

**The adoption of**  
**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR**  
**THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF**  
**BIOFOULING ON SHIPS**

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# Background

What is biofouling?

Damage from biofouling on ships







# Biofouling





# PROBLEMS OF BIOFOULING



Infringes biodiversity



Increases fuel consumption rate



Increases greenhouse gas emissions



# **P**ROBLEM ANALYSIS

Urgency to regulate biofouling  
Relationship between other conventions



# Ten of the Most Unwanted

**Cholera**

**Vibrio cholerae (various strains)**

**Native to:** Various strains with broad ranges.

**Introduced to:** South America, Gulf of Mexico and other areas.

**Impact:** *Vibrio cholerae* epidemic appears to be directly associated with ballast water. One example is an epidemic that began simultaneously at three separate ports in Peru in 1951, sweeping across South America, affecting more than a million people and killing more than ten thousand by 1954. This strain had previously been reported only in Bangladesh.



**North American Comb Jelly** 

*Mnemiopsis leidyi*

**Native to:** Eastern Seaboard of the Americas

**Introduced to:** Black, Azov and Caspian Seas

**Impacts:** Reproductive success (self fertilizing hermaphrodites) under favorable conditions. Feeds on excessively zooplankton. Depletes zooplankton stocks, affecting food web and ecosystem function. Contributed significantly to collapse of Black and Azov Sea Fisheries in 1990s, with massive economic and social impact. Now threatens similar impact in Caspian Sea.



**North Pacific Seastar**   
***Asterias amurens***  
**Native to:** Northern Pacific  
**Introduced to:** Southern Australia  
**Impacts:** Reproduces in large numbers, reaching 'plague' proportions rapidly in invaded environments. Feeds on shellfish including commercially valuable scallop, oyster and clam species.



**Zebra Mussel**  
*Dreissena polymorpha*  
**Native to:** Eastern Europe (Black Sea)  
**Introduced to:** Western and north Europe, including Ireland and the eastern half of North America  
**Impacts:** Fouls all available hard in mass numbers. Displaces native life. Alters habitat, ecosystem and wash. Causes severe fouling problem infrastructure and vessels. Blocks intake pipes, sluices and irrigation  
**Economic costs to USA alone of a US\$750 million to \$1 billion between 1989 and 2000.**



**Asian Kelp**   
*Ulvaria pinnatifida*  
Native to: Northern Asia  
Introduced to: Southern Australia,  
New Zealand, West Coast of USA,  
Europe and Argentina  
**Impacts:** Grows and spreads rapidly, both  
vegetatively and through dispersal of spores.  
Displaces native algae and marine life. Alters  
habitat, ecosystem and food web. May affect  
commercial shellfish stocks through space  
competition and alteration of habitat.



**European Green Crab**  
*Carcinus maenas*  
Native to: European Atlantic Coast  
Introduced to: Southern Australia, South Africa, USA and Japan  
Impacts: Highly adaptable and invasive. Resistant to predation due to hard shell. Competes with and displaces native crabs and becomes a dominant species in invaded areas. Consumes and depletes wide range of prey species. Alters inter-tidal rocky shore ecosystem.



**Round Goby**   
*Neogobius melanostomus*  
Native to: Black, Azov and Caspian Seas  
Introduced to: Baltic Sea and North America  
Impacts: Highly adaptable and invasive. Increases in numbers and spreads quickly. Competes for food and habitat with native fishes including commercially important species, and preys on their eggs and young. Spawns multiple times per season and survives in poor water quality.



**Cladoceran Water Flea**  
*Ceriodaphnia pulex*  
Native to: Black and Caspian Seas  
Introduced to: Baltic Sea  
Impacts: Reproduces to form very large populations that dominate the zooplankton community and clog fishing nets and trawls, with associated economic impacts.



**Crab  
Invasions**

**Northern Asia**  
to: Western Europe,  
and West Coast North America  
undergoes mass migrations for  
live purposes. Burrows into shell  
dykes causing erosion and  
preys on native fish and  
other species, causing local  
extinction during population outbreaks,  
with fishing activities.



**Algae (Red/Brown/Green Tides)** 

Various species with broad ranges.

**Red Tide:** Several species have been transferred from ships' ballast water.

**May form Harmful Algal Blooms.** Depending on the cause massive kills of marine life through oxygen release of toxins and/or mucus. Can foul beaches if on tourism and recreation. Some species may also filter-feeding shellfish and cause fisheries to be a suspension of contaminated shellfish by humans may cause illness and death.

Hip Challenging Baller Water - (NAME) (NAME) Melvin  
 Jose, John Mason - Serge Mason,  
 Alex Pao - Mike Rosenberg, Charles - Steve Coats,  
 Alan Hoshino, Alex Fong & Mark Smith  
 J. Rudolph, Jungene Stone-Gab - J. Higgins,  
 J. Henderson, Allison Gish - Stephen Gifford,  
 David Ayle

The species presented here are for illustrative purposes only. Their introduced ranges may be greater than depicted. There are numerous other examples of serious marine bio-invasions around the world.



**BEFORE**

Invasive species  
Native species

Large sea grass

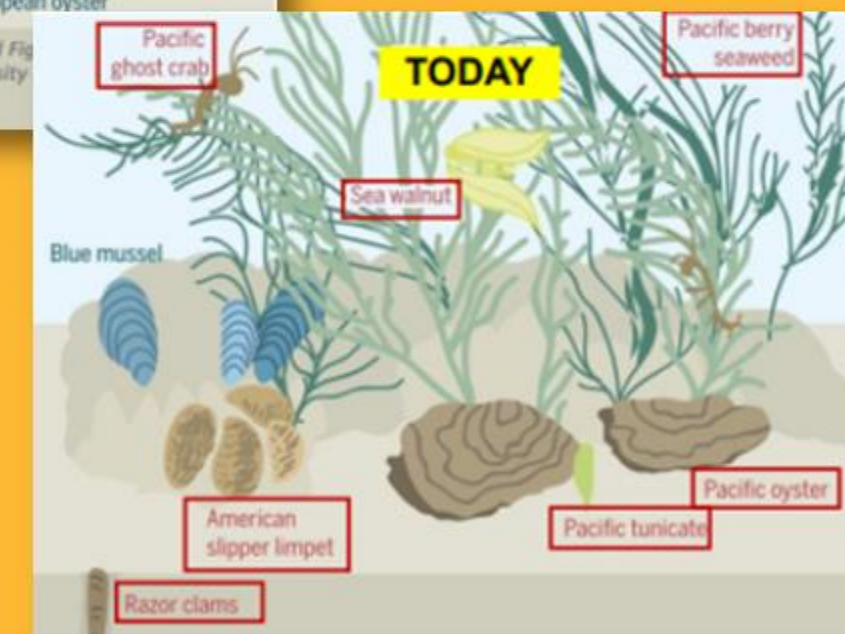
Reef bristle worm

Blue mussel

European oyster

This diagram illustrates a healthy seagrass ecosystem before the invasion of the European oyster. The scene is dominated by tall, green 'Large sea grass' growing from a sandy seabed. Several 'Blue mussel' are shown as blue, ribbed shells clustered near the base of the seagrass. To the right, a large, brown, porous 'Reef bristle worm' structure is visible, with smaller, similar structures growing on it. In the foreground, several 'European oyster' are depicted as brown, ribbed shells. A legend in the top right corner identifies 'Invasive species' (European oyster) and 'Native species' (Large sea grass, Blue mussel, Reef bristle worm).

Illustration: Petra Boeckmann. Source: Ocean Atlas. Facts and Fig  
Our Marine Ecosystems. Heinrich Boll Foundation and University  
Cluster of Excellence, 2017.



The blue mussel and its neighbours in the Wadden Sea face more competition from invasive aquatic species, in some instances leading to extinction.



# MAIN ROUTES OF IAS



BALLAST WATER



BIOFOULING



# MAIN ROUTES OF IAS



## BALLAST WATER

→ **BWM Convention**: Regulatory



## BIOFOULING

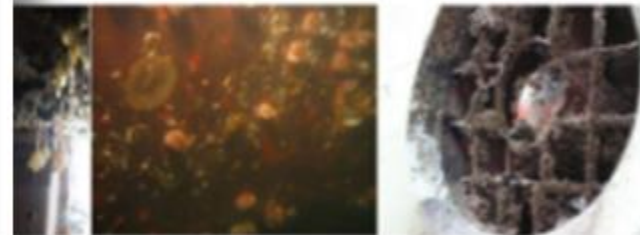
→ **X**: Voluntary



# REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES



Guidance Document for:  
*Management Regulations to Minimize  
Transfer of Nonindigenous Species from  
Vessels Arriving at California Ports*  
Code of Regulations, title 2, section 2298.1 et seq.



September 19, 2017  
California State Lands Commission  
Marine Invasive Species Program







## **In New Zealand**

**Biofouling ( 69%)**

**Ballast water( 3%)**

**Way IAS introduced**



## **Port Phillip Bay, Australia**

**Biofouling ( 78%)**

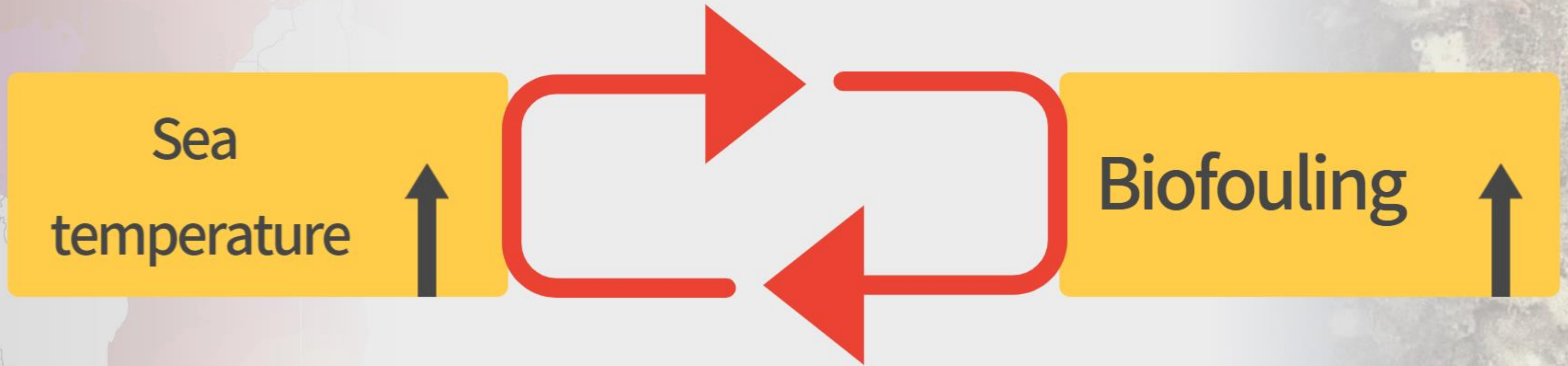
**Ballast water( 20%)**

**Way IAS introduced**



# VICIOUS CYCLE

Environment prone to occur biofouling



Accelerating climate change



# THE SHIP HULL BIOFOULING PENALTY

Biofouling

Hull  
Roughness

Increased fuel  
consumption

Increased  
GHG emissions



Growth on the  
ship's hull



Increases  
hydrodynamic  
friction of the ship



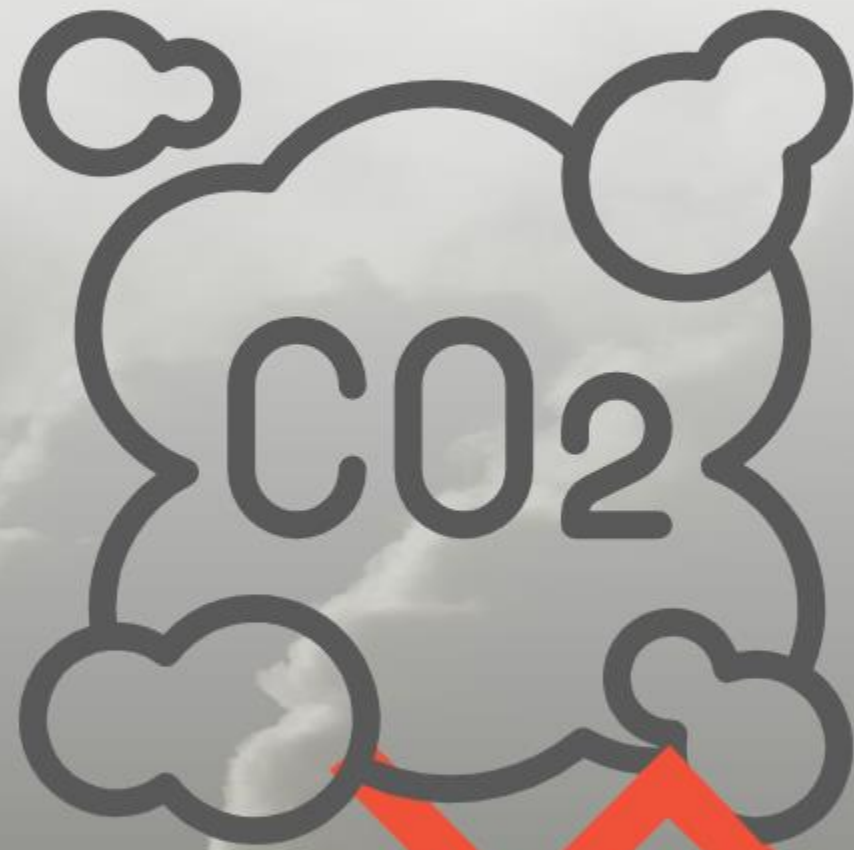
More fuel is  
needed to move  
the ship



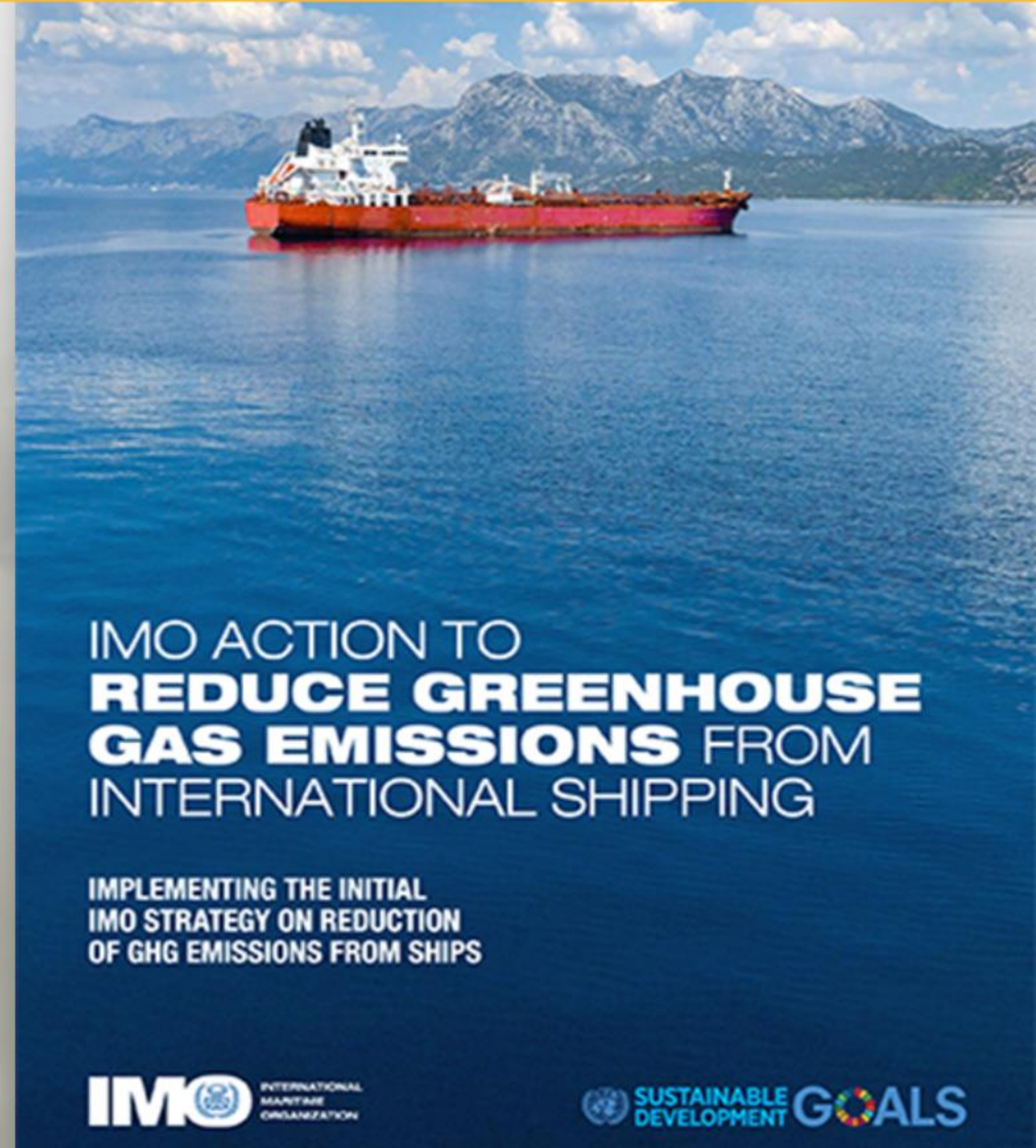
Environmental  
impact from  
increased fuel



# THE SUM OF ENERGY REDUCTION



5%~23%

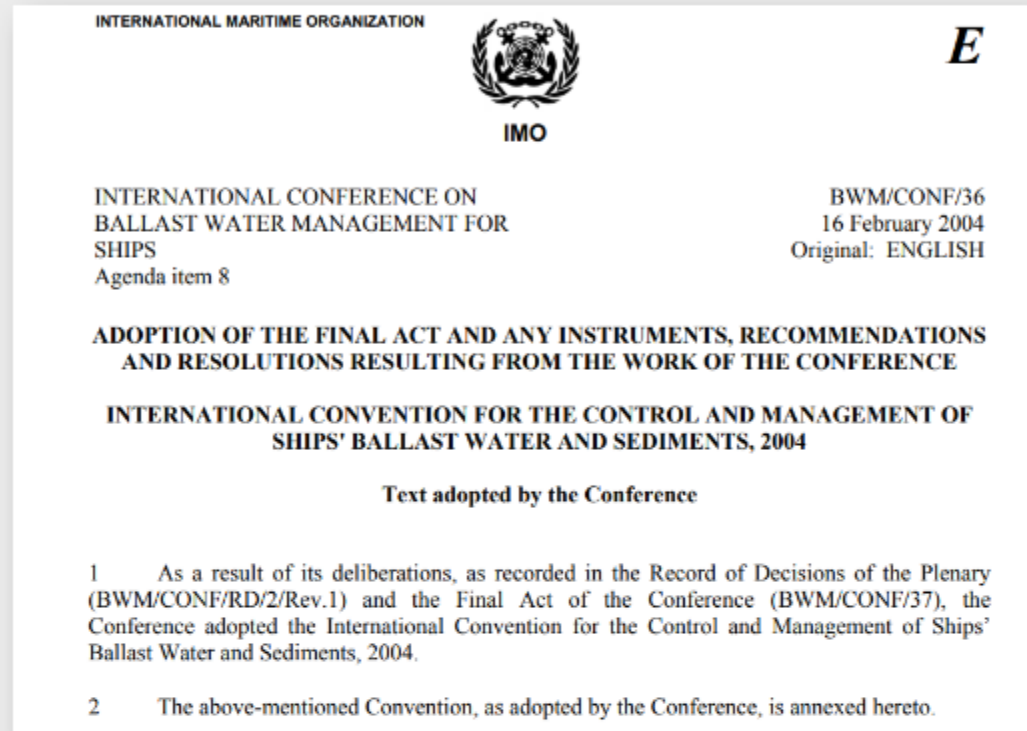


IMO ACTION TO  
**REDUCE GREENHOUSE  
GAS EMISSIONS** FROM  
INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

IMPLEMENTING THE INITIAL  
IMO STRATEGY ON REDUCTION  
OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS



# BORROWED IDEAS FROM



## BWMC



### International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments



## AFS CONVENTION



### International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships



## AFS convention

To prevent adverse impacts from the use of anti-fouling systems and the biocides

## BFM convention

To prevent the transfer of IAS through hull fouling.





**ANNEX 26**

**RESOLUTION MEPC.207(62)**

**Adopted on 15 July 2011**

**2011 GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BIOFOULING  
TO MINIMIZE THE TRANSFER OF INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee relating to any matter within the scope of the Organization concerned with the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING ALSO that Member States of the International Maritime Organization made a clear commitment to minimizing the transfer of invasive aquatic species when adopting the International Convention for the Control and Management of Shipboard Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004,



→ **Remains non-mandatory**

→ **Not provide specific international rules or standards for the regulation of biofouling management.**



The background is a detailed illustration of a port scene. In the foreground, a large cargo ship is docked, its deck filled with stacks of shipping containers. A thick plume of dark smoke billows from the ship's funnel. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a pale sky. A large, dense crowd of people is gathered on the shore, looking towards the ship. The overall style is that of a vintage poster or a detailed woodcut print.

**03**



## **P**ROPOSAL

Proposal for adopting BFM convention  
Main contents of BFM convention





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# IMO'S STRATEGIC PLAN & ORGAN(S)

SD	Description
SD 4	Identification and protection of environmental pollution by Biofouling and associated protective measures



INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION



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# INTRODUCTION OF BFM CONVENTION

01.

## **What is BFM CONVENTION?**

→ International Convention for the Control and Management of Biofouling on Ships.

02.

## **What is the purpose of BFM CONVENTION?**

→ Help prevent the spread of potentially harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens of Biofouling on Ships.

03.

## **03. What is Point of BFM CONVENTION?**

→ Internationally Mandatory and Unified Convention on the management regulation of Biofouling.





# 1. MAIN DOCUMENT

## BIOFOULING MANAGEMENT PLAN

To meet the requirements of "International Convention for the Control and Management of Biofouling On Ships"

Ship's Name : \_\_\_\_\_

IMO NO. : \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign : \_\_\_\_\_

Flag : \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Registry : \_\_\_\_\_

Type of ship : \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Tonnage : \_\_\_\_\_

Length(LOA) : \_\_\_\_\_

Beam(Breath) : \_\_\_\_\_

## Biofouling Management Plan(BMP)

To Provide a Description of the Biofouling Management Strategy for the vessel with sufficient details

## Biofouling Record Book Form

International Convention for the Control and Management of  
Biofouling On Ships

Period From: ..... To: .....

Name of Ship .....

Registration number\* .....

Gross tonnage .....

Flag .....

\* Registration number = IMO number and/or other registration numbers.

The ship is provided with a Biofouling Management Plan ☐

Diagram of ship indicating underwater hull form (showing both side and bottom views of the ship, if necessary) and recognized biofouling niches:

## Biofouling Record Book(BRB)

To Record Details of all Inspections and Biofouling Management Measure undertaken on the vessel



# IMO (2011), Resolution MEPC.207(62)

## Biofouling Management Plan

5.2 It is recommended that every ship should have a biofouling management plan. The intent of the plan should be to provide effective procedures for biofouling management. An example of a Biofouling Management Plan is outlined in appendix 1 of these Guidelines. The Biofouling Management Plan may be a stand-alone document, or integrated in part or fully, into the existing ships' operational and procedural manuals and/or planned maintenance system.

5.3 The biofouling management plan should be specific to each ship and included in the ship's operational documentation. Such a plan should address, among other things, the following:

- .1 relevant parts of these Guidelines;
- .2 details of the anti-fouling systems and operational practices or treatments used, including those for niche areas;
- .3 hull locations susceptible to biofouling, schedule of planned inspections, repairs, maintenance and renewal of anti-fouling systems;
- .4 details of the recommended operating conditions suitable for the chosen anti-fouling systems and operational practices;
- .5 details relevant for the safety of the crew, including details on the anti-fouling system(s) used; and
- .6 details of the documentation required to verify any treatments recorded in the Biofouling Record Book as outlined in appendix 2.

5.4 The biofouling management plan should be updated as necessary.

## Biofouling Record Book

5.5 It is recommended that a Biofouling Record Book is maintained for each ship. The book should record details of all inspections and biofouling management measures undertaken on the ship. This is to assist the shipowner and operator to evaluate the efficacy of the specific anti-fouling systems and operational practices on the ship in particular, and of the biofouling management plan in general. The record book could also assist interested State authorities to quickly and efficiently assess the potential biofouling risk of the ship, and thus minimize delays to ship operations. The Biofouling Record Book may be a stand-alone document, or integrated in part, or fully, into the existing ships' operational and procedural manuals and/or planned maintenance system.



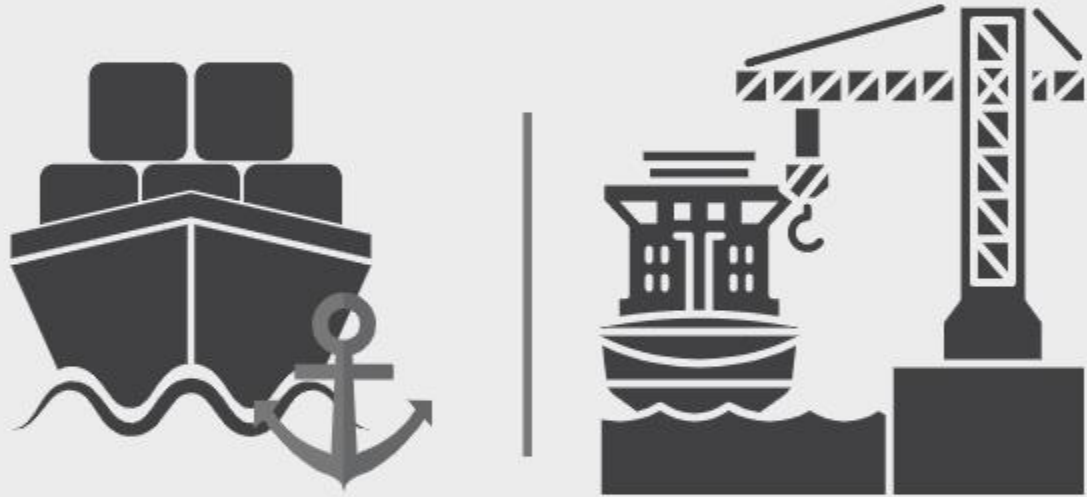
## BFM CONVENTION



Mandatory and Stand-Alone Document



## 2. VESSELS THAT UNDERGO AN EXTENDED RESIDENCY PERIOD



Remaining stationary or  
moving slowly and infrequently





**Vessels that have remained in one port for 45 or more consecutive days**



- Biofouling in the niche areas should be managed in a manner that is consistent with the niche area management practices described in the Biofouling Management Plan;
- Any activities conducted to manage biofouling on niche areas or any wetted surface should be documented in the Biofouling Record Book

**Vessels staying up to 45 days and only visiting designated ports**

- ◆ Light amount of biofouling
- ◆ Slime layer, goose barnacles, and up to 5% cover of early biofouling depending on the area fouled

**Vessels staying longer than 45 days or visiting places that are not places of first arrival**

- ◆ Only allowed a slime layer and goose barnacles.
- ◆ In the interim, the port can take an action on vessels that pose a severe biofouling risk.



# 3. IN WATER INSPECTION & CLEANING



Grade Criteria for evaluating the development of Hull Fouling Invasive Species in the areas subject to Inspection

Grade	Description	surface occupancy rate
0	No attachment. The whole surface is clean. No visible fouling on the surface	0
1	biofilm. Metal and painted surfaces are visible under the attachment. The hull is partially covered with biofouling, but there are no large attachments.	0
2	thick biofilm. Surfaces coated with metal and paint are difficult to see. The submerged area is entirely covered with biofilm, but there is no macro-biofouling.	0
3	Fewer attachments. However, there are several large groups of hull-bearing organisms consisting of biomembrane layers and one or more classifications. Seaweed with filaments of less than 75 mm in length and 6.5 mm in height, or a flat network of green, yellow or brown filaments in color, or soft attachment, such as seaweed, cysts, hatches or seaweeds of less than 6 mm in height. Attachments are not easily erased by hand	1~15%
4	Large calcareous attachments, such as barnacle or small patches in addition to the biomembrane	16 ~40%
5	Lots of attachments. Large calcareous attachments, such as barnacle or small patches in addition to the biomembrane	41~100%

**01.**

For Grade 4 or below, the entire hull must be cleaned.

**02.**

In the case of grade 3 or above, total cleaning is not required, but partial cleaning is recommended mainly on limestone attached organisms.

**03.**

The hull cleaning results must be Grade 1 or above based on the following grades.





Submit an outline of the operation plan to the ship and the port.



Cleaning Report should be retained on board the ship, along with the BRB.

i. Pre cleaning preparations

A meeting shall be held between the ship and the cleaning company's representative to determine appropriate safety parameters and relevant information on how to access niche areas.

The cleaning company shall plan the cleaning meticulously to ensure that the process is undertaken efficiently, safely and in an environmentally sound manner.

The cleaning company should submit an outline of the operation plan to the ship and the port.

The cleaning company shall plan its resources to avoid/minimize breakdowns/interruptions.

Communication between the ship and in-water cleaner shall be planned and tested. Before the planned operation, functional checks, pre-dive checks of the cleaning and capture system plus the associated ancillary equipment shall be conducted.

An approved pre-dive checklist for guidance shall be used and cross checked with the record of any possible defects and recent repairs. The ship shall follow established procedures to ensure that equipment such as thrusters, propellers etc are locked or tagged out in order to ensure they cannot be used while the diver and/or ROV are in the water. The divers, if any, must witness the locking and tagging of equipment prior to entering the water.

ii. The cleaning must be conducted using approved systems and procedures as outlined in the Approval procedure for in-water cleaning companies

- When choosing the cleaning equipment, careful consideration should be given to the information received from the AFS manufacturers and/or ship to ensure the performance of the AFS is not impaired.

- The cleaning unit must be able to safely reach the section of underwater area that has to be cleaned and be able to remove visible biofouling.

- Procedures must be in place to avoid accidental releases into the water and the cleaning system shall capture the dislodged material. If a cleaning unit accidentally releases material into the sea, it shall be assessed to find the root cause. In case of consecutive malfunctions or when a malfunction results in the release of captured materials to the marine environment, the cleaning equipment shall be taken out of service and tested. Any accidental release should be recorded in the cleaning activity log with the contingency measures taken and the relevant authorities should be alerted of the incident.

- Pictures and/or videos shall be used to document the effectiveness of the cleaning.

iii. Cleaning report

The results of the cleaning operation shall be accurately documented in the cleaning report, and shall be retained on board the ship, along with the biofouling record book. The cleaning report shall contain information based on documentation from reference areas or other areas if available about the biofouling observed prior to cleaning, details of the cleaning performed plus the state of the



## APPENDIX 1

### MODEL FORM OF INTERNATIONAL CLEAN HULL CERTIFICATE

#### INTERNATIONAL CLEAN HULL CERTIFICATE

(Official seal)

(State)

Issued under the  
International Convention for the Control and Management of Bio-Fouling on Ships

under the authority of the Government of

.....  
(name of the State)

by

.....  
(person or organization authorized)

When a Certificate has been previously issued, this Certificate replaces the certificate dated .....

Particulars of ship<sup>1</sup>

Name of ship .....

Distinctive number or letters .....

Port of registry .....

Gross tonnage .....

IMO number<sup>2</sup> .....

Invasive aquatic species referred in Article 4 has been removed up to level 0 or 1 which approved by survey referred in Article 6.....☐

In water cleaning mentioned in Article 5 has been applied this ship.....☐

In water cleaning mentioned in Article 5 has not been applied on this ship, but dry dock has been applied.....☐

Clean hull condition recognized in Article 6 was recognized on this ship prior to....(date)<sup>3</sup>, but must be reinspected according to the survey referred in Article 6 prior to ....(date)<sup>4</sup>.....☐

## 4. INTERNATIONAL CLEAN HULL CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

- 1 the ship has been surveyed in accordance with Article 6 to the Convention; and
- 2 the survey shows that the ship's clean hull condition complies with the applicable requirements of Article 5 to the Convention.

Issued at.....

(Place of issue of Certificate)

.....  
(Date of issue)

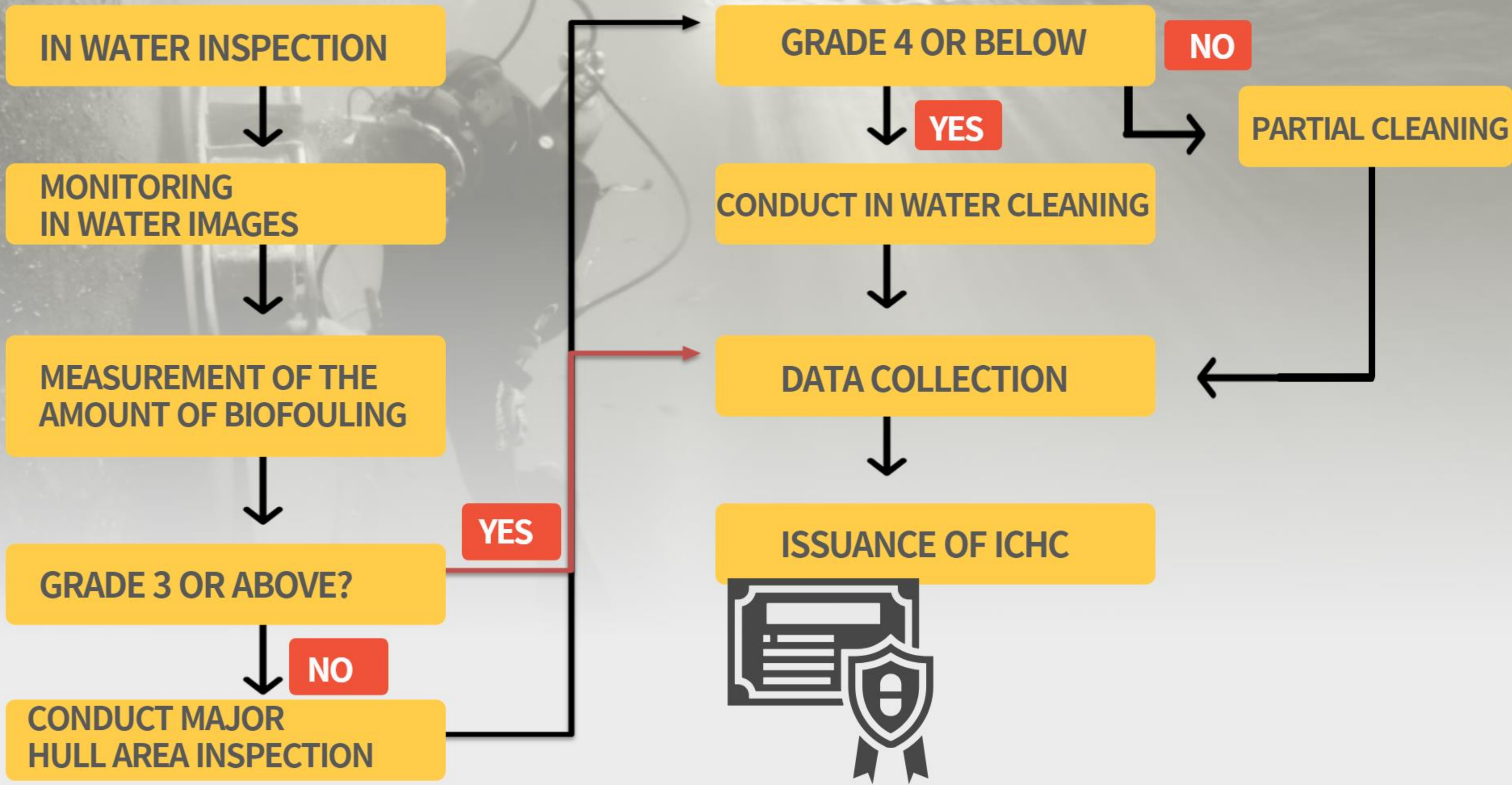
.....  
(Signature of authorized official issuing the Certificate)

Date of completion of the survey  
on which this certificate is issued: .....

### VALIDITY : ONE YEAR

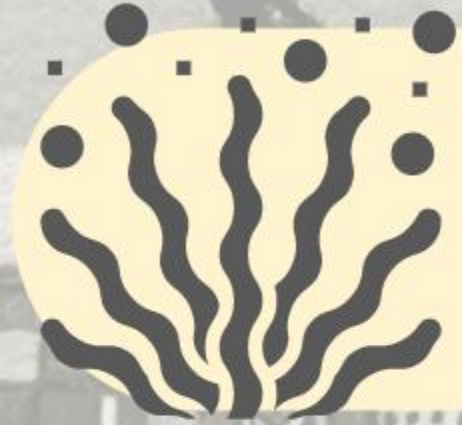
### Condition : Conduct In Water Inspection and Cleaning within 24 hours of entry.







## 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF MONITORING SYSTEM AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES



BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL RISKS  
TO THE MARINE ECOSYSTEM.



Establish a monitoring system and  
a hull pollution management procedure.



A hazard distribution map  
by sea area and port.

Removing and Post-processing marine  
organisms in an Eco-Friendly measure.





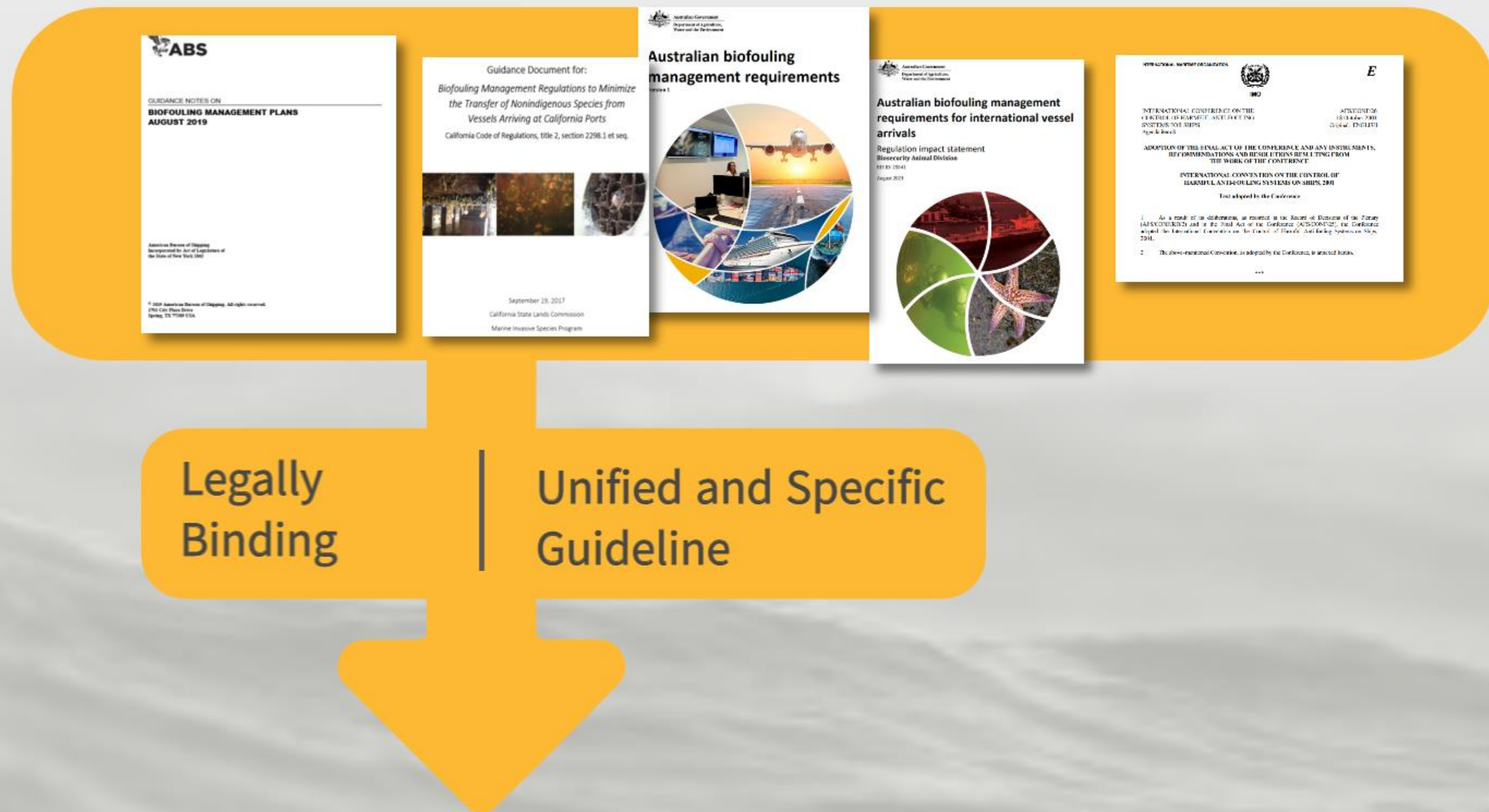
## CONCLUSION ☒

Why BFM convention needs

Direction of Industrial development

Expected effect on adopting BFM convention





# ***INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF BIOFOULING ON SHIPS, 2022***



# IMPORTANT THINGS.



# IN ADDITION

01.

## In Water Inspection

Carry out In Water Inspection every year and then get an International Clean Hull Certificate issued.

02.

## In Water Cleaning

Depending on the result of the Inspection, In Water Cleaning should be taken

03.

## Eco-friendly removal of attachments

Management guidelines should be established for eliminating ship attached organisms eco-friendly and post treatment.





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THE GREATEST SEAMEN