





*Eight countries, connected by one ecosystem,  
working together to secure its future.*



# The Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem Project

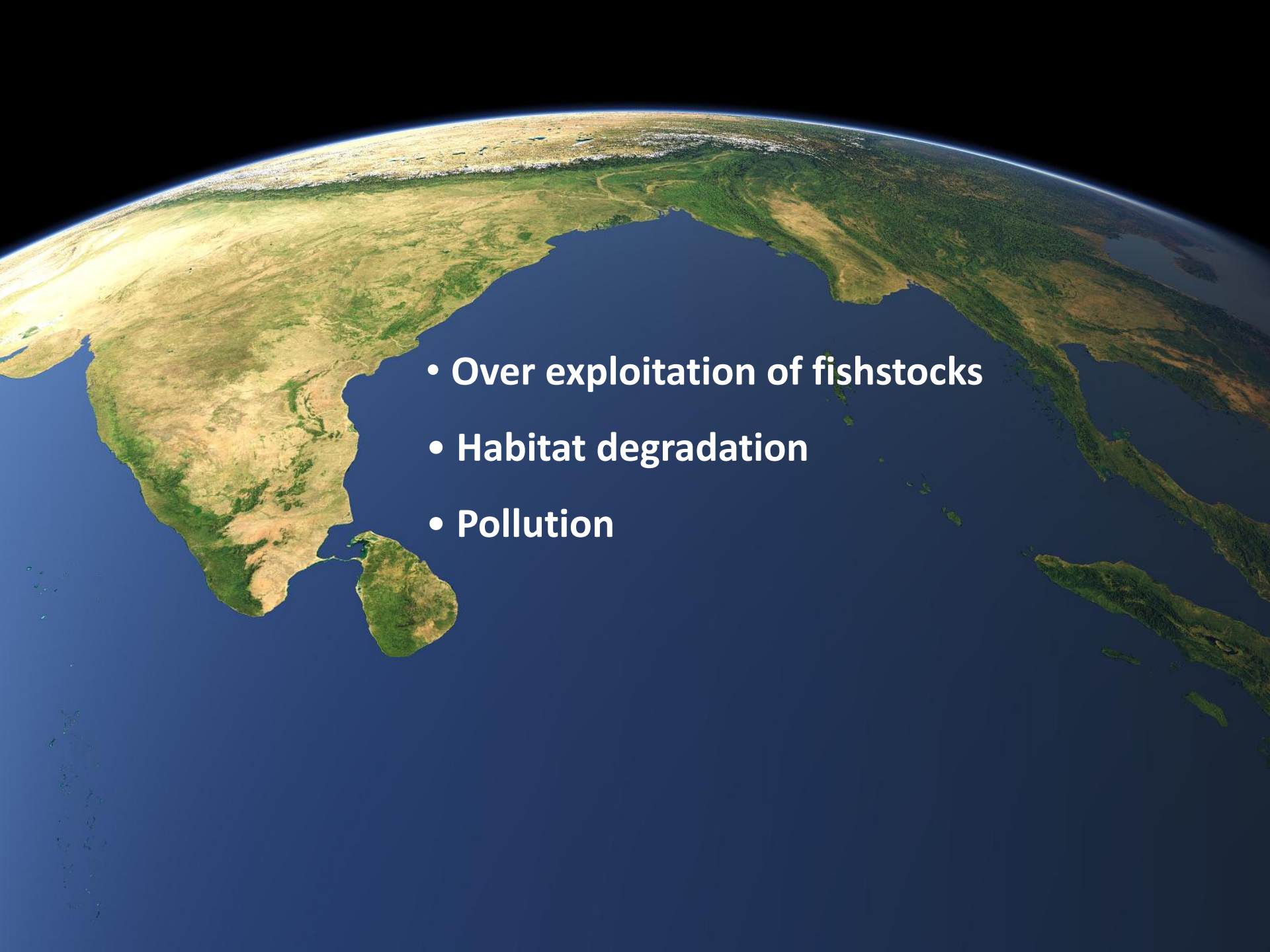


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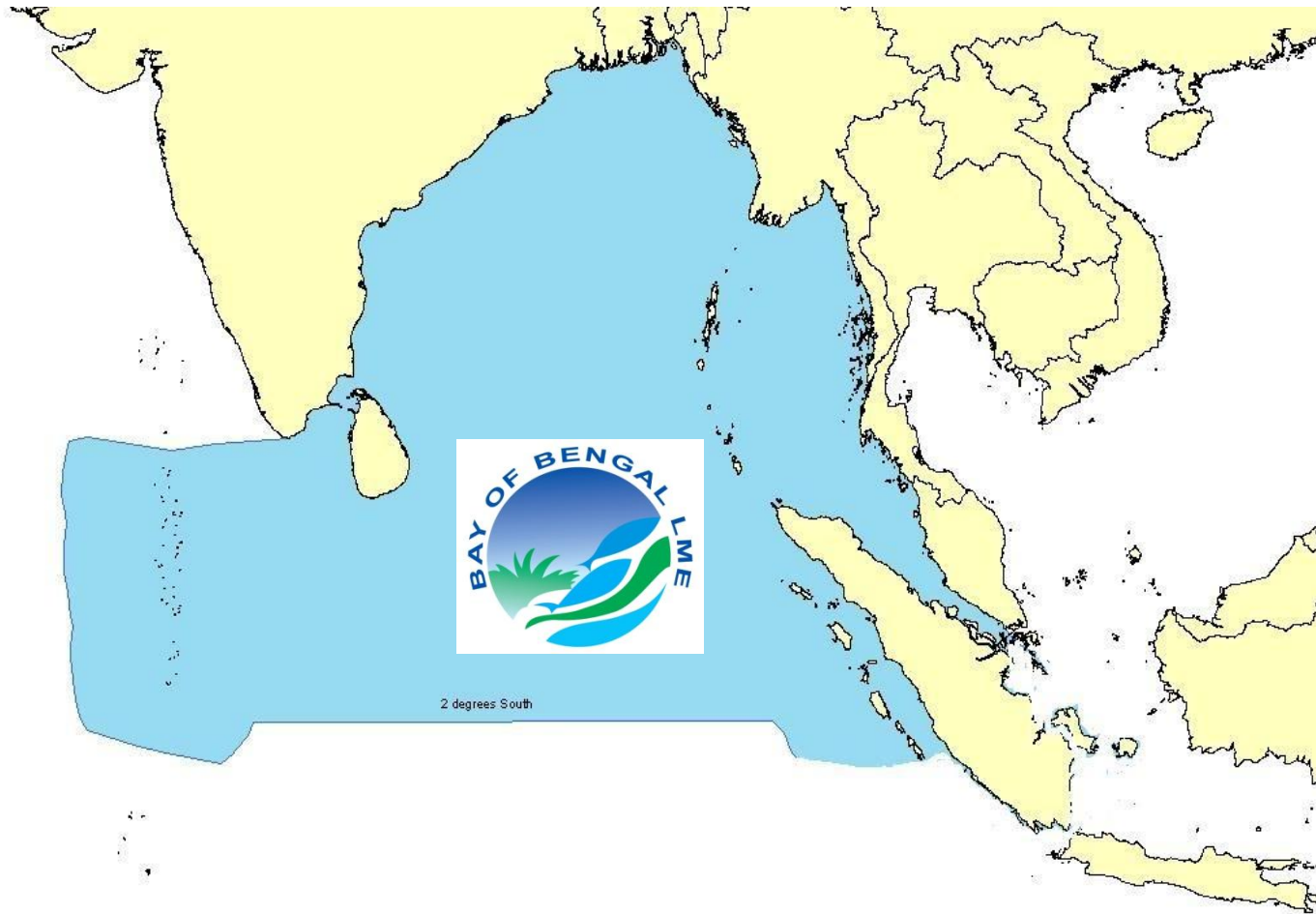
# Large Marine Ecosystems of the World



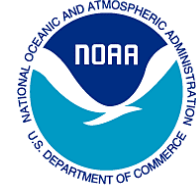




- **Over exploitation of fishstocks**
- **Habitat degradation**
- **Pollution**

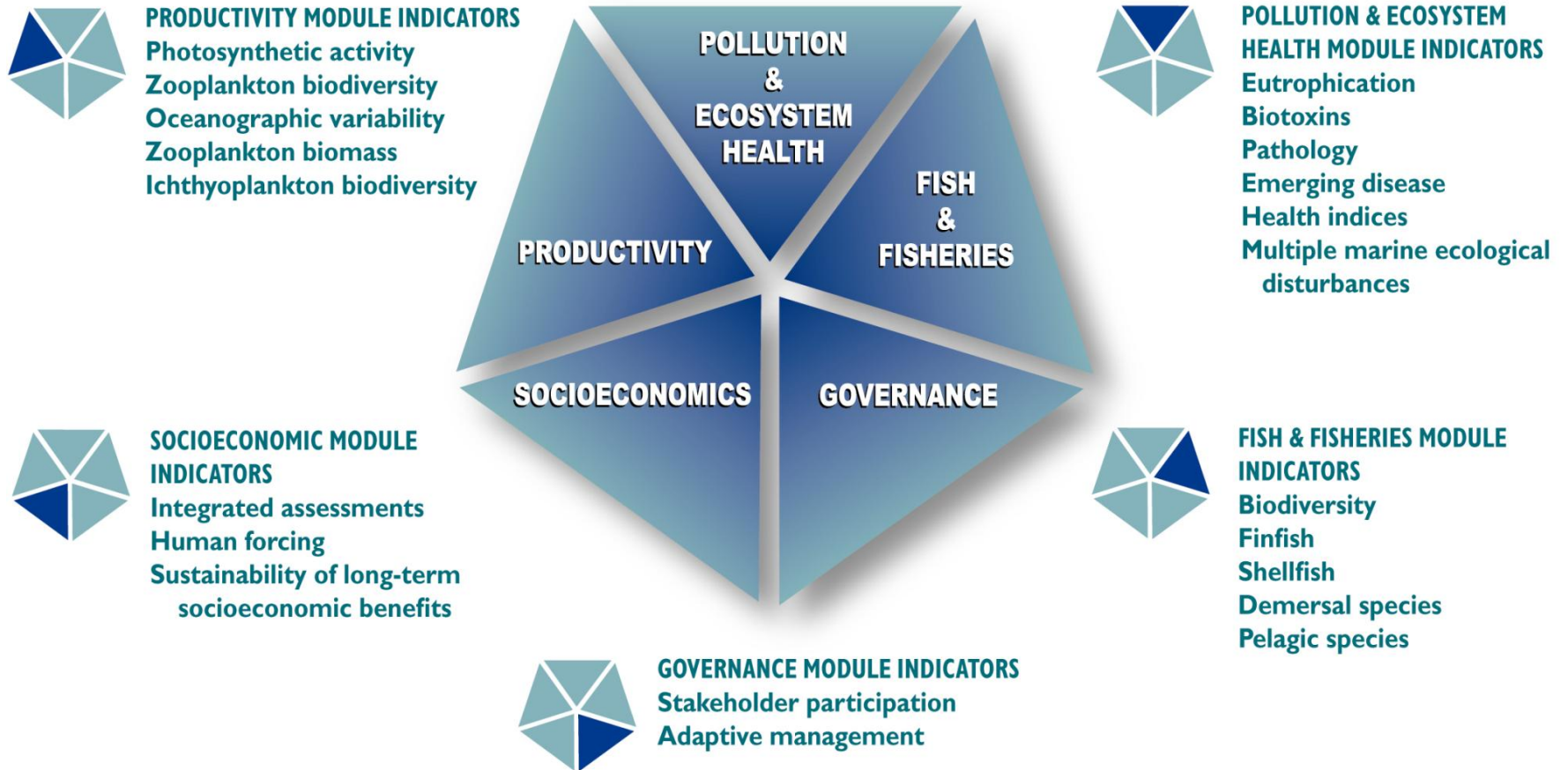


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# 5 LME MODULES

## Modular Assessments for Sustainable Development





# Ten areas of work

- **Identifying the major transboundary issues and their causes , and developing a plan to address them**
- **Integrated Coastal Management**
- **Policy Harmonisation**
- **Fisheries Resources assessment and management**
- **Critical habitat management**
- **Ocean dynamics, productivity and climate change**
- **Marine Protected Areas**
- **Ecosystem Health Indicators**
- **Land-based sources of pollution**
- **Training: Science writing/presentation, ICM, EAFM**





## Expected outcomes of the BOBLME project

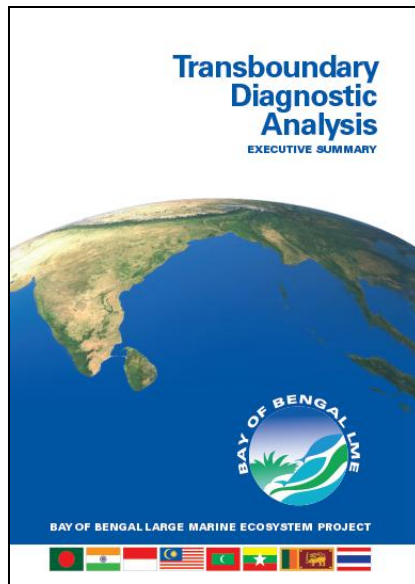
*To improve the lives of the coastal populations through better regional management of the Bay of Bengal environment and its fisheries:*

- **Improved governance**
- **Capacity Development**
- **More regional cooperation**
- **An enhanced knowledge-base**



# Two major outputs

- 1. A Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis - TDA**
  - *A report on the major transboundary issues and their causes*
- 2. A Strategic Action Programme - SAP**
  - *A (strategic action) plan for addressing the major transboundary issues and their causes*







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