

Oceans and Society: Blue Planet

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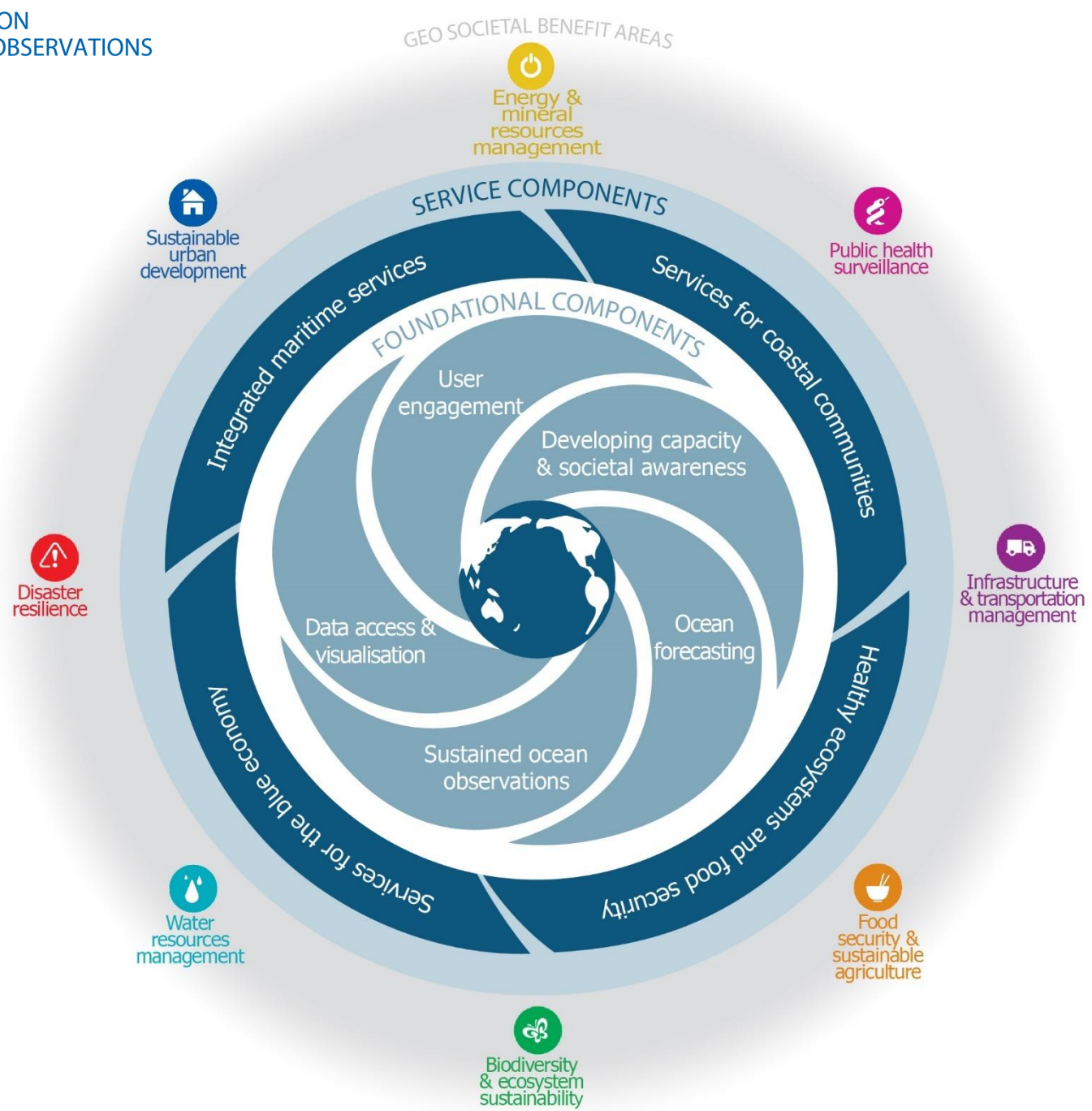
Blue Planet Goal

- The goal of the Blue Planet Initiative is to bring together and leverage existing Earth observation and user engagement work in marine and coastal environments to enable informed decisions and sustained Earth observations and information.



Blue Planet Objectives

- **Objective 1:** Provide foundational support across the ocean observing and broader user communities by supporting and linking partners.
- **Objective 2:** Identify and articulate user needs and gaps in meeting these needs and work with observing (in situ and earth observing) programs to develop and demonstrate end-to-end services in the following service area of people, environment, economy & industry.
- **Objective 3:** Provide sustained ocean observing information services to underpin policy-relevant regional and global ocean assessments.



Foundational Components

- Represent the infrastructure, data collection, data processing and engagement mechanisms that are needed to produce end-user oriented services.
- These components will consist of working groups from existing organizations and associated projects in the ocean observing community and will link to and collaborate with GEO Foundational Tasks.



User
Engagement



Sustained Ocean
Observations



Ocean
Forecasting



Data Access
& Visualization



Developing
Capacity & Societal
Awareness

Service Components

- Rely on the Foundational Components to develop and deliver end-to-end services.
- Envisioned that services that are associated with a specific policy mandate will evolve into GEO Flagships



Services for
Coastal
Communities



Healthy
Ecosystems &
Food Security



Service for the
Blue Economy



Maritime
Services

Services for Coastal Communities

- **Goal:** to produce services that improve access to environmental intelligence for stakeholders in the coastal zone.



- **Proposed activities:**
 - Improved forecasts of local coastal sea-level rise and associated increases in coastal inundation
 - Services focusing on the state and potential degradation of coastal ecosystems, including loss and modification of crucial habitats such as mangroves, coral reefs and estuaries
 - AquaWatch: Ongoing development of a global water quality monitoring and forecasting service

Healthy Ecosystems and Food Security

- **Goal:** to produce services that monitor the health, productivity and sustainable development of aquatic ecosystems.



- **Proposed activities:**
 - Maintenance of existing services including ChloroGIN and SAFARI
 - Services focused on marine debris
 - Services focused on monitoring of aquaculture operations
 - assessments of blue carbon potential and assessment frameworks of estuaries and large inland waters

Services for the Blue Economy

- **Goal:** to produce services that support the sustainable development and use of living and non-living aquatic resources



- **Proposed activities:**
 - Environmental and sea-state forecasting for Small Island States and coastal industries
 - Providing access to bathymetric, habitat and biodiversity data to assist with spatial planning of industry development
 - Environmental monitoring of large and offshore aquaculture industries

Maritime Services

- **Goal:** to provide services to national maritime authorities and other bodies with responsibilities within the maritime safety, environmental, security, commerce, transportation and operation domains



- **Proposed activities:**
 - Real-time , short-term and climate predictions for high density traffic areas, polar regions and environmentally sensitive areas
 - Monitoring of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
 - Detection of pollution occurrences and monitoring of incidents

Blue Planet – moving forward

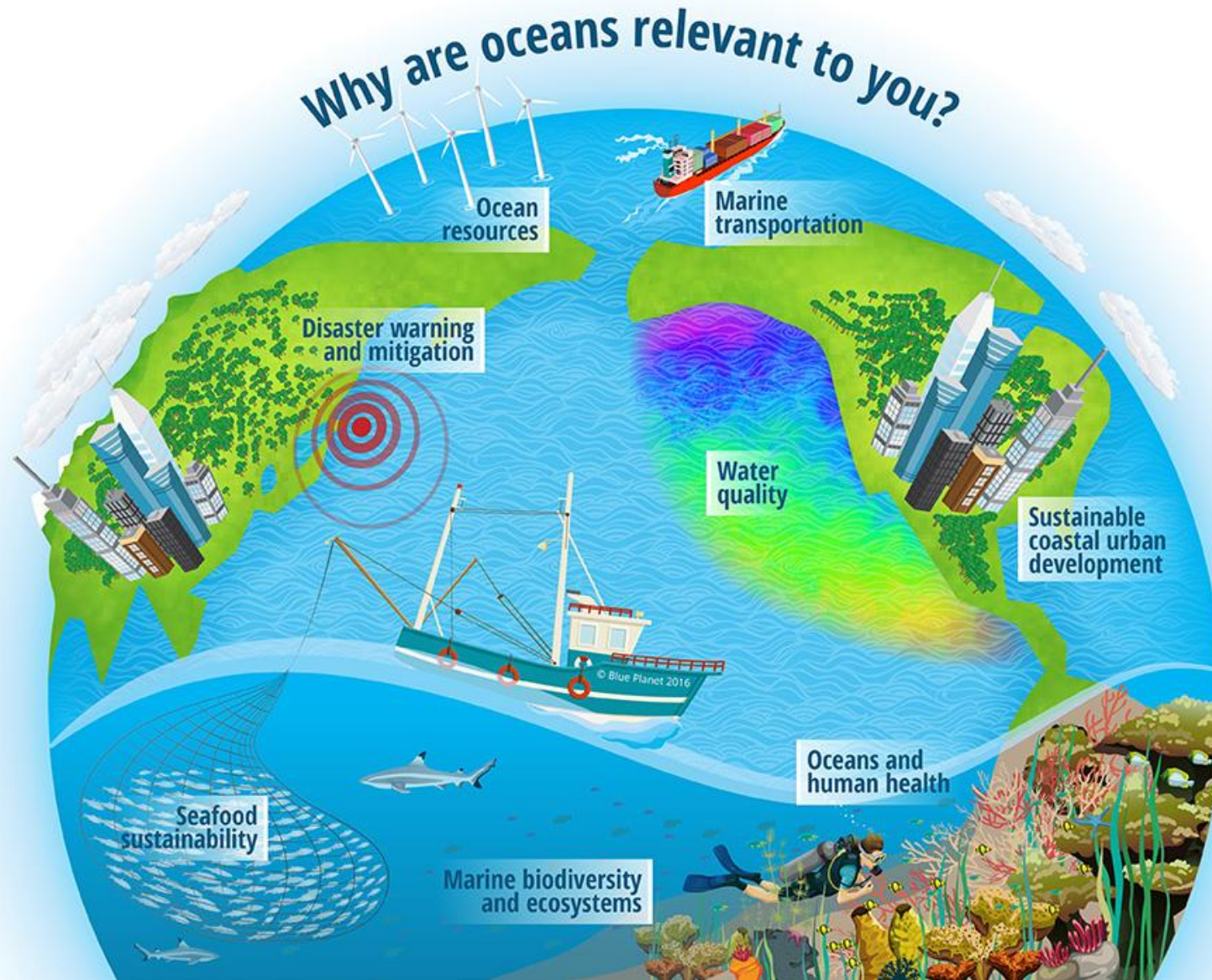
Next year

- Strategic communications and engagement
- Transition to new governance structure
- Build the Blue Planet community

Next 3 years

- Increase communication and coordination within the ocean observing community
- Increase communication with the ocean observing community and end users
- Development of end-to-end services and GEO Flagships

New website - <http://geoblueplanet.com/>





Questions...

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