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**WIDER CARIBBEAN AND WESTERN MID-ATLANTIC
REGIONAL WORKSHOP TO FACILITATE THE
DESCRIPTION OF ECOLOGICALLY OR
BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS**
Recife, Brazil, 28 February - 2 March 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 relevant scientific data/information/maps compiled for the workshop through the Convention on Biological Diversity ecologically or biologically significant marine area (EBSA) repository system and other credible, quality-controlled sources.
5. Description of EBSAs 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 EBSAs, 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.
