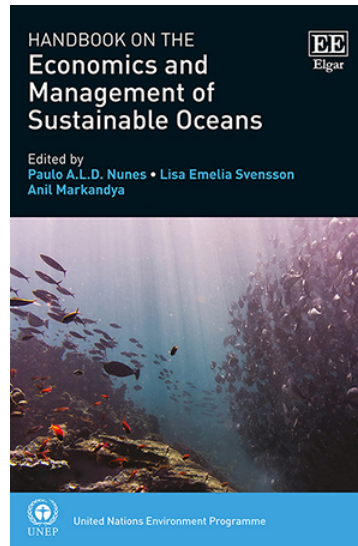
– Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility

'This comprehensive Handbook highlights, using both a scientific and a social lens, the importance of ocean governance, conservation and sustainable management. Healthy oceans play fundamental roles in improving human health and well-being, contributing to food security and mitigating impacts of climate change. The complexity of the issues relating to oceans requires multidimensional solutions that integrate all aspects of the socio-ecological system. This Handbook highlights solutions derived from a blue economy and an increased role of the private sector, leading to a more sustainable use of ocean resources within the framework of the 2030 Agenda.'

– Mette Wilkie, United Nations Environment Programme

'This Handbook is a valuable instrument for science-based decision-making – either by corporate, public or third-sector organizations – on a growingly strategic field: sustainable management and conservation of oceans. We should be grateful to all 109 contributors to this important book and make use of its lessons to successfully implement the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.'

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