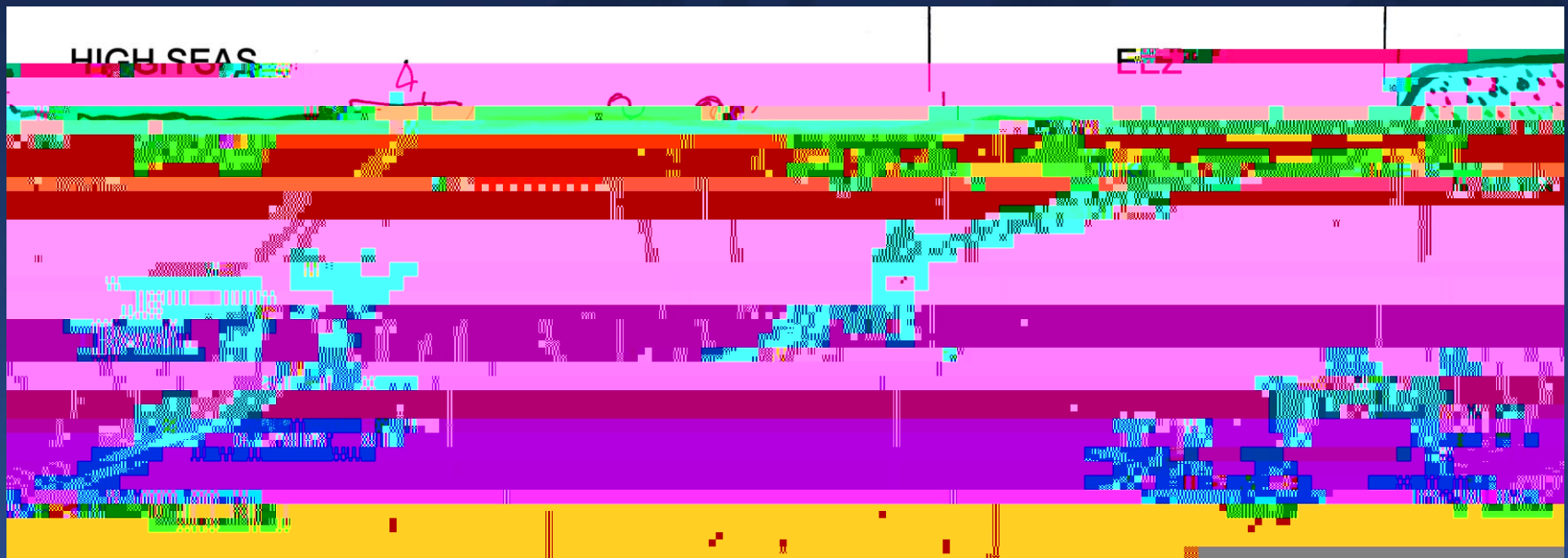
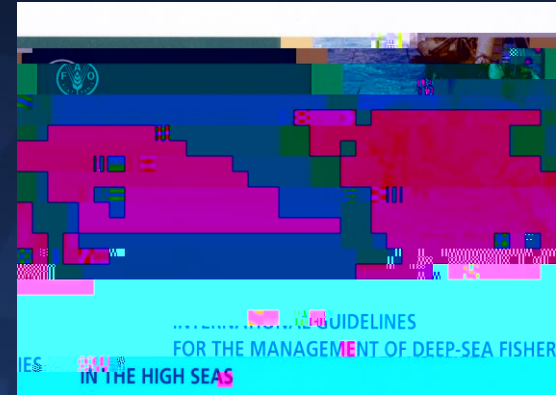


Global perspective on bottom fisheries in the high seas



Instruments that made transformation change



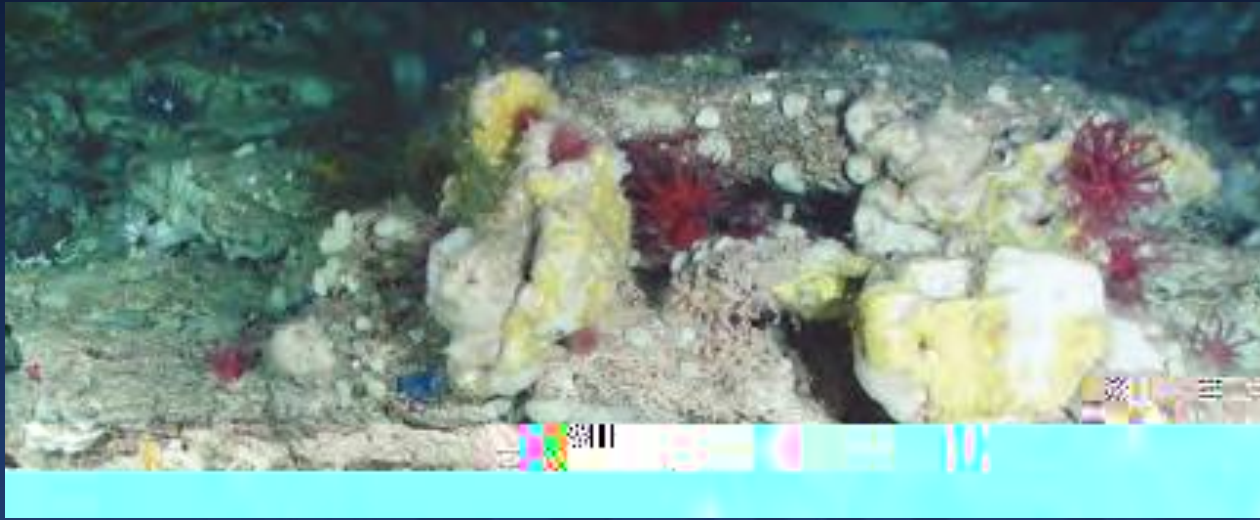
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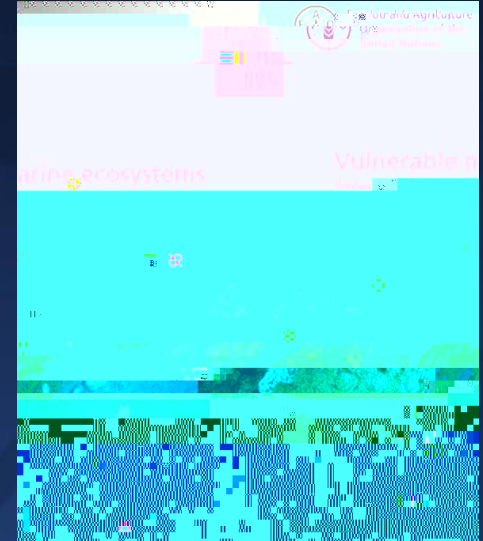
International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-sea Fisheries in the High Seas (FAO DSF Guidelines)

- Adopted by FAO in 2008 after various workshops and consultations
- Purpose: assist States and RFMOs implement UN GA 61/105 resolutions concerning responsible fisheries in marine ecosystems
- Scope: ABNJ bottom fisheries
- Management

Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems



Picture from: Coral, Sponge, and Other Vulnerable Marine Ecosystem Indicator Identification Guide, NAFO Area



FAO publication, 2016

- DSF Guidelines provides criteria (Para. 42)
- Mostly deep-sea coral, sponge and sea pen habitats
- Vulnerable to significant adverse impacts from bottom fishing

Area designations for bottom fishing for protection of VMEs











Thank you