

# The role of professional bodies in national, regional and global marine policy

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**Non-Governmental Organization (NGO): A non-profit making, voluntary, service-oriented/development oriented organization, either for the benefit of members (a grassroots organization) or of other members of the population (an agency). (World Bank). A non-profit group or Association organized outside of institutionalized political structures to realize particular social objectives (such as environmental protection) or serve particular constituencies (such as indigenous peoples). NGO activities range from research, information distribution, training, local organization, and community service to legal advocacy, lobbying for legislative change, and civil disobedience.**

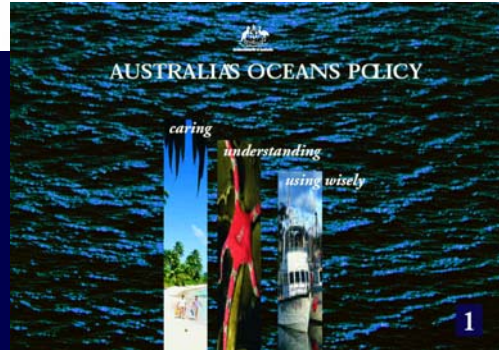
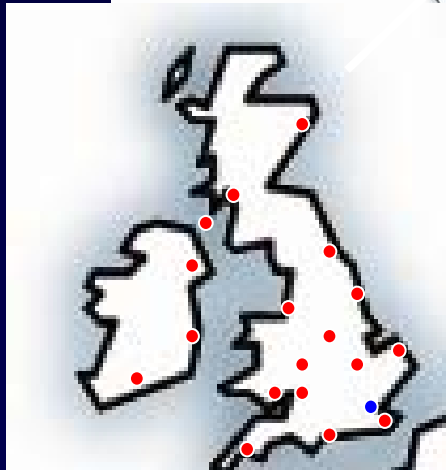
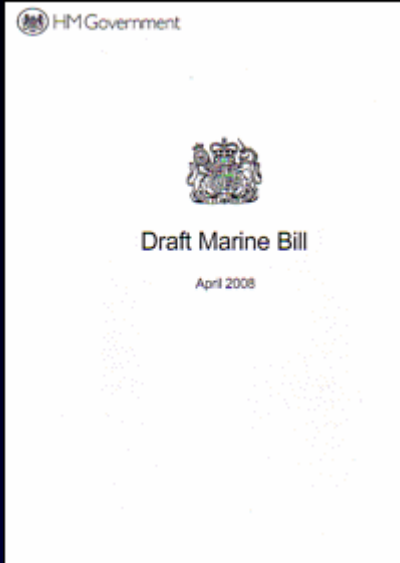
**NGO's range in size from small groups within a particular community to huge membership groups with a national or international scope.  
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## NGOs



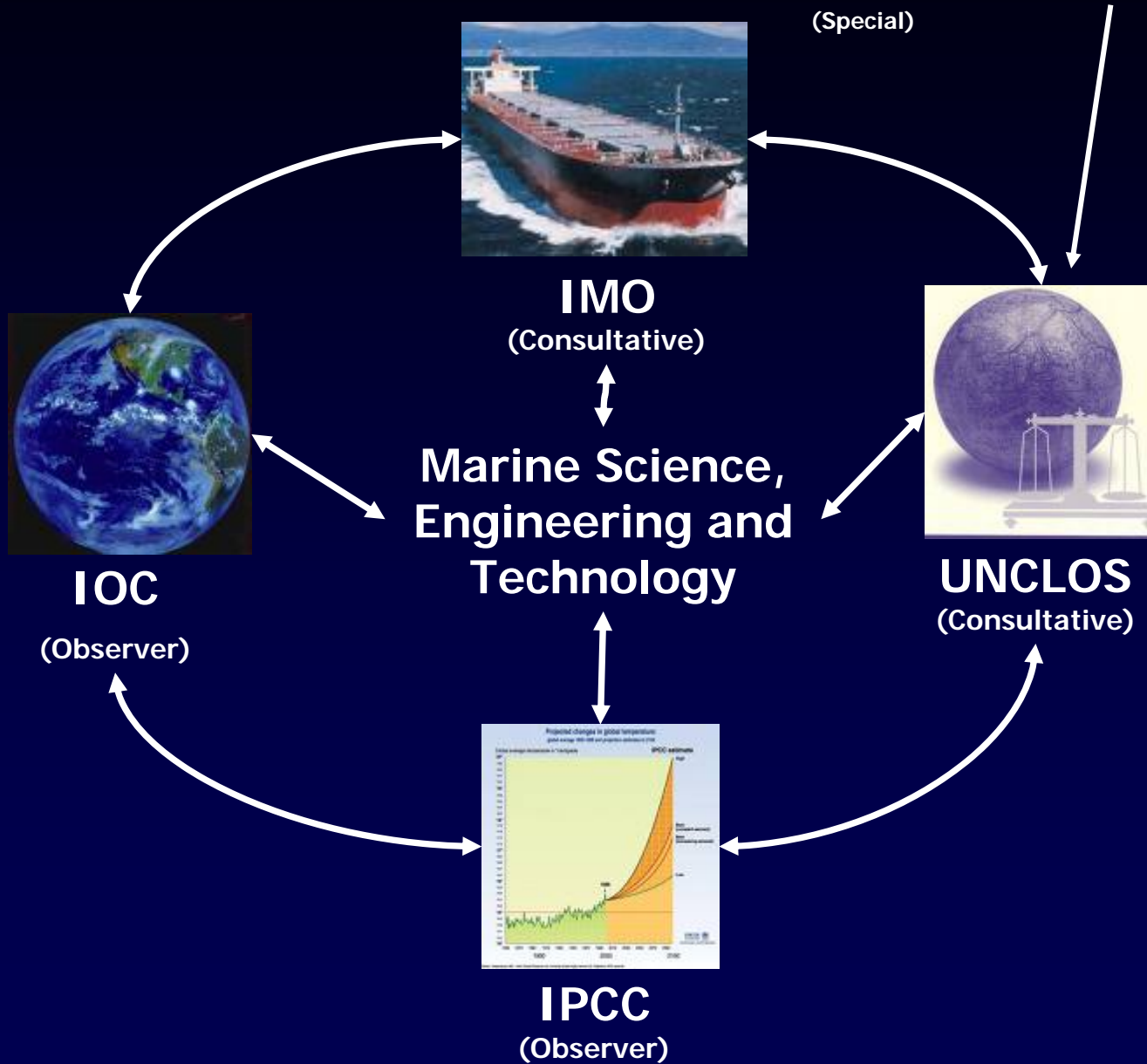
- Use expert membership to formulate input
- Members have been assessed by the Institute as reaching a certain professional standard (MIMarEST, CEng etc)
- Members sign Codes of Conduct
- Views from individuals but submitted on behalf of the membership (with a disclaimer!)

## Lobbying VS Advocacy



# National Regional Global

# Representation



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# THANK YOU

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