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**SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP
TO FACILITATE THE DESCRIPTION OF
ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY
SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS**
Mauritius, 31 July to 3 August 2012

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the workshop.
2. Election of the workshop co-chairs, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Workshop background, scope and output.
4. Review of relevant scientific data/information/maps compiled and submitted for the workshop.
5. Description of areas meeting EBSAs criteria through application of their scientific criteria (decision IX/20, annex I) and other relevant compatible and complementary nationally and intergovernmentally agreed scientific criteria, as well as the scientific guidance on the identification of EBSAs.
6. Identification of gaps and needs for further elaboration in describing areas meeting EBSAs criteria, including the need for the development of scientific capacity and a proposal for future scientific collaboration.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report.
9. Closure of the meeting.
