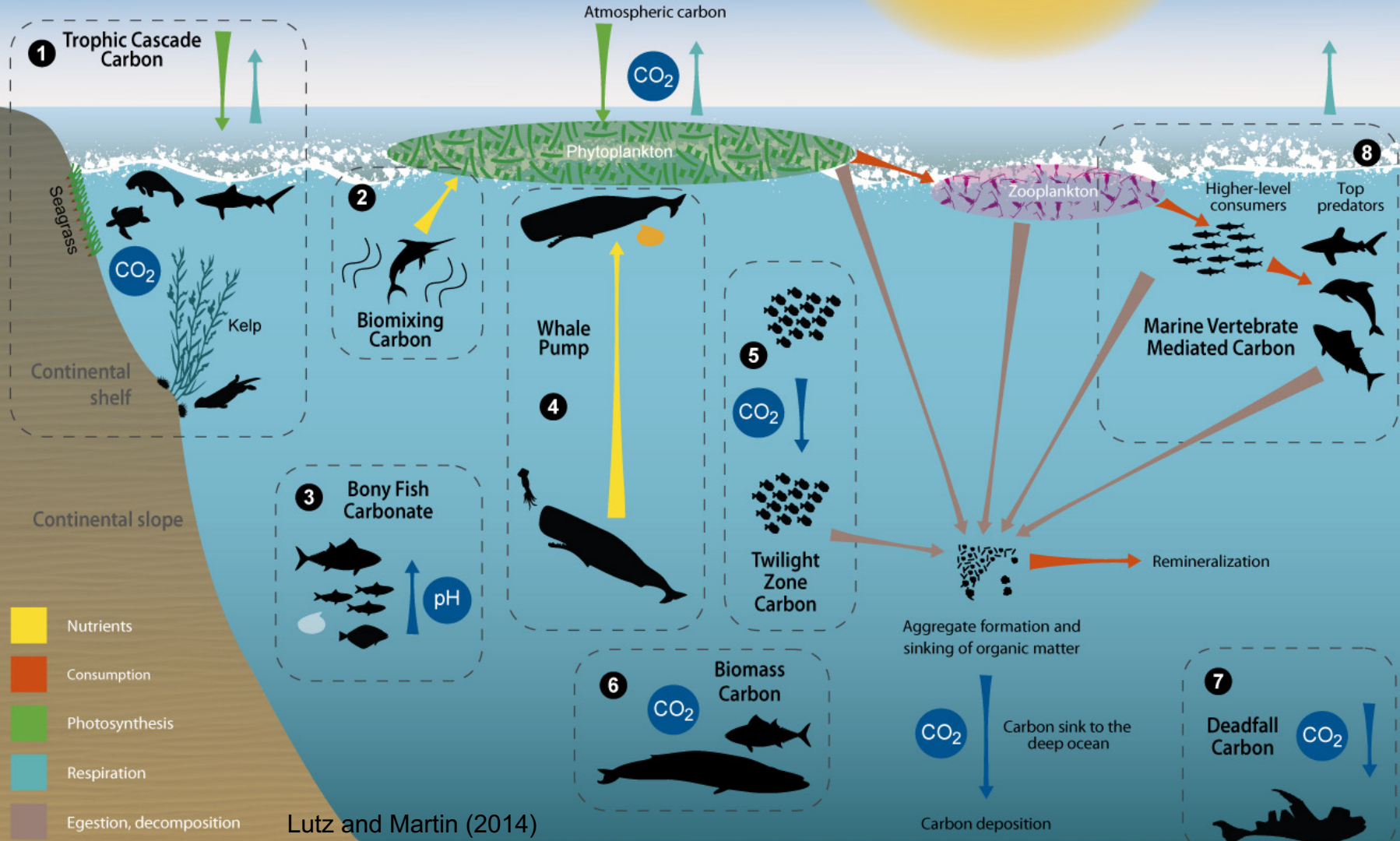


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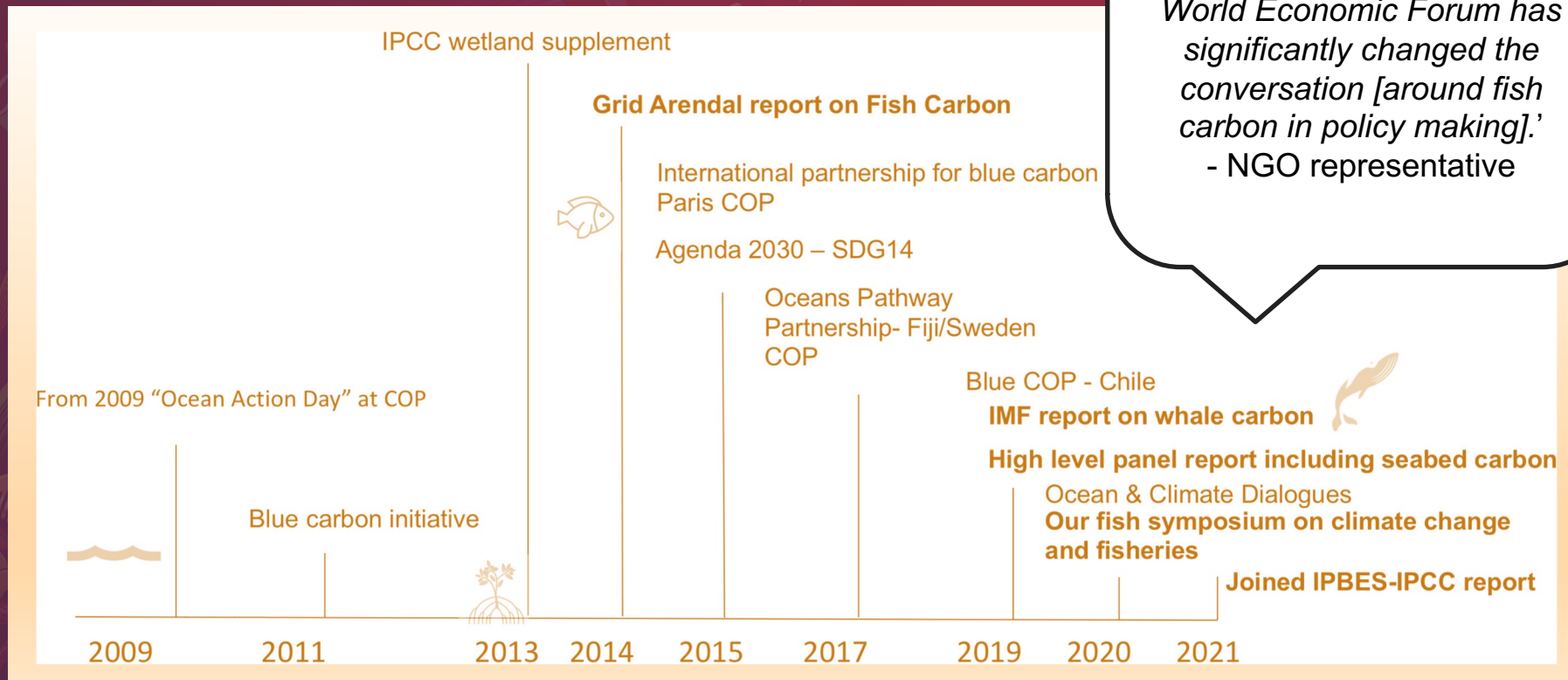
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# GOVERNANCE OF FISH AND OPEN OCEAN CARBON

- Key actors promoted ocean carbon by bridging science-policy + scientific input to negotiations
- Large focus on the UNFCCC, but opposition
- International fisheries management and the draft BBNJ agreement are promising paths for future governance

# OCEAN ON THE CLIMATE AGENDA – A TIMELINE



*'the IMF publishing this [whale carbon report] and having it discussed at the World Economic Forum has significantly changed the conversation [around fish carbon in policy making].'*  
- NGO representative



## POLICY FORA AND EMERGING ISSUES

- **UNFCCC.** Most prominent, possible “blue washing”,
- **UNFSA.** Fisheries management, ecosystem-based approach
- **Draft BBNJ Agreement.** Protected areas and impact assessments could consider carbon, key for unexploited marine species

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