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SUSTAINABLE OCEAN INITIATIVE CAPACITY-BUILDING  
WORKSHOP FOR NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE  
MEDITERRANEAN  
Tangier, 15 - 19 October 2018

### ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, at its tenth meeting, adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, with its Aichi Biodiversity Targets (see decision X/2). The mission of the Strategic Plan is to take effective and urgent action to halt the loss of biodiversity in order to ensure that, by 2020, ecosystems are resilient and continue to provide essential services, thereby securing the planet's variety of life, and contributing to human well-being and poverty eradication.
2. Recognizing this urgent need for training and capacity-building for developing country Parties, the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) came into existence in the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, with the support of Japan, and in collaboration with various partners that were willing to provide the necessary expertise, technical and financial resources. The execution of SOI activities is coordinated by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
3. SOI focuses on achieving a balance between conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity by applying an action-oriented, holistic and integrated capacity-building framework. SOI is committed to building bridges between biodiversity conservation and resource management sectors.
4. SOI has evolved as a global platform to build partnerships and enhance capacity to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas by:
  - (a) Identifying best practices, facilitating information sharing, and learning from experiences;
  - (b) Creating partnerships that can provide for targeted capacity-building, training, technical assistance and learning exchange;
  - (c) Providing for two-way communication among policymakers, scientific communities and local stakeholders;
  - (d) Facilitating monitoring of progress towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets on marine and coastal biodiversity; and
  - (e) Facilitating the provision of guidance and guidelines that will help their achievement.
5. Requests from the Conference of the Parties related to training and capacity development for marine activities emanating from its tenth and eleventh meetings, and the imperative to enhance progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, outlined the need to scale up SOI activities. In this regard, the SOI Action Plan 2015-2020, was subsequently welcomed by the SOI High-level Meeting, which was held on 16 October 2014 during the high-level segment of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea.

6. Aichi Biodiversity Target 6 and 11 were adopted by the CBD Conference of the Parties in 2010 as part of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. In brief, Target 6 addresses sustainable management of fish stocks and aquatic plants, and Target 11 aims for 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas to be conserved through effectively and equitably managed protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures.

7. With a view to supporting implementation towards the achievement of these targets, the Executive Secretary is convening the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Capacity-Building Workshop for Northern Africa and the Mediterranean, with financial support from the Government of Japan (through the Japan Biodiversity Fund) and the Government of France (through the French Agency for Biodiversity). The workshop will be held from 15 to 19 October 2018 in Tangier, Morocco, and is organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development, Waters and Forests of Morocco and various other partners, including the Mediterranean Action Plan, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and other relevant regional and international organizations and initiatives.

8. The workshop seeks to enhance the capacity of countries in the region to conserve and sustainably use marine and coastal biodiversity in order to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals. The workshop will focus on experiences and approaches in the region to support integrated marine and coastal area management toward achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular Targets 6 and 11, in a holistic manner. A key focus of this workshop is to bring together experts and practitioners from the biodiversity and fisheries communities to discuss opportunities and experiences in cross-sectoral approaches to planning and management of marine biodiversity, including through the use of approaches such as the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs), ecosystem approach to fisheries management, marine protected areas and marine spatial planning. It also aims to facilitate cross-sectoral, multi-agency scientific, technical and financial partnerships to support the effective implementation of various management tools and approaches.

9. Participants in the workshop will mainly comprise officials, experts and managers in different sectors and areas of work relevant to sustainable fisheries management and marine biodiversity conservation, such as marine protected areas or other area-based conservation measures, as well as from relevant global and regional organizations.

10. The emphasis of the workshop will be on exchange of information and experiences, active learning of skills and tools, and building regional-level networking and partnerships for information-sharing and capacity-building to facilitate progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas, in particular Targets 6 and 11.

11. The workshop will be organized in plenary and breakout group sessions and will include thematic presentations with question-and-answer sessions, interactive group exercises, and discussions in breakout groups. The Secretariat, in consultation with collaborating organizations, will nominate workshop co-chairs, facilitators and rapporteurs for both plenary and breakout groups, based on the expertise and experience of the workshop participants.

12. A list of documents for the workshop is contained in annex I.

13. The CBD Secretariat will issue an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the meeting, and is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SOI-WS-2018-03>. The workshop will be conducted in English and French.

14. Registration of participants will commence at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, 15 October 2018.

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

15. Representatives of the Government of Morocco, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan and the

General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean will open the workshop at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 15 October 2018.

## **ITEM 2. WORKSHOP BACKGROUND, APPROACH AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

16. Representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) will give an overview of the background, objectives, approaches and expected outputs/outcomes of the workshop. They will also provide an overview on the global context of the workshop, with a focus on the relevance of the workshop to achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals.

17. Representatives of United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan and the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean will give a presentation on the regional context of the workshop, focusing on the regional priorities for marine and coastal biodiversity and areas of joint work and collaboration between them.

18. Participants will then have time to discuss, in breakout groups and plenary, what they hope to learn and achieve during the workshop.

## **ITEM 3. REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION**

19. Under this item, participants from each country in the region will be invited to deliver a presentation on their national efforts on area-based conservation and fisheries management, describing the objectives, implementation status, strengths, gaps and outcomes achieved to date, with a focus on experiences in cross-sectoral planning and implementation.

20. A question-and-answer session and plenary discussion will follow in order for participants to further discuss the progress, challenges and opportunities of the national implementation towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

21. Participants from each country will then be invited to conduct a ‘Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats’ (SWOT) analysis of their national efforts towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to marine and coastal biodiversity, in particular identifying specific gaps and needs for effective implementation.

22. Participants from the selected regional organizations/initiatives will be invited to provide a brief presentation on major regional goals/targets and progress towards them, as well as activities to support implementation focusing on cross-sectoral approaches. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a plenary discussion.

## **ITEM 4. ASSESSING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS AND THE 2050 VISION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY**

23. Under this item, participants from each country, with the support of global and regional organizations and resource persons, will be invited to conduct a rapid self-assessment of their progress towards the individual elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 6 on sustainable fisheries and Target 11 on area-based conservation.

24. Next, participants will be invited to conduct a “back-casting” exercise from the 2050 vision of the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, on the basis of the rapid self-assessment from the previous session.

25. Subsequently, participants will present the results of the self-assessment as well as the “back-casting” exercise from the previous sessions. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a plenary discussion.

## **ITEM 5. SECTOR-BASED AND CROSS-SECTORAL TOOLS AND APPROACHES FOR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY**

26. Under this item, there will be a series of theme presentations on: (i) ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs), (ii) marine spatial planning, (iii) marine protected areas, (iv) ecosystem

approach to fisheries and area-based fisheries management, and (v) tools and approaches to mitigate pressures on migratory species. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a plenary discussion.

27. Participants will also undertake a simulation exercise on cross-sectoral, multi-stakeholder coordination for multi-sectoral planning.

**ITEM 6. MEANS TO ENHANCE THE ENABLING FACTORS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING EDUCATION, AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION, RESEARCH AND MONITORING, USE OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION-SHARING, STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, AND ENGAGING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

28. This agenda item will focus on the various enabling factors to support implementation, including education, awareness and communication, research and monitoring, use of traditional knowledge, information-sharing, stakeholder engagement, and engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities.

29. Under this item, there will be short theme presentations on: (i) stakeholder engagement and coordination, (ii) engaging indigenous peoples and local communities, (iii) data management, and (iv) sustainable financing. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a plenary discussion.

30. Next, a breakout group exercise will be organized. Each breakout group will identify: (i) success factors, (ii) main obstacles/challenge, and (iii) positive experiences for each of the enabling factors noted above.

**ITEM 7. DEVELOPING STRATEGIES/ACTION PLANS TO ENHANCE CROSS-SECTORAL APPROACHES TO CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE BIODIVERSITY**

31. Under this item, each country will discuss steps to enhance implementation for addressing the identified gaps, including potential sources of support and how to effectively use existing resources and strengths.

32. Building on the previous workshop discussions, participants will develop concrete strategies and action plans to enhance cross-sectoral approaches to conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, and present them to the plenary.

**ITEM 8. CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY**

33. Under this item, participants will discuss the key conclusions and observations that have emerged during the workshop.

34. Participants will then discuss opportunities for future collaboration, including in the context of SOI activities, building on the workshop discussions and output.

35. Participants will also provide their views on the effectiveness of the workshop itself, to be considered in future SOI capacity development activities.

**ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP**

36. The workshop is expected to close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 19 October 2018.

*Annex I***LIST OF DOCUMENTS\***

<b>Document symbol/series</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>Official documents</b>	
CBD/SOI/WS/2018/3/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/SOI/WS/2018/3/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
<b>Other documents</b>	
<i>Training materials</i>	
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/9	Training manual on the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) in the open-ocean waters and deep-sea habitats
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/20/INF/21	Training Manual on the Incorporation of Traditional Knowledge into the Description and Identification of EBSAs
	FAO: Guidelines on Marine Protected Areas and Fisheries
<i>Brochures and other relevant background information</i>	
	Sustainable Ocean Initiative brochure
	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Action Plan 2015-2020
	Quick guides to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
	2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Sustainable Development Goals and Targets
	Website for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI)
	Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas Website
	Scientific criteria for EBSAs
<i>Workshop reports</i>	
UNEP/CBD/EBSA/WS/2014/3/4	Report of the Mediterranean Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas
<i>National reports</i>	
<b>Information on technical approaches</b>	
UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/4/INF/2	Using Scientific Information Related to Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) to Implement Marine Spatial Planning and Ecosystem Based Management
	MPAs: A Practical Guide (by MPA Agencies Partnerships)
<i>CBD Technical Series reports</i>	
CBD Technical Series 68	Marine spatial planning in the context of the CBD
CBD Technical Series 76	Integrated coastal management for the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets: Practical guidance for implementation based on experience and lessons learned from coastal and ocean governance in the Seas of East Asia

\*Additional documents, not listed in this note, may be posted on the meeting website (<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SOI-WS-2018-03>) as they are made available.

*Annex II*

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

**Monday, 15 October (Day 1)**

Time	Workshop activities
9 to 9:45 a.m.	<p><b>Agenda item 1. Opening of the workshop</b></p> <p><u>Opening remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development, Waters and Forests of Morocco</li> <li>➤ Representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>➤ Representative of the Coordinator of the UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan</li> <li>➤ Representative of the Executive Secretary of the General Fisheries Commission of the Mediterranean</li> </ul> <p><i>Group photo</i></p>
9:45 to 10:45 a.m.	<p><b>Agenda item 2. Workshop background, objectives, scope and expected outcomes</b></p> <p>Background, objectives, expected outputs/outcomes of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CBD Secretariat</li> </ul> <p>Global context—Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CBD Secretariat</li> </ul> <p>Regional context—Regional priorities for marine and coastal biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan</li> <li>➤ General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean</li> </ul> <p><u>Group discussion</u></p> <p>Each group given 15 minutes for introductions and discussion on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you hope to achieve/learn this week?</li> </ul>
10:45 to 11:30 a.m.	<p><i>Coffee/tea break</i></p>
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<p><b>Agenda item 3. Review of progress in national implementation</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Sharing national experiences</b></p> <p>Participants from each country will jointly provide one presentation (10 minutes each) on national efforts on area-based conservation and fisheries management (Aichi Targets 6 and 11) with a focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the objectives?</li> <li>• What are policy, legal, institutional and financial mechanisms that have</li> </ul>

Time	Workshop activities
	<p>supported national implementation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the status of national implementation? Have national plans/policies been implemented at the local level through on-the-ground projects/programmes?</li> <li>• What outcomes are expected and have been achieved so far?</li> <li>• What are the main challenges/gaps?</li> </ul> <p>Q &amp; A and plenary discussion</p>
1 to 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2 to 3 p.m.	Agenda item 3.1 ( <i>continued</i> )
3 to 3:30 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
3:30 to 5 p.m.	<p><i>Breakout group discussion: SWOT Analysis of national efforts</i></p> <p>On the basis of the national efforts presented in the previous session, participants from each country will conduct a rapid SWOT ('Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats') analysis of efforts, in particular identifying specific gaps and needs for implementation</p>
7 to 9 p.m.	<i>Reception hosted by the Government of Morocco</i>

**Tuesday, 16 October 2018 (Day 2)**

Time	Workshop activities
9 to 10:30 a.m.	<p><b>3.2 Sharing regional experiences</b></p> <p>Presentations from global and regional organizations/initiatives focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major regional goals/targets and progress towards them</li> <li>• Activities to support implementation, especially cross-sectoral approaches</li> </ul> <p>Q &amp; A and plenary discussion</p>
10:30 to 11 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	<p><b>Agenda item 4. Assessing progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the 2050 Vision of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Rapid self-assessment of progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Targets 6 and 11</b></p> <p>Each country, with the support of global/regional organizations and resource persons, will conduct a rapid self-assessment of their progress towards the individual elements of Aichi Target 6 on sustainable fisheries and Target 11 on area-based conservation.</p>
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	<p><b>4.2 Back-casting from 2050</b></p> <p>On the basis of the rapid self-assessment from the previous session, participants will conduct a "back-casting" exercise from the 2050 vision of the CBD Strategic Plan for</p>

Time	Workshop activities
	Biodiversity
2:30 to 3pm	Presentation of the results from item 4.1 and 4.2 Q&A and plenary discussion
3 to 3:30 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.	<p><b>Agenda item 5. Sector-based and cross-sectoral tools and approaches for conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity</b></p> <p>Theme presentations on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs)</li> <li>➤ Marine spatial planning</li> <li>➤ Marine protected areas</li> <li>➤ Ecosystem approach to fisheries and area-based fisheries management</li> <li>➤ Tools and approaches to mitigate pressures on migratory species</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A and plenary discussion</p>

**Wednesday, 17 October 2018 (Day 3)**

Time	Workshop activities
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  <i>Coffee/tea provided</i>	<b>SIMULATION EXERCISE</b> —Cross-sectoral, multi-stakeholder coordination for multi-sectoral planning
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 to 3 p.m.	<p><b>Agenda item 6. Means to enhance the enabling factors to support implementation, including education, awareness and communication, research and monitoring, use of traditional knowledge, information-sharing, stakeholder engagement, and engaging indigenous peoples and local communities</b></p> <p>Theme presentations on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Stakeholder engagement and coordination</li> <li>➤ Engaging indigenous peoples and local communities</li> <li>➤ Data management</li> <li>➤ Sustainable financing</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A and plenary discussion</p>
3 to 3:30 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
3:30 to 5 p.m.	<p><i>Breakout group exercise</i></p> <p>For each of the main enabling factors (stakeholder engagement, communication/outreach, sustainable financing, etc.), each breakout group will identify the (i) success factors, (ii) main obstacles/challenges, and (iii) positive experiences</p>

**Thursday, 18 October 2018 (Day 4)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Workshop activities</b>
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. <i>Coffee/tea provided</i>	<b>Agenda item 7. Developing strategies/action plans to enhance cross-sectoral approaches to conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity</b>  Building on previous workshop discussion, each country will outline next steps for ways to enhance implementation to address gaps, including potential sources of support and use of existing resources and strengths
12.30 to 1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.	Agenda item 7 ( <i>continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing strategies/action plans</li> </ul>
3:30 to 5 p.m.	Agenda item 7 ( <i>continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing strategies/action plans</li> <li>• Report on the progress to be provided by each group</li> </ul>

**Friday, 19 October 2018 (Day 5)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Workshop activities</b>
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  <i>Coffee/tea provided</i>	Agenda item 7 ( <i>continued</i> ) Presentation of strategies/action plans
12.30 to 1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 to 3:30	Agenda item 7 ( <i>continued</i> ) Presentation of strategies/action plans
3:30 to 4 p.m.	<b>Agenda item 8. Conclusion and Summary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key conclusions</li> <li>• Future collaboration</li> </ul> <b>Agenda item 9. Closure of the workshop</b>