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### THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Montreal, Canada, 13-15 November 2019

### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its fourteenth meeting adopted decision [14/34](#) on a comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate its implementation. In paragraph 6 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and invited other Governments and stakeholders to “actively engage and contribute to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to foster strong ownership of the framework to be agreed and strong support for its immediate implementation”.
2. Pursuant to the above request and with generous financial support from the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of Sweden, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is convening the Thematic Workshop on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, in Montreal, Canada, from 13 to 15 November 2019.
3. This workshop is organized under the guidance of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the oversight of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.
4. This workshop will elicit views on elements related to conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity for inclusion in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The workshop is expected to produce concrete proposals to be considered in the further development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. To the extent feasible and appropriate, these proposals will cover the different elements of the framework with particular focus on goals, targets, indicators and baselines. The outputs of the workshop will contribute to the discussions of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
5. The Secretariat issued an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop. The workshop will be conducted in English.
6. A compilation of background briefs on various issues related to marine and coastal biodiversity will be made available for participants in this workshop to inform their discussions.
7. Webinars will be organized prior to the workshop to provide participants with information on the workshop background, approach, objectives and expected outputs.
8. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 November 2019.
9. The morning of Wednesday, 13 November 2019, will comprise the continuation of the meeting on “Advancing Ocean Action Towards Sustainable Development Goal 14: Leveraging Synergies for Marine and

Coastal Ecosystems, Mangroves and Coral Reefs". All participants in the Thematic Workshop on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework are invited to attend the morning session.

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

10. The workshop will open at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 November 2019. Opening statements will be made by a representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Ocean.

### **ITEM 2. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP**

11. The Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will provide an overview of progress in the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

12. The co-leads for the workshop, as appointed by the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group, will then provide a presentation on the objectives and expected outputs of the workshop.

### **ITEM 3. ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND ELECTION OF FACILITATORS**

13. The participants will be invited to consider the provisional agenda (CBD/POST2020/WS/2019/10/1) and the proposed organization of work, as contained in annex I below, and adopt them with any amendments deemed necessary.

14. The workshop co-leads will nominate facilitators for the plenary and breakout sessions on the basis of the expertise and experience of the workshop participants and in consultation with the Secretariat.

### **ITEM 4. STATUS AND TRENDS IN MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY**

15. Under this item, participants will hear presentations on the current status and trends of marine and coastal biodiversity, including findings of recent major cross-cutting reports/assessments on the state of the ocean. This will review the latest state of knowledge regarding the global status and trends for marine and coastal biodiversity.

16. This will be followed by plenary discussion on this topic, which will provide insights for subsequent agenda items.

### **ITEM 5. TAKING STOCK OF LESSONS LEARNED**

17. Under this item, there will be a presentation on lessons from the design, implementation and monitoring of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular with respect to Targets 6, 10 and 11.

18. Participants will then split into breakout groups and discuss lessons from the design, implementation and monitoring of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and how this can inform the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and in particular the development of milestones for 2030.

19. The presentation and breakout group discussion under this agenda item will build on the previous agenda item, on status and trends, in particular considering the implications of the design of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets for subsequent efforts for implementation and monitoring.

### **ITEM 6. UNDERSTANDING THE 2050 VISION OF LIVING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE IN THE CONTEXT OF MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY**

20. Under this item, there will be plenary discussion to identify what the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity means for different components of marine and coastal biodiversity.

### **ITEM 7. POTENTIAL SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENTS ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

21. Under this item, participants will split into rotating breakout groups to discuss the following thematic issues, with the support of facilitators and rapporteurs designated by the workshop co-leads:

- (a) Sustainable use of marine living resources;
- (b) Marine pollution;
- (c) Important marine ecosystems;
- (d) Ecosystem restoration;
- (e) Area-based planning and conservation measures;
- (f) Threatened, endangered and declining species.

22. Each breakout group will discuss and identify options for potential 2050 goals and 2030 targets for different aspects of marine and coastal biodiversity. Rotating breakout groups will allow all participants to discuss each of these elements. The breakout groups will not aim to achieve consensus, but, rather, focus on developing streamlined options for potential language of 2050 goals and 2030 targets.

23. The results of the breakout groups will be reported to the plenary by facilitators and rapporteurs. Facilitators will synthesize the breakout group discussions and provide this to the Secretariat for inclusion in the workshop report.

#### **ITEM 8. CONSIDERATIONS AND NEEDS RELATED TO MONITORING AND REVIEW OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

24. Under this item, there will be a theme presentation to introduce the topic of considerations and needs related to monitoring and review of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

25. Participants will split into rotating breakout groups to discuss the following thematic issues, with the support of facilitators and rapporteurs designated by the workshop co-chairs:

- (a) Baseline information on different aspects of marine biodiversity/ecosystems;
- (b) Data needs to support monitoring and review of progress, including indicators for targets.

26. Each breakout group will discuss and identify (a) existing sources of information and (b) data needs to support the development, implementation and monitoring of those elements identified in the previous agenda item. Rotating breakout groups will allow all participants to discuss each of these elements. The breakout groups will not aim to achieve consensus but, rather, focus on developing streamlined options and areas in need of further consideration.

27. The results of the breakout groups will be reported to the plenary by facilitators. Facilitators will synthesize the breakout group discussions and provide this to the Secretariat for inclusion in the report of the workshop.

#### **ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP**

28. Under this item, the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the workshop co-leads will reflect on the discussions of the workshop and next steps of the discussions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

29. The workshop is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 15 November 2019.

*Annex I*

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

**Wednesday, 13 November 2019**

| Time              | Workshop activity   |
|-------------------|---|
| 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  | <p>Continuation of meeting on “Advancing Ocean Action Towards Sustainable Development Goal 14: Leveraging Synergies for Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, Mangroves and Coral Reefs”</p> <p><b><u>Agenda item 6. Review of discussions and next steps (continued from previous day)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation from rapporteurs and plenary discussion on final key points/recommendations for the 2020 United Nations Ocean Conference and role of COAs</li> </ul> <p>(all participants in post-2020 thematic workshop invited to participate)</p> |
| 10.30 - 11 a.m.   | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>   |
| 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. | <p>Continuation of meeting on “Advancing Ocean Action Towards SDG 14: Leveraging Synergies for Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, Mangroves and Coral Reefs”</p> <p><b>Agenda item 6. (continued)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated plenary discussion on key opportunities and overlaps between the Sustainable Development Goal 14 process/United Nations Ocean Conference and the CBD post-2020 global biodiversity framework</li> </ul> <p>(all participants in post-2020 thematic workshop invited to participate)</p>  |
| 12 noon - 1.30pm  | <i>Lunch break</i>  |
| 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.  | <p><b>Agenda item 1. Opening of the Workshop</b></p> <p><b>Agenda item 2. Introduction and purpose of the workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme presentation on the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</li> <li>• Theme presentation on objectives and expected outputs of the workshop (by workshop co-leads)</li> </ul> <p><b>Agenda item 3. Organization of work and election of facilitators</b></p>   |
| 2.30 - 3 p.m.     | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>   |
| 3 - 4.30 p.m.     | <p><b>Agenda item 4. Status and trends in marine and coastal biodiversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme presentations on current status and trends of biodiversity of marine and coastal biodiversity</li> <li>• <i>Plenary discussion</i></li> </ul>  |
| 4.30 - 6 p.m.     | <p><b>Agenda item 5. Taking stock of lessons learned</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme presentation on lessons from the design, implementation and monitoring of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets</li> <li>• Report from breakout groups and plenary discussion</li> </ul>   |

**Thursday, 14 November 2019**

| <b>Time</b>             | <b>Workshop activity</b>   |
|-------------------------|--|
| 9 - 10 a.m.             | <p><b>Agenda item 6. Understanding the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature in the context of marine and coastal biodiversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary discussion               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2050 Vision for Biodiversity in the context of different components of marine and coastal biodiversity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| 10 - 10.30 a.m.         | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>  |
| 10.30 a.m. - 12.45 p.m. | <p><b>Agenda item 7. Potential substantive elements on marine and coastal biodiversity for the post 2020 global biodiversity framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotating breakout groups discussion, led by facilitators and rapporteurs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exploitation of marine living resources</li> <li>○ Marine pollution</li> <li>○ Important marine ecosystems</li> <li>○ Ecosystem restoration</li> <li>○ Area-based planning and conservation measures</li> <li>○ Threatened, endangered and declining species</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 12.45 - 2 p.m.          | <i>Lunch break</i>   |
| 2 - 4 p.m.              | <b>Agenda item 7 (continued)</b>   |
| 4 - 4.30 p.m.           | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>  |
| 4.30 - 6.30 p.m.        | <b>Agenda item 7 (continued)</b>   |

**Friday, 15 November 2019**

| <b>Time</b>     | <b>Workshop activity</b>  |
|-----------------|---|
| 9 - 10.30 a.m.  | <b>Reports from day 2 (stations)</b>  |
| 10.30 - 11 a.m. | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>   |
| 11 - 12.30 a.m. | <p><b>Agenda item 7</b><br/>(breakout groups on topics not fully covered during days 1 and 2)</p> |
| 12.30 - 2 p.m.  | <i>Lunch break</i>  |

| Time          | Workshop activity  |
|---------------|--|
| 2 - 4 p.m.    | <p><b>Agenda item 8. Considerations and needs related to monitoring and review of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme presentation on considerations and needs related to monitoring and review of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</li> <li>• Breakout group discussion led by facilitators:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Baseline information on different aspects of marine biodiversity/ecosystems</li> <li>○ Data needs to support monitoring and review of progress, including indicators</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 4 - 4.30 p.m. | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>  |
| 4.30 - 5 p.m. | <b>Agenda item 9. Closure of the workshop</b>  |

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