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### EXPERT WORKSHOP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF BIOGEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS AND IDENTIFICATION OF MARINE AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION IN NEED OF PROTECTION

Ottawa, 29 September–2 October 2009

## REVISED ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### INTRODUCTION

1. At its ninth meeting, the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in its decision IX/20, made a significant step forward toward achieving 2012 target for the establishment of marine protected areas (MPAs). It adopted scientific criteria (annex I to the decision) for identifying ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in need of protection, and the scientific guidance (annex II) for designing representative networks of marine protected areas. The Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to transmit the information contained in annex I and II to this decision to the relevant General Assembly processes. The Conference of the Parties also took note of the four initial steps to be considered in the development of representative networks of marine protected areas, in annex III to decision IX/20.

2. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and invited other Governments, and relevant organizations to apply, as appropriate, the scientific criteria, the scientific guidance, and initial steps, with a view to assist the relevant processes within the General Assembly and implement conservation and management measures, including the establishment of representative networks of marine protected areas in accordance with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and recognizing that these criteria may require adaptation by Parties if they choose to apply them within their national jurisdiction noting in the context of their national policies and criteria.

3. The Conference of the Parties further decided to convene an expert workshop, including scientific and technical experts from different Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, with balanced regional and sectoral participation and using the best available information and data at the time, in order to provide scientific and technical guidance on the use and further development of biogeographic classification systems, and guidance on the identification of areas beyond the national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria. The workshop would review and synthesize progress on the identification of areas beyond national jurisdiction which meet the scientific criteria, and experience with the use of the biogeographic classification system, building upon a compilation of existing sectoral, regional and national efforts, and shall not consider issues relating to management and only provides scientific and technical information and guidance. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to transmit the results of this workshop to the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) for its consideration prior to the tenth meeting of the Conference of Parties with a view to assisting the United Nations General Assembly.

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4. In response to the above requests, the Executive Secretary is convening, with financial support from the Governments of Canada and Germany, an Expert Workshop on Scientific and Technical Guidance on the Use of Biogeographic Classification Systems and Identification of Marine Areas beyond National Jurisdiction in Need of Protection, to be held at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa from 29 September to 2 October 2009.

5. In this regard, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations to provide relevant information concerning the objectives of this expert workshop and on the progress towards the 2012 target to the Executive Secretary for compilation and provision to the Expert Workshop. Pursuant this request, the Secretariat issued a notification (ref. No. 2009-021) dated 2 March 2009, requesting Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit relevant information. To further facilitate effective contribution of inputs to this expert workshop, the Secretariat has organized an electronic forum (<http://www.cbd.int/marine/forums/>), inviting Parties, other Governments, and relevant organizations as well as the Workshop participants to provide relevant information and views. Submissions received are compiled and made available to participants to this Expert Workshop as an information document.

6. A list of the working and information documents for the Workshop is attached as annex I to the present document. Other documents, including, in particular, contributions from Governments, international and non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders may be found at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EWBCSIMA-01>.

7. The Secretariat has issued an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the Workshop. The language of the Workshop will be English.

8. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 29 September 2009.

#### **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

9. A representative of the host Government will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 29 September 2009. The representatives of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will also welcome the participants.

#### **ITEM 2. ELECTION OF THE CO-CHAIRS, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

10. After a brief self-introduction of the participants, the participants will be invited to elect Workshop Co-Chairs based on proposals from the floor. Participants will then be invited to consider the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/ EW-BCS&IMA/1/1) and adopt it following any amendments if needed.

11. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will describe the objectives and the expected outputs of the Workshop. Participants will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work as contained in annex II below.

12. The Workshop will be organized in plenary and break-out group sessions. The Workshop Co-Chairs will nominate chairs and rapporteurs for break-out groups, taking into consideration the expertise and experiences of the participants and in consultation with the Secretariat of the Convention.

#### **ITEM 3. REVIEW AND SYNTHESIS OF PROGRESS ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION, WHICH MEET THE SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA IN ANNEX I TO DECISION IX/20**

13. In its consideration of this item, the Workshop will have before it the submissions by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations in response to the above-mentioned notification dated 2 March 2009 (ref. No. 2009-021) as well as the compilation (circulated to the participants prior to the Workshop) of the inputs to the electronic forum contributed by Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and the Workshop participants prior to the Workshop in response to the Secretariat's notification dated 25 June 2009 (ref. No. 2009-068).

14. Workshop participants will be invited to share, through individual presentations and open discussions, their global, regional and national experiences on the identification of areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20. The Workshop will then be invited to discuss and synthesize, in plenary session, lessons learned based on the above documents, and the results of individual presentations and open discussions.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW AND SYNTHESIS OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE USE OF THE BIOGEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, AS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 19 OF DECISION IX/20**

15. In its consideration of this item, the Workshop will have before it the submissions referred to in paragraph 13 above, as well as a publication on “Global Open Oceans and Deep Seabed (GOODS) Biogeographic Classification” submitted by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in response to the request of the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 6 of decision IX/20.

16. Participants will be invited to share, through individual presentations and open discussions, their global, regional and national experiences on the use of the biogeographic classification system, as referred to in paragraph 19 of decision IX/20. Participants will then be invited to discuss and synthesize, in plenary session, lessons learned based on the above documents, and the results of individual presentations and open discussions.

**ITEM 5. DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON THE USE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF BIOGEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS, AND GUIDANCE ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF MARINE AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION, WHICH MEET THE SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA IN ANNEX I TO DECISION IX/20**

17. For the consideration of this item, based on the above-mentioned submissions and building on the presentations during and deliberations of the Workshop, participants will then split into three break-out groups to consider in depth development of two documents of scientific and technical guidance in:

- (a) *Group 1.* Scientific guidance on the use and further development of biogeographic classification systems;
- (b) *Group 2.* Scientific guidance on the identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20; and
- (c) *Group 3.* Data and analytic methods, using the questions listed in annex III below.

**ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS**

18. Under this item, the Workshop may wish to consider any other matters of relevance raised by participants.

**ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

19. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the Workshop on the basis of a draft report to be prepared and presented by the Workshop Co-Chairs.

**ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

20. The Workshop is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 2 October 2009.

*Annex I*

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR EXPERT WORKSHOP ON ECOLOGICAL CRITERIA AND BIOGEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR MARINE AREAS IN NEED OF PROTECTION**

<b>Working documents</b>	<b>Title</b>
UNEP/CBD/ EW-BCS&IMA/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ EW-BCS&IMA/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
<b>Information documents</b>	<b>Title</b>
UNEP/CBD/EWS.MPA/1/2	Report of the Expert Workshop on Ecological Criteria and Biogeographic Classification Systems for Marine Areas in Need of Protection, Azores, Portugal, 2-4 October 2007
UNESCO/IOC publication	Global Open Oceans and Deep Seabeds Biogeographic Classification

*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK****TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2009**

<b>9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright (Assistant Deputy Minister of Science, Fisheries and Oceans Canada)</li> <li>• Representative of Germany</li> <li>• Representative of Dr. Ahmed Djoghla (Executive Secretary of the CBD)</li> </ul>
<b>9.30 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Agenda item 2. Election of the Workshop Co-Chairs, adoption of the agenda and organization of work</i></b>
<b>9.45 a.m. to 10 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
<b>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</b>  10 – 10.40 a.m.  10.40 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b><i>Agenda item 3. Review and synthesis of progress on the identification of areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20</i></b>  <i>Plenary session</i> Sharing global, regional and national experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global experiences : Census of Marine Life/OBIS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pat Halpin (Census of Marine Life) / Edward Vanden Berghe (OBIS) : Defining ecologically or biologically significant areas in the open oceans and deep seas: Analysis, tools, resources and illustrations</li> <li>○ Kristina Gjerde (German/IUCN project)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Regional and national experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ African region (TBD)</li> <li>○ Asia and the Pacific (Zhu Mingyuan, China)</li> <li>○ Central and Eastern Europe (TBD)</li> <li>○ Latin America and the Caribbean (Elva Escobar, Mexico)</li> <li>○ Western Europe and Others (Ellen Lorraine Kenchington, Canada)</li> <li>○ Henning von Nordheim (OSPAR)</li> <li>○ Maria Jesus De Pablo (UNEP-MAP)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>1 p.m. to 2 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>
2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	<i>Continuation of agenda item 3</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant initiatives by UN/international organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Merete Tandstad (FAO)</li> <li>○ Adam Cook (ISA)</li> <li>○ Colleen Corrigan (UNEP-WCMC)</li> <li>○ Jeff Ardon (WCPA)</li> <li>○ Ben Lascelles (Birdlife International)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>3.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>

3. 45 p.m. to 5 p.m.	<p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <p>Synthesis of progress on the identification of areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20</p>
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**WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

<p><b>9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</b></p> <p>9 – 9.30 a.m.</p> <p>9.30 – 10.30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 4. Review and synthesis of experience with the use of the biogeographic classification system, as referred to in paragraph 19 of decision IX/20</b></p> <p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <p><b>Sharing global, regional and national experiences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNESCO/IOC GOODS Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marjo Vierros (UNU-IAS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Regional and national experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Australian experiences (Ian Cresswell, Australia)</li> <li>○ Mexico experiences (Elva Escobar, Mexico)</li> <li>○ Canadian experience (Ellen Lorraine Kenchington, Canada)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paul Holthus, WOC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>10.30 – 10.45 a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10.45 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Synthesis of experiences and lessons learned
<b>1 p.m. to 2 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<p>2 p.m. to 5 p.m.</p> <p>(Coffee break from 3.30 – 3.45 p.m.)</p>	<p><b>Agenda item 5. Development of scientific and technical guidance on the use and further development of biogeographic classification systems, and guidance on the identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20</b></p> <p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <p>Introduction of background documents</p> <p><i>Break-out group sessions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1. Scientific guidance on the use and further development of biogeographic classification systems</li> <li>• Group 2. Scientific guidance on the identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20</li> <li>• Group 3. Data and analytic methods</li> </ul>

**THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2009**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  (Coffee break from 10.45 – 11 a.m.)	<i>Continuation of agenda item 5.</i> <i>Break-out group sessions (continued)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1. Scientific guidance on the use and further development of biogeographic classification systems</li> <li>• Group 2. Scientific guidance on the identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20</li> <li>• Group 3. Data and analytic methods</li> </ul>
<b>1 p.m. to 2 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.  (Coffee break from 3.30 – 3.45 p.m.)	<i>Continuation of agenda item 5.</i> <i>Plenary session</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the results of break-out group session</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>

**FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2009**

9 a.m. to 12 noon  (Coffee break from 10.45 – 11 a.m.)	<i>Continuation of agenda item 5.</i> <i>Plenary session</i> Finalization of scientific guidance documents
12 noon. to 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 6. Other matters</i>
<b>1 p.m. to 2 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>
3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Coffee break from 4.15 – 4.30 p.m.)	<i>Agenda item 7. Adoption of the report</i>
4.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 8. Closure of the meeting</i>

*Annex III***KEY FRAMING QUESTIONS****(For the electronic forum discussion prior to the Workshop as well as for the Workshop discussion)**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Key framing questions</b>
ITEM 3. REVIEW AND SYNTHESIS OF PROGRESS ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION, WHICH MEET THE SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA IN ANNEX I TO DECISION IX/20	<p><i>Question 1</i></p> <p>Please submit information on existing sectoral, regional and national progress on the identification of areas beyond national jurisdiction which meet the scientific criteria.</p> <p><i>Question 2</i></p> <p>What lessons have been learned from the application of scientific criteria in marine waters within national jurisdiction?</p> <p><i>Question 3</i></p> <p>Please provide any relevant documents, reports, scientific articles, and other information, which can be background information to the workshop discussion on the identification of areas beyond the national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria.</p>
ITEM 4. REVIEW AND SYNTHESIS OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE USE OF THE BIOGEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, AS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 19 OF DECISION IX/20	<p><i>Question 1</i></p> <p>Please submit information on sectoral, regional and national experiences with the use of the biogeographic classification system.</p> <p><i>Question 2</i></p> <p>Please provide any relevant documents, reports, scientific articles, and other information, which can be background information to the workshop discussion on biogeographic classification systems.</p>
ITEM 5. DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON THE USE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF BIOGEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS, AND GUIDANCE ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF MARINE AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION, WHICH MEET THE SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA IN ANNEX I TO DECISION IX/20	<p><i>Question 1</i></p> <p>How do we envision scientific and technical guidance on the identification of areas beyond the national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I of decision IX/20, in terms of its content, format, target users, relevance to policy and management, applicability, etc? Please provide any example documents, if available.</p> <p><i>Question 2</i></p> <p>How do we apply lessons learned from the application of scientific criteria in marine waters within national jurisdiction, to</p>



Agenda item	Key framing questions
	<p>identification of areas beyond national jurisdiction which meet the scientific criteria?</p> <p><i>Question 3</i></p> <p>Please describe any anticipated scientific opportunities, uncertainties and challenges related to the workshop discussion on the identification of areas beyond the national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria.</p> <p><i>Question 4</i></p> <p>How do we envision scientific and technical guidance on the use and further development of biogeographic classification systems, in terms of its content, format, target users, relevance to policy and management, applicability, etc? Please provide any example documents, if available.</p> <p><i>Question 5</i></p> <p>How can policy makers use biogeographic classification systems in their efforts in identifying marine areas in need of protection? What other uses have they made of biogeographic classification systems?</p> <p><i>Question 6</i></p> <p>Describe any anticipated scientific opportunities, uncertainties and challenges related to the workshop discussion on biogeographic classification systems.</p>

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