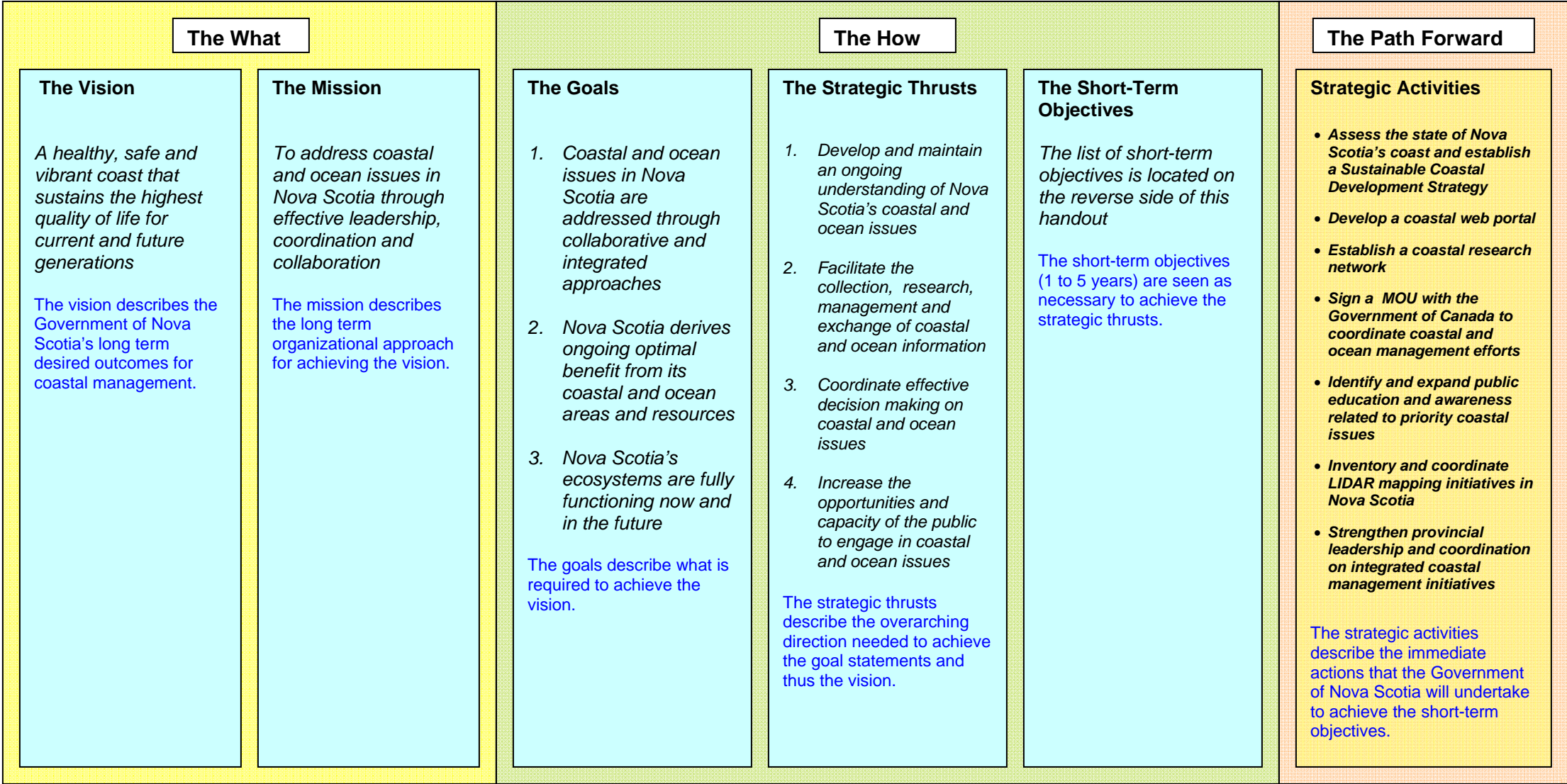


Coastal Management Framework

The Government of Nova Scotia has committed to developing a coordinated and strategic approach to coastal and ocean management.

The *Coastal Management Framework* will guide the Government of Nova Scotia in working towards achieving this task.

Provincial priority coastal issues (*coastal development, coastal access, sea-level rise and storm events, working waterfronts, coastal water quality, coastal ecosystems and habitats*)



Short-term Objectives

- Municipal, provincial and federal governments have a shared understanding of Nova Scotia's priority coastal and ocean issues
- Relevant provincial stakeholders have a shared understanding of Nova Scotia's coastal and ocean issues
- A provincial mechanism exists to integrate emerging coastal and ocean issues and opportunities into coastal management processes
- The majority of Nova Scotians are aware of and have an understanding of Nova Scotia's coastal and ocean issues
- The Government of Nova Scotia is recognized locally, nationally and internationally as the most comprehensive source for coastal information related to Nova Scotia
- Public and private research and monitoring programs are addressing Nova Scotia's coastal and ocean issues
- The Provincial Oceans Network is the key provincial body for information exchange
- The Provincial Oceans Network is the key provincial body for coordinating decision making on coastal and ocean management issues
- The Government of Nova Scotia has a clear understanding of stakeholders' interests and concerns related to coastal and ocean issues
- The Government of Nova Scotia has a clear understanding of the various roles, responsibilities and priorities of municipal, provincial, federal and aboriginal governments as they relate to coastal management
- The Government of Nova Scotia is able to respond to public inquiries on coastal management through a multi-departmental frontline process
- The Government of Nova Scotia is supporting community-based initiatives to address Nova Scotia's priority coastal and ocean issues
- Emerging coastal and ocean management policies are shared proactively with key coastal stakeholders
- The public has a clear understanding of the various roles, responsibilities and priorities of municipal, provincial, federal and aboriginal governments as they relate to coastal management