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Submission of information to support the objectives of the expert workshop to develop options for modifying the description of areas meeting the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs), for describing new areas, and for strengthening the scientific credibility and transparency of the EBSA process, 5-8 December 2017 – Berlin, Germany

I. Options regarding procedures within the Convention to modify the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria, or to describe new areas meeting such criteria, within national jurisdiction, decided by the Conference of the Parties for inclusion in the repository

Case 1. EBSA description within the national jurisdiction of a single country Party

Option. The concerned Party would prepare a revised EBSA description and/or a description of new area/areas meeting the EBSA criteria and submit it to the Executive Secretary. If the submitter so wishes, it may request the Executive Secretary to make this submission available for peer-review by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations. When the EBSA has been previously described in a CBD regional/sub-regional workshop and included in the annex to a COP decision and in the EBSA repository, as decided by COP, the peer reviewers would include those Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations who had been invited to the respective workshop. The Executive Secretary would transmit the compilation of peer-review comments to the submitter for refinement of the submission. The concerned Party would submit the final draft of a revised EBSA description and/or the description of new area/areas meeting the EBSA criteria to the Executive Secretary for inclusion in the EBSA repository or information-sharing mechanism. The Executive Secretary would prepare a summary report of the final draft and submit these to SBSTTA and subsequently to COP for information. The process for describing new area/areas meeting the EBSA criteria within the national jurisdiction, could be complemented through the regional/sub-regional workshops to be convened by the Secretariat, if Parties wish to do so. When applicable the previous EBSA description could be kept in an archive within the EBSA repository or information-sharing mechanism.

Case 2. EBSA description within the national jurisdictions of two or more country Parties

Option. If all the concerned country Parties wish to make revisions to the description and/or a description of new area/areas meeting the EBSA criteria, Parties would jointly prepare a revised EBSA description and/or a description of new area/areas meeting the EBSA criteria, and submit it to the Executive Secretary. If the submitters so wish, they may jointly request the Executive Secretary to make this submission available for peer-review by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations. When the EBSA has been previously described in a CBD regional/sub-regional workshop and included in the annex to a COP decision and in the EBSA repository, as decided by COP, the peer reviewers would include those Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations who had been invited to the respective workshop. The Executive Secretary would transmit the compilation of peer-review comments

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to the submitters for refinement of the submission. The concerned Parties would jointly submit the final draft of a revised EBSA description and/or the description of new area/areas meeting the EBSA criteria to the Executive Secretary for inclusion in the EBSA repository or information-sharing mechanism. The Executive Secretary would prepare a summary report of the final draft, and submit these to SBSTTA and subsequently to COP for information. The process for describing new area/areas meeting the EBSA criteria within the jurisdiction of two or more country Parties, could be complemented or replaced through the regional/sub-regional workshops to be convened by the Secretariat, if the Parties wish to do so. When applicable, the previous EBSA description could be kept in an archive within the EBSA repository or information-sharing mechanism.

II. Option regarding procedures within the Convention to modify the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria or to describe new areas meeting such criteria wholly in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Case 1. The interested Party/Parties would prepare/jointly prepare a revised EBSA description or a new EBSA description wholly in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction and submit it to the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary would make this submission available for peer-review by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations. When the EBSA has been previously described in a CBD regional/sub-regional workshop and included in the annex to a COP decision and in the EBSA repository, as decided by COP, the peer reviewers would include those Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations who had been invited to the respective workshop. The Executive Secretary would transmit the compilation of peer-review comments to the submitters for refinement of the submission. The concerned Party/Parties would submit the final draft of a revised EBSA description to the Executive Secretary together with the explanation on how they had addressed the peer-review comments in their refinement. The Executive Secretary would organize global/regional workshops, as appropriate, when there are at least 10 submissions of new or revised EBSA descriptions, available for deliberation. The full draft of the revised description as well as the compilation of peer-review comments and the response by the submitters to the peer-review comments would be made available as information for the participants of the workshop. Based on the results of the workshop, the Executive Secretary would prepare a summary report of the revised descriptions and submit them to SBSTTA and subsequently to COP for consideration. The summary report would be considered by SBSTTA and COP along with other summary reports of EBSA descriptions prepared by CBD regional or sub-regional workshops. WHEN APPLICABLE, the previous EBSA description could be kept in an archive within the EBSA repository or information-sharing mechanism.