

TECHNICAL

**EBSA
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WORKSHOPS**

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Technical expert workshop (Oslo, 20–24 November 2023) and legal expert workshop (Oslo, 23–27 November 2023) to review modalities for modifying the descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and describing new areas



<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Technical expert workshop	
20 November	
9–9.10 a.m.	Item 1. Opening of the technical expert workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of Mr. David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
9.10–9.40 a.m.	Item 2. Workshop background, objectives, scope and expected outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Joe Appiott (SCBD) on background, objectives and purpose (15 minutes) • Presentation by Joe Appiott (SCBD) on meeting documents (5 minutes) • Q&A and discussion (10 min)
9.40–10 a.m.	Self-introductions by participants
10–10.15 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.15–10.45 a.m.	Item 3. Understanding the EBSA process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBSA video (5 min) • Presentation by Jacquie Grekin (SCBD) on the EBSA process (12 minutes) • Presentation by Joe Appiott (SCBD) on EBSA criteria (8 min)
10.45–11.15 a.m.	Item 4. Reflections on the EBSA process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections from co-chairs of previous CBD regional EBSA workshops (8 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jake Rice (co-chair of the regional EBSA workshops for the Arctic and for the North Pacific; chair of the regional EBSA workshop for the North-West Atlantic) ○ Alexander Shestakov (co-chair of the regional EBSA workshop for the North Pacific) ○ Moustafa Fouda (co-chair of the regional EBSA workshop for the North-West Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean)
11.15 a.m.–noon	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections from the data support teams for the EBSA regional workshops (8 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Piers Dunstan, CSIRO-Australia ○ Pat Halpin/Jesse Cleary, Duke University • Reflections from previous EBSA workshop participants (10 min) <p>Q&A and discussion (15 min)</p>
Noon–12.15 p.m.	<p>Item 5. Sharing experiences on the use of EBSAs and the EBSA criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by David Johnson (GOBI) based on the findings from the EBSA Impact Study (12 minutes)
12.15–12.30 p.m.	<p>Special address by H.E. Ms. Cecilie Myrseth, Minister of Fisheries and the Sea, Norway</p> <p><i>Group photo</i></p>
12.30–1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1.30–2.15 p.m.	<p>Item 5 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of selected national experiences on the use of EBSAs and the EBSA criteria (8 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canada ○ South Africa ○ Norway ○ Côte d'Ivoire • Q&A and discussion (10 min)
2.15–3 p.m.	<p>Item 6. Sharing experiences from other processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by David Johnson (GOBI) based on the findings from the EBSA Impact Study (12 minutes) • Presentation from selected international processes (8 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andrew Birchenough (IMO) ○ Lea Kolmos Weis (ISA) • Q&A and discussion (15 min)
3–3.15 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.15–4.30 p.m.	<p>Item 7. The evolving data landscape and implications for EBSAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Pat Halpin (Duke University) on the results of the EBSA gap analysis (10 min) • Presentation by Mark Costello (GEO-BON) on relevant work under GEO-BON (8 min) • Presentation by Ana Colaço (DOSI) on improving knowledge of the deep sea (8 min) • Presentation by Sivaja Nair (ICSF) on traditional and local knowledge (8 min) • Presentation by David Johnson (GOBI) on EBSAs in potential need of revision (8 min) • Q&A and discussion (25 min)
4.30–5 p.m.	Overview of the remainder of the meeting
21 November	

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9–9.10 a.m.	Overview of previous day's discussions
9.10–10.15 a.m.	<p>Item 8. EBSAs in the developing international framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Joe Appiott (SCBD) on the role EBSAs in supporting the implementation and monitoring of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (8 min) • Presentation by Jillian Campbell (SCBD) on EBSAs in NBSAPs and monitoring framework (8 min) • Presentation by Bingzhuo Li (DOALOS) on the BBNJ Agreement and the potential role of EBSAs (8 min) • Q&A and discussion (25 min)
10.15–11 a.m.	<p>Item 9. Sharing perspectives on the future of EBSAs and the EBSA process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) • Moderated discussion by co-chairs
11–11.15 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15–noon	<p>Item 10. Modalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Joe Appiott (SCBD) to provide an overview and explanation of the draft modalities (15 minutes) • Discussion and overall reflections by participants (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online tool to gauge feeling about modalities
Noon–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1–1.45 p.m.	<p>Item 10 (a) General considerations in the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) • Review and discussion by participants
1.45–2.45 p.m.	<p>Item 10 (b) Repository and information-sharing mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Options and considerations for revised website • Review and discussion by participants
2.45– 3 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
2.30–3.45	<p>Item 10 (c) Reasons for the modification of EBSA descriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) • Review and discussion by participants
3.45–4.30 p.m.	<p>Item 10 (d) Proponents for the description and modification of EBSAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) • Review and discussion by participants
4.30–5 p.m.	Overview of the remainder of the meeting and outstanding issues from previous agenda items
22 November	
9–9.10 a.m.	Overview of previous day's discussions
9.10–10.30 a.m.	<p>Item 10 (e) Modalities for describing and modifying EBSAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and discussion by participants
10.30–10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 a.m.–noon	Item 10 (e) (<i>continued</i>)
Noon–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1–3 p.m.	Item 10 (e) (<i>continued</i>)
3–3.15 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.15–5 p.m.	Item 11. Guidance related to the modalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Terms of reference for the relevant expert advisory body ○ Voluntary guidance for peer-review processes • Review and discussion by participants
23 November	
9–9.10 a.m.	Item 1 (of legal workshop). Opening of the legal workshop and joint sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of the Government of Norway • Representative of Mr. David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
9.10–10.30 a.m.	<i>Icebreaker exercise, group photo and coffee break</i>
10.30 a.m.–noon	<i>Outstanding issues from previous agenda items of the technical workshop</i>
Noon–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1–3.30 p.m.	Item 11 of technical workshop. Overview of the technical workshop outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview by the co-chairs • Review and discussion by participants • Questions from observers (legal workshop)
3.30–3.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.45–4.30 p.m.	Item 11 (<i>continued</i>)
4.30–5 p.m.	Item 12. Next steps
5 p.m.	<i>Evening reception provided by the Government of Norway</i> <i>Grand Hotel (8th floor), Karl Johans gate 31, Oslo</i>
24 November	
<i>Participants in the technical expert workshop are expected to attend the first day of the legal expert workshop as observers</i>	
Legal expert workshop	
23 November	
<i>Participants in the legal expert workshop are expected to attend the last day of the technical expert workshop as observers</i>	
24 November	
9–9.15 a.m.	Item 2 (of legal workshop). Legal workshop background, objectives, scope and expected outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Joe Appiott (SCBD) on background, objectives and purpose (10 minutes)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Joe Appiott (SCBD) on meeting documents (5 minutes)
9.15–10 a.m.	<p>Item 3. Understanding the EBSA process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBSA video (5 min) • Presentation by Jacquie Grekin (SCBD) on the EBSA process (12 minutes) • Presentation by Joe Appiott (SCBD) on EBSA criteria (8 min) • Q&A (10 min)
10–10.45 a.m.	<p>Item 4. EBSAs in the context of the international ocean framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Joe Appiott (SCBD) (8 min) • Presentation by Bingzhuo Li (DOALOS) on the BBNJ Agreement (10 min) • Presentation by Lea Kolmos Weis (ISA) on REMP process (10 min) • Presentation by Andrew Birchenough (IMO) on the PSSA process (10 min) • Q&A and discussion
10.45 a.m.–noon	<p>Item 5. Experiences from other processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Daniela Diz (IUCN-WCEL and Heriot-Watt University) (5 min) • Presentations from selected processes (8 min each). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Maria Rivera (RAMSAR) ◦ Robert Casier (UNESCO World Heritage Sites) • Q&A and discussion (20 min)
Noon–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1–1.45 p.m.	<p>Item 6. Modalities for describing and modifying ecologically or biologically significant marine areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Joe Appiott (SCBD) to provide an overview and explanation of the draft modalities, review of areas of agreement and disagreement and how these are reflected (20 minutes) • Discussion and overall reflections by participants (40 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Online tool to gauge feeling about modalities
1.45– 2 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
2–4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialogue between technical workshop participants and legal workshop participants
25 November	
9–9.10 a.m.	Overview of previous day's discussions
9.10–10.30 a.m.	<p>Item 6a. General considerations in the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) • Presentation by Bingzhuo Li (DOALOS) on relevant experiences from UNCLOS processes • Review and discussion by participants
10.30–11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m.–noon	Item 6 (a) (<i>continued</i>)

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12–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1–3 p.m.	Item 6 (b) Repository and information-sharing mechanism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) • Review and discussion by participants
3–3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.30–4.30 p.m.	Item 6 (c) Reasons for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) • Review and discussion by participants
26 November	
9–9.10 a.m.	Overview of previous day’s discussions
9.10–10.30 a.m.	Item 6 (d) Reasons for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) • Review and discussion by participants
10.30–11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m.–noon	Item 6 (d) (<i>continued</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) • Review and discussion by participants
12–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1–3 p.m.	Item 6 (e) Modalities for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) • Review and discussion by participants
3–3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.30–5 p.m.	Item 6 (e) (<i>continued</i>)
27 November	
9–9.10 a.m.	Overview of previous day’s discussions
9.10–10.30	Item 6 (e) (<i>continued</i>)
10.30–11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m.–noon	Item 7. Guidance related to the modalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Joe Appiott (SCBD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Terms of reference for the relevant expert advisory body ○ Review and discussion by participants
Noon–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1–3 p.m.	<i>Outstanding issues from previous agenda items</i>
3–3.15 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.15–4 p.m.	Item 8. Next steps Item 9. Closure of the legal workshop