



**EBSA BRIEFING: ORGANIZING REGIONAL WORKSHOPS TO DESCRIBE  
ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS (EBSAs)**

*Sunday, 29 April 2012, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., ICAO Building, CR6*

**Annotations to the Briefing Programme**

- 16:00 – 16:05                      Opening and Introduction of Speakers (by David Cooper)
- 16:05 – 16:30                      CBD Secretariat Briefing (by Jihyun Lee) on:
- Western South Pacific regional workshop
  - Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic regional workshop
  - Regional workshops being convened after SBSTTA 16

*Explain the process for organizing regional workshops, including the nomination/selection of experts; development of the workshop terms of reference, provisional agenda and organization of work; compilation, synthesis and mapping of scientific information for the workshop; and engaging regional/international scientific partnerships.*

- 16:30 – 17:00                      Briefing by Scientific Support Team:
- CSIRO of Australia (by Nicholas Bax)
    - *mobilization of the financial support from the Government of Australia to engage the technical support of CSIRO to assist the Secretariat in the scientific and technical preparation for the Fiji workshop;*
    - *engaging various global and regional partners for data collection and compilation*
  - OBIS/SEAMAP (by Pat Halpin)
    - *engaging various global and regional partners for data collection and compilation for Recife workshop, in particular highlighting the data contribution by OBIS*
  - Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (by Patricio Bernal)
    - *engaging global scientific partnerships in support of CBD's EBSA process*

- Brazil's scientific preparation (by Ana Paula Prates)
  - *Brazil's national preparatory process of engaging various interdisciplinary scientists to compile and collate scientific information on describing areas meeting EBSA criteria and other relevant criteria*

17:00 – 17:10

OSPAR Secretariat Briefing on OSPAR/NEAFC/CBD regional workshop (by David Johnson)

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Collaboration on EBSA process

- FAO (by Merete Tandstad and Jessica Sanders)
  - *FAO's collaboration with CBD Secretariat on EBSA process, development of VME database, and the proposed collaboration in Indian Ocean EBSA regional workshop/FAO's VME database workshop*
- UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan (by Célia Le Ravallec)
  - *UNEP/MAP's collaboration with CBD Secretariat on EBSA process, highlighting the contribution of EBSA process on regional efforts for marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.*
- UNEP/Caribbean Environment Program (by Alessandra Vanzella-Khoury)
  - *UNEP/CEP's collaboration with CBD Secretariat on EBSA process, highlighting the contribution of EBSA process on regional efforts for marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.*
- SPREP (TBD)
  - *SPREP's collaboration with CBD Secretariat on the EBSA process, highlighting the contribution of the EBSA process on regional efforts for marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.*
- CPPS (by Fernando Felix)
  - *CPPS's collaboration with CBD Secretariat on the EBSA process, highlighting the contribution of the EBSA process on regional efforts for marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.*
- Alexander Shestakov (SBSTTA Bureau Member, Russia)
  - *facilitating the organization of EBSA regional workshop in North Pacific region*

17:40 – 18:00

Questions and Answers