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**AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON  
MARINE AND COASTAL PROTECTED  
AREAS**

Second meeting

Nelson, New Zealand, 20-24 May 2002

Item 2.3 of the provisional agenda\*

**ORGANIZATION OF WORK: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Annotations to the provisional agenda*

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The second meeting of Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas will take place from 20 to 24 May 2002 in Nelson, New Zealand. It is envisaged that during its second meeting, the group will complete the work mandated to it, which was initiated during the group's first meeting in Leigh, New Zealand from 22 to 26 October 2001, and continued during the intersessional period.

2. The decision to establish this Expert Group was taken by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in adopting the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity at its fourth meeting (decision IV/5, annex), in order to assist the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in its work on the topic of marine and coastal protected areas. The terms of reference for the group were approved by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting, in its decision V/3. The work of the Group intended to help implement programme element 3 (Marine and coastal protected areas) of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity. In particular, the work of the Group relates to operational objectives 3.1 and 3.2 of the programme of work, which read as follows:

*“Operational objective 3.1: To facilitate research and monitoring activities related to the value and the effects of marine and coastal protected areas or similarly restricted management areas on sustainable use of marine and coastal living resources.*

*“Operational objective 3.2: To develop criteria for the establishment of, and for management aspects of, marine and coastal protected areas.”*

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3. The terms of reference request the Group to:

(a) Identify pilot research and monitoring projects, based on current proposals and ongoing projects aimed at assessing the value and effects of marine and coastal protected areas or similarly managed areas on sustainable use of marine and coastal living resources;

(b) Review the desk-study called for in the operational objective 3.1, activity (c), of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity. The desk-study to be conducted by the Executive Secretary consists of gathering and assimilating information relevant to the value and effect of marine and coastal protected areas on sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity;

(c) Identify linkages between marine protected areas and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity;

(d) Prepare recommendations on types of research to be carried out to understand the effects of marine and coastal protected or closed areas on population size and dynamics, subject to national legislation.

4. During its first meeting, the Expert Group reviewed and discussed paragraphs (b) and (c) of the terms of reference in depth, while deciding to combine paragraphs (a) and (d) for consideration at its second meeting. Paragraphs (a) and (d) were combined because they both relate to research projects. Paragraph (a) calls for the identification of potential pilot research and monitoring projects from amongst proposed and ongoing projects, while paragraph (d) calls for recommendations for future research that will assist in understanding the effects of marine and coastal protected areas or closed areas on population size and dynamics. The two paragraphs are collectively discussed under agenda item 3.6, following the identification of priority issues and knowledge gaps relating to paragraphs (b) and (c) of the terms of reference (agenda items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5).

5. In regard to paragraphs (b) and (c) of the terms of reference, the Expert Group at its first meeting identified a number of key issues, which were addressed during the intersessional period. The key issues were as follows:

- (a) Global goals
- (b) Ecological aspects of marine and coastal protected areas
- (c) Design and implementation of marine and coastal protected areas
- (d) Social, cultural and economic benefits and impacts of marine and coastal protected areas
- (e) Funding and public awareness

6. In order to facilitate consideration of the above key issues, five working groups were formed to undertake work during the intersessional period. Each working group was tasked with deliberating and producing text on one of the key issues for the consideration of the second meeting. Upon producing draft text, each working group circulated it to the entire Expert Group for their comments. Once deemed reasonably complete, this text was posted to the listserv of the Informal Advisory Group to the ad hoc technical expert group for further review. In some cases, the review and incorporation of comments is still ongoing.

7. The Informal Advisory Group to the ad hoc technical expert group was formed for the purposes of providing wider input to the core expert group. The Informal Advisory Group operates as a listserv, consists of an international group of qualified marine protected areas professionals, and has reviewed and provided valuable comments to several of the working group documents. It is expected that the Informal Advisory Group will continue to operate in a peer review and advisory capacity.

8. A list of documents for the meeting is attached as annex II below.

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

9. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 20 May 2002.

10. The participants will be welcomed to the meeting by representative(s) of the Government of New Zealand.

11. For the benefit of any new observers present, the members of the expert group and the observers will be invited to introduce themselves.

### **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

#### ***2.1. Adoption of the agenda***

12. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-MCPA/2/1) will be before the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group for consideration and adoption.

#### ***2.2 Review of mandate and expected results***

13. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will recall the mandate of the Group from the Conference of the Parties, and review the goals, objectives and expected outputs of the group.

#### ***2.3. Organization of work***

14. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group is invited to consider the provisional organization of work for the meeting annexed to the present annotated provisional agenda (Annex I). It should be noted, however, that the schedule presented in Annex I should remain flexible in order to accommodate efficient operation of the Group.

15. The Group may wish to work in Plenary while discussing agenda item 3, 4.1, 4.3, 5 and 6. However, if the Group so wishes, it may consider splitting into smaller Working Groups during the consideration of agenda item 4.2.

### **ITEM 3. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

16. Agenda item 3 is the main substantive item of the agenda. Initially, the results of the intersessional work will be considered through agenda items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5. Following this, the group will consider item 3.6 relating to paragraphs (a) and (d) of the terms of reference.

### **3.1. Global goals**

17. Working Group 1 will report on the results of their intersessional work concerning goals for a global system of marine and coastal protected areas. In considering these goals, the Working Group also produced text on inventory, performance measures, priorities and gaps in the current coverage.

18. The Expert Group is invited to discuss the text produced by Working Group 1, evaluate it for completeness, and aim at reaching consensus on the content of the text.

### **3.2. Ecological aspects of marine and coastal protected areas**

19. Working Group 2 will report on the results of their intersessional work concerning ecological aspects of marine and coastal protected areas. Within this context, Working Group 2 also considered issues such as genetic diversity, fisheries, time changes and ecosystems.

20. The Expert Group is invited to discuss the text produced by Working Group 2, evaluate it for completeness, and aim at reaching consensus on the content of the text.

### **3.3 Design and implementation of marine and coastal protected areas**

21. Working Group 3 will report on the results of their intersessional work concerning the design and implementation of marine and coastal protected areas. In producing the draft document, the Working Group considered issues such as the relation of integrated marine and coastal area management (IMCAM) to marine and coastal protected areas (MCPAs), and the design of individual MCPAs as well as networks of MCPAs. The issue of design will incorporate criteria for selection, size, level of protection, connectivity and other relevant factors.

22. The Expert Group is invited to discuss the text produced by Working Group 3, evaluate it for completeness, and aim towards reaching consensus on the content of the text.

### **3.4 Social, cultural, and economic benefits and impacts of marine and coastal protected areas**

23. Working Group 4 will report on the results of their intersessional work concerning the social, cultural and economic benefits and impacts of marine and coastal protected areas. Included in the text are considerations of non-monetary values of MCPAs and the precautionary approach.

24. The Expert Group is invited to discuss the text produced by Working Group 4, evaluate it for completeness, and aim at reaching consensus on the content of the text.

### **3.5 Funding and public awareness**

25. Working Group 5 will report on the results of their intersessional work concerning funding and public awareness. Issues relating to attitudes, compliance, traditional knowledge and compensation were also considered.

26. The Expert Group is invited to discuss the text produced by Working Group 5, evaluate it for completeness, and aim at reaching consensus on the content of the text.

### ***3.6 Recommendations for future research – identification of potential pilot research and monitoring projects***

27. Based on the results of intersessional work, the Group will discuss key knowledge gaps, and review the adequacy of existing research and monitoring programmes to fill those gaps. The Group will then propose recommendations for future research, including collaborations with existing projects and programmes, and the financial implications of undertaking these projects, including the special needs of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing states among them, and countries with economies in transition.

28. In addition, the Group will also begin the process of developing broad criteria for pilot projects aimed at assessing the value and effects of marine and coastal protected areas on sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity. If possible, the Group will also identify examples of such projects from amongst proposed and ongoing projects.

29. Both the recommendations for future research and the identified pilot projects may also include use of demonstration sites employing best practices, studies on strengthening management effectiveness, and capacity building, including technology transfer, as well as more research-oriented projects.

## **ITEM 4. PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORTS**

30. Under this agenda item, the Group will consider the status of expected outputs, work towards finalizing those outputs, and adopt its reports.

### ***4.1 Review of status of expected outputs***

31. The Group is invited to evaluate the status of its expected outputs, and identify areas still requiring further work. The Group will then proceed to identify a strategy for finalizing its work.

### ***4.2 Preparation of report and other outputs***

32. Based on the strategy identified in paragraph 31 above, the Group will work towards finalizing its report and other outputs. If deemed advantageous, the Expert Group may wish to split into smaller Working Groups in order to finalize the various sections of the reports.

### ***4.3 Adoption of the reports***

33. The Group will consider and adopt its reports, including its draft recommendations, to be presented by the Rapporteur.

## **ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS**

34. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

## **ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

35. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 24 May 2002.

*Annex I*

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC  
TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON MARINE AND COASTAL PROTECTED AREAS\***

**Monday, 20 May 2002**

9:00 a.m. Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)

Morning/afternoon Organizational matters (agenda item 2)

Global Goals (agenda item 3.1)

**Tuesday, 21 May 2002**

Morning Ecological aspects of marine and coastal protected areas (agenda item 3.2)

Afternoon Design and implementation of marine and coastal protected areas (agenda item 3.3)

**Wednesday, 22 May 2002**

Morning Social, cultural and economic benefits of marine and coastal protected areas (agenda item 3.4)

Afternoon Funding and public awareness (agenda item 3.5)

**Thursday 23 May 2002**

Morning Recommendations for future research – identification of potential pilot research and monitoring projects (agenda item 3.6)

Afternoon Review of status of expected outputs (agenda item 4.1)

Preparation of report and other outputs (agenda item 4.2)

**Friday 24 May 2002**

Morning Preparation of report and other outputs (agenda item 4.2) continues

Afternoon Adoption of the report (agenda item 4.3)

Other matters (agenda item 5)

5:00 pm Closure of the meeting (agenda item 6)

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\* *Please note:* Field trips may be arranged by the host country to supplement the agenda. The provisional programme of work remains flexible in order to accommodate changes that may need to be made to facilitate efficient operation of the Group.

*Annex II***LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON MARINE AND COASTAL PROTECTED AREAS****Working documents**

UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-MCPA/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-MCPA/2/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-MCPA/2/2	Compiled draft Working Group reports (to be distributed in hard copy at the meeting)

**Information documents**

UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-MCPA/2/INF/1	Information for participants
UNEP/CBD/ AHTEG-MCPA/2/INF/2	Report of the Third Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, 18-21 February 2002 – Salinas, Ecuador

**Other documents**

[No symbol]	Pearce, J. (2002) The future of fisheries – marine protected areas – a new way forward or another management glitch? <i>Marine Pollution Bulletin</i> (44) 89-91.
[No symbol]	WWF/IUCN (2001) The status of natural resources on the high-seas. <i>WWF/IUCN, Gland, Switzerland.</i>
[No symbol]	Thiel, H. and Koslow, A. (Eds) (2001) Managing risks to biodiversity and the environment on the high sea, including tools such as marine protected areas – Scientific requirements and legal aspects. <i>Proceedings of the Expert Workshop held at the International Academy of Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, Germany, 27 February – 4 March 2001.</i>
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[No symbol]	WWF (1999) Developing a framework for marine protected areas in the North East Atlantic. <i>Report from the workshop held 13-14 November 1999 in Brest, France.</i>
[No symbol]	TFMPA (1999) Understanding and applying the principles of comprehensiveness, adequacy and representativeness for the NRSMPA, Version 3.1. <i>Report prepared by the Action Team for Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council (ANZECC) Task Force on Marine Protected Areas (TFMPA). Marine Group, Environment Australia, Canberra.</i>

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