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CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR CAMEROON
Yaoundé, 17-19 January 2018

ANNOTATED 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.¹ 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. The Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting urged Parties and other Governments: (a) to achieve long-term conservation, management and sustainable use of marine resources and coastal habitats; (b) to establish and effectively manage marine protected areas, in order to safeguard marine and coastal biodiversity, marine ecosystem services, and sustainable livelihoods; and (c) to adapt to climate change, through appropriate application of the precautionary approach and the use of integrated marine and coastal area management, marine spatial planning, impact assessment, and other available tools. The Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting emphasized the need for training and capacity-building for developing country Parties through regional workshops that contribute to sharing experiences and knowledge related to the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity.
3. In recognition of this urgent need, 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 the Government of Japan and in collaboration with various partners that were willing to provide the necessary expertise as well as technical and financial resources. The execution of SOI activities is coordinated by the Secretariat of the Convention. 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. Building upon the experiences described above, the Executive Secretary is convening the Sustainable Ocean Initiative National Capacity-Building Workshop for Cameroon, with financial support from the Government of the Republic of Korea (through the [Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries](#)) and the Government of Sweden, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development of Cameroon and the [Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative](#).
5. The workshop will (a) provide a forum for dialogue and discussion among different stakeholders and sectors in Cameroon, (b) discuss various national-level priorities and objectives for Cameroon regarding marine and coastal areas and how these relate to each other, (c) describe and map out areas in Cameroon's waters that may meet the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs), (d) identify how EBSA information can be used to support planning and management in

¹ See [decision X/2](#).

Cameroon, including marine spatial planning, and (e) identify how the use of EBSA information to inform planning and management contributes to the national priorities and objectives of Cameroon.

6. A list of documents for the workshop is contained in annex I.
7. The languages of the workshop will be French and English.
8. Registration of participants will commence at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 January 2018.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

9. Representatives of the Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development of Cameroon, of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and of the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative will open the workshop at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 January 2018.

ITEM 2. WORKSHOP BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS

10. The workshop will be chaired by Ms. Prudence Tangham Galega, Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development of Cameroon.
11. The workshop will be organized in plenary and breakout group sessions and will include presentations with question-and-answer sessions, interactive group exercises and discussions in breakout groups.
12. The representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will give an overview of the workshop background, objectives and scope.
13. Mr. David Johnson (Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative) will then give an overview of the workshop approach.
14. There will then be a round-table introduction of participants, followed by a plenary discussion on the needs and expectations of participants in the workshop.

ITEM 3. GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONTEXT FOR MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY IN CAMEROON

15. Under this agenda item, there will first be a presentation by the representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the global context of the workshop, in particular with regard to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals.
16. There will then be a presentation by a representative of the [Convention for Co-operation in the Protection and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the West and Central African Region \(the Abidjan Convention\)](#) on the regional context of West Africa.
17. This will be followed by a presentation on the national context of Cameroon, highlighting existing national priorities and goals for marine biodiversity and existing institutions relevant to management of marine biodiversity.
18. Participants will then be split into breakout groups and, based on the national priorities discussed in the previous session, identify which of these priorities are compatible/complementary and which are potentially conflicting.

ITEM 4. UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENT VALUES RELATED TO MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY IN CAMEROON

19. Under this item, there will first be a presentation on the marine environment of Cameroon providing a brief overview of the main habitats and ecosystems in the marine and coastal areas.
20. Mr. David Johnson (Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative) will then make a presentation on understanding and mapping out the values of marine biodiversity using the criteria for EBSAs. This presentation will focus on the criteria for describing EBSAs and the EBSAs described at the South-Eastern Atlantic Regional EBSA Workshop. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

21. Next, participants will undertake a group scoping exercise in which, using printed maps, they will begin to identify areas in Cameroon that may meet the EBSA criteria. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

ITEM 5. APPROACHES TO DESCRIBING AREAS MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS IN CAMEROON

22. Under this item, there will first be a presentation from Mr. David Johnson (Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative) on experiences and lessons learned in identifying and describing EBSAs.

23. This will be followed by a breakout group exercise on describing potential areas, in which participants will use printed maps and GIS tools to describe areas in Cameroon that may meet the EBSA criteria. Prior to the end of the discussion on this agenda item, groups will report on their work.

24. There will then be a presentation on how Cameroon can build on this exercise to conduct a national EBSA process. This will be followed by plenary discussion and a question-and-answer session.

ITEM 6. USING INFORMATION RELATED TO ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS FOR PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

25. Under this item, there will be a presentation on means to use EBSA information to support planning and management.

26. This will be followed by a presentation by Mr. Malle Diagana ([Partenariat Régional pour la Conservation de la zone Côtière et Marine en Afrique de L'Ouest \(PRCM\)](#)) and Mr. Taibou Ba (Senegal) on tools and guidance developed by the Mami Wata Project.

27. Participants will then undertake a breakout group exercise on identifying uses and pressures on the selected area(s), in which they will split into groups and (a) select one or more specific areas described on the previous day and (b) identifying uses and pressures on these areas and how they affect the important ecological or biological features of the area.

28. Next, participants will undertake a breakout group exercise on the selection of potential management measures to minimize pressures on areas described as meeting the EBSA criteria. In this exercise, groups will identify potential management measures/tools that can be used to minimize the pressures on the areas from the previous exercise and to support the ecological and biological values of the area, and then will indicate which national-level priorities to which these management measures contribute.

29. This will be followed by a plenary session in which groups will present the outputs of their work for discussion by the workshop.

ITEM 7. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

30. Under this item, the participants will discuss means and opportunities to build on the outputs of this workshop.

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

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

32. The workshop is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 19 January 2018.

*Annex I***LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

<i>Document symbol/series</i>	<i>Title</i>
<i>Official documents</i>	
CBD/SOI/WS/2018/1/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/SOI/WS/2018/1/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
<i>Other documents*</i>	
	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan of Cameroon
	Fifth national report of Cameroon
UNEP/CBD/RW/EBSA/SEA/1/4	Report of the South-Eastern Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas
	Action Plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative 2015-2020
	Quick guides to Aichi Biodiversity Targets
	Scientific criteria for EBSAs
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/INF/23	Marine Spatial Planning in Practice—Transitioning from Planning to Implementation
	Marine Spatial Planning: A Step-by-Step Approach Towards Ecosystem-Based Management (UNESCO-IOC)
	Using Scientific Information Related to Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) to Implement Marine Spatial Planning and Ecosystem Based Management
CBD Technical Series 68	Marine spatial planning in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity
CBD Technical Series 76	Integrated Coastal Management for the Achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

*Additional documents, not listed in the present note, may be posted on the meeting web page (<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SOIWS-2018-01>) as they are made available.

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Wednesday, 17 January	
9:00 to 9.30 a.m.	Agenda item 1. Opening of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative(s) of the Government of Cameroon Representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity <i>Group photo</i>
9.30 to 10:15 a.m.	Agenda item 2. Workshop background, objectives and expected outputs <p>2.1 Presentation on workshop background, objectives and scope (10 minutes) <i>(by Joe Appiott, CBD Secretariat)</i></p> <p>2.2. Presentation on the workshop approach (10 minutes) <i>(by David Johnson, Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative)</i></p> <p><i>Question and answer</i></p> <p>2.3 Round-table introduction of participants (5 minutes)</p> <p>2.4 Plenary discussion on the needs and expectations of participants (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do participants expect to learn and accomplish at the workshop? How can the workshop outputs help their work?
10:15 to 10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:45 to 11:30 a.m.	Agenda item 3. Global, regional and national context for marine and coastal biodiversity in Cameroon <p>3.1 Presentation on the global context <i>(by Joe Appiott, CBD Secretariat)</i> (8 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Convention on Biological Diversity and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets Sustainable Development Goals <p>3.2 Presentation on the regional context for west Africa (10 minutes) <i>(by Richard Dacosta, Abidjan Convention)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional goals, strategies and initiatives <p>3.3 Presentation on the national context <i>(by Prudence Galega or Collins Mboufack in coordination with other ministries)</i> (12 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing national priorities and goals for marine biodiversity Existing institutions relevant to management of marine biodiversity
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	<p>3.4 Breakout group exercise on national priorities for marine biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants split into groups and, based on the national priorities discussed in the previous session, identify which of these priorities are compatible/complementary and which are potentially conflicting
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>

1:30 to 2:00 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 4. Understanding the different values related to marine and coastal biodiversity in Cameroon</p> <p>4.1 Presentation on the marine environment of Cameroon (<i>by Collins Mboufack or Sylvie Ondo</i>) (12 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief overview of the main habitats and ecosystems in the marine and coastal areas of Cameroon <p>4.2 Presentation on understanding and mapping out the values of marine biodiversity using the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) (<i>by David Johnson, GOBI</i>) (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criteria for describing ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) criteria: What are they and how should they be applied EBSAs described at the South-Eastern Atlantic Regional EBSA Workshop <p><i>Question and answer</i></p>
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	<p>4.3 Group exercise on scoping potential areas meeting the EBSA criteria in Cameroon (<i>coordinated by David Johnson, GOBI, with support of resource speakers</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants split into groups and, using printed maps, begin to identify areas in Cameroon that may meet the EBSA criteria
4:00 to 4:30 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.	<i>Discussion / question and answer</i>

Thursday, 18 January	
9:00 to 11:30 a.m. <i>Free flowing coffee/tea</i>	<p>Agenda item 5. Approaches to describing areas meeting the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in Cameroon</p> <p>5.1 Presentation on experiences and lessons learned in identifying and describing ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) (<i>by David Johnson, GOBI</i>) (10 minutes)</p> <p>5.2 Breakout group exercise on describing potential areas meeting the EBSA criteria in Cameroon (<i>coordinated by David Johnson, GOBI, with support of resource speakers</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants split into groups and, using printed maps and GIS tools, describe areas in Cameroon that may meet the EBSA criteria
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	<i>Groups briefly report back to plenary on progress</i>
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 to 4:00 p.m. <i>Free flowing coffee/tea</i>	<i>Agenda item 5.2 (continued)</i>
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.	<p>5.3 Groups report on their work on describing areas in Cameroon that may meet the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs)</p> <p>5.4 Presentation on how Cameroon can build on this exercise to conduct a national EBSA process (<i>by David Johnson, GOBI, and Prudence Galega, Cameroon</i>)</p> <p><i>Discussion / question and answer</i></p>

Friday, 19 January	
9:00 to 9:30 a.m.	<i>Review of areas described on the previous day</i>
9:30 to 10:00 a.m.	<p>Agenda item 6. Using information related to ecologically or biologically significant marine areas for planning and management</p> <p>6.1 Presentation on using EBSA information to support planning and management (by David Johnson, GOBI) (12 minutes)</p> <p>6.2 Presentation on tools and guidance developed by the Mami Wata Project (by Malle Diagam, PRCM, and Taibou Ba, Senegal) (12 minutes)</p>
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. <i>Free flowing coffee/tea</i>	<p>6.3 Breakout group exercise on identifying uses and pressures on the selected area(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants split into groups and (a) select one or more specific areas described on the previous day and (b) identifying uses and pressures on these areas and how they affect the important ecological or biological features of the area
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 to 3:30 p.m. <i>Free flowing coffee/tea</i>	<p>6.4 Breakout group exercise on the selection of potential management measures to minimize pressures on areas described as meeting the EBSA criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants split into groups and identify potential management measures/tools that can be used to minimize the pressures on the areas from the previous exercise and to support the ecological and biological values of the area Participants also indicate which national-level priorities to which these management measures contribute
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	6.5 Groups report on their work
4:30 to 5:00 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 7. Conclusion and next steps</p> <p>7.1 Next steps for Cameroon: How to build on this workshop?</p> <p>Agenda item 8. Closure of the workshop</p>