

## NOTIFICATION

### Composition of the Informal Advisory Group for Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to announce that experts have been selected to participate in the third iteration of the informal advisory group for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs). The selection was made based on nominations submitted by Parties, relevant organizations, and indigenous peoples and local communities in response to notification [2025-064](#), dated 2 May 2025. Attached herewith, as an annex to this notification, is the list of selected experts.

The informal advisory group was established in response to a request from the Conference of the Parties in [decision XIII/12](#), and its term has since been extended by the Conference of the Parties through subsequent decisions (most recently through [decision 16/16](#)). The terms of reference for the informal advisory group were provided in annex III of decision XIII/12. They were amended to include additional tasks through [decision 14/9](#) (annex III) and amended again in response to a request from the Conference of the Parties in [decision 16/16](#). The current terms of reference of the informal advisory group are available [here](#).

The selection process took place in line with the criteria outlined in the above-mentioned notification, in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, taking into account the need to ensure balanced geographical distribution and gender balance.

Information regarding the first meeting of the informal advisory group on EBSAs will be communicated in due course, once the dates are selected.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support of the work of the Convention.

Please accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA focal points, marine and coastal biodiversity focal points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant global and regional organizations/initiatives

**ANNEX**  
**Selected experts to participate in the informal advisory group**  
**for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas**

**African States**

Egypt	Mr. Moustafa Fouda
Morocco	Mr. Larbi Sbai
Senegal	Mr. Taibou Ba
Togo	Mr. Gabriel Hoinsoudé Segniagbeto

**Asia-Pacific States**

China	Mr. Guoxiang Liao
India	Mr. Shri Sundeep
Malaysia	Ms. Lim Ai Gaik
Republic of Korea	Mr. Yong-rock An

**Eastern European States\***

Albania	Mr. Sajmir Beqiraj
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ms. Adla Kahrić
Romania	Mr. John Smaranda

**Latin American and Caribbean States**

Antigua and Barbuda	Mr. Ruleo A. Camacho
Brazil	Ms. Ana Paula Leite Prates
Colombia	Ms. Martha Vides Casado
Peru	Ms. Elisa Goya Sueyoshi

**Western Europe and Other States**

Australia	Mr. Piers Dunstan
Germany	Mr. Janos Hennicke
Norway	Ms. Eva Degre
Sweden	Ms. Pia Norling

**Observers (nominated by)**

Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN) / CBD Women's Caucus	Ms. Esperance Noumbou Velepoubouot
Inuit Circumpolar Council	Ms. Rowenna Gryba
Deep-Ocean Stewardship Initiative (DOSI)	Ms. Ana Colaço
International Seabed Authority (ISA)	Mr. Malcolm R. Clark
Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI)	Mr. David Johnson
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Ms. Aurélie Spadone
IUCN West and Central Africa (IUCN PACO)	Mr. Mallaé Diagana
Lyell Centre	Ms. Daniela Diz
Secretariat of the Pacific Environment Programme (SPREP)	Ms. Juney Ward
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	Ms. Carolina Hazin
University of Queensland	Mr. Daniel Dunn

\*A fourth expert could not be selected from the Eastern European States due to an insufficient number of nominations received.