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### EXPERT WORKSHOP ON MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AND OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR ACHIEVING AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGET 11 IN MARINE AND COASTAL AREAS

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## REVISED ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### INTRODUCTION

1. The Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in Marine and Coastal Areas will be convened in parallel with the [Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11](#), with some joint sessions between the two respective workshops on relevant topics, as described in annex II.

### BACKGROUND

2. Marine and coastal protected areas were recognized by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its seventh meeting as one of the essential tools and approaches in the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity, and are highlighted as programme element 3 of the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity (decision XII/5, annex I). Article 2 of the Convention defines “protected area” as “a geographically defined area which is designated or regulated and managed to achieve specific conservation objectives.”

3. The Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting agreed that the goal for work under the Convention relating to marine and coastal protected areas should be:

The establishment and maintenance of marine and coastal protected areas that are effectively managed, ecologically based and contribute to a global network<sup>1</sup> of marine and coastal protected areas, building upon national and regional systems, including a range of levels of protection, where human activities are managed, particularly through national legislation, regional programmes and policies, traditional and cultural practices and international agreements, to maintain the structure and functioning of the full range of marine and coastal ecosystems, in order to provide benefits to both present and future generations.

4. In decision VII/5, the Conference of the Parties noted that the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas<sup>2</sup> had adopted the following definition of “marine and coastal protected area”, which incorporates all of the IUCN categories of protected areas:

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<sup>1</sup>A global network provides for the connections between Parties, with the collaboration of others, for the exchange of ideas and experiences, scientific and technical cooperation, capacity-building and cooperative action that mutually support national and regional systems of protected areas which collectively contribute to the achievement of the programme of work. This network has no authority or mandate over national or regional systems.

<sup>2</sup> The report of the meeting is available as UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/INF/7.

(a) “Marine and coastal protected area’ means any defined area within or adjacent to the marine environment, together with its overlying waters and associated flora, fauna and historical and cultural features, which has been reserved by legislation or other effective means, including custom, with the effect that its marine and/or coastal biodiversity enjoys a higher level of protection that is surroundings;

(b) “Areas within the marine environment include permanent shallow marine waters; sea bays; straits; lagoons; estuaries; subtidal aquatic beds (kelp beds, seagrass beds; tropical marine meadows); coral reefs; intertidal muds; sand or salt flats and marshes; deep-water coral reefs; deep-water vents; and open ocean habitats.”

5. In decision VII/28, the Conference of the Parties confirmed that efforts to establish and maintain systems of protected areas and areas where special measures needed to be taken to conserve biological diversity, in line with Article 8 on *in situ* conservation and other relevant articles of the Convention, were essential for achieving, in implementing the ecosystem approach, the three objectives of the Convention and thus contributing to achieving the 2010 target contained in the Strategic Plan of the Convention and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and to achieve sustainable development and the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals.

6. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties adopted the programme of work on protected areas with the objective of the establishment and maintenance, by 2010 for terrestrial and by 2012 for marine areas, of comprehensive, effectively managed, and ecologically representative national and regional systems of protected areas that collectively through, inter alia, a global network, contribute to achieving the three objectives of the Convention and the 2010 target to significantly reduce the current rate of biodiversity loss.

7. The Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including Target 11, which states that, by 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water areas, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes.

8. Since 1993, when the Convention on Biological Diversity entered into force, marine protected areas have increased more than 20-fold, from 0.29 to 7.0 per cent. Since the adoption, in 2010, of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, marine protected areas have more than doubled in size, from 2.4 to 7.0 per cent. With commitments made by a number of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, an additional 3.4 per cent of the marine area will be protected by 2020, out of which 2.9 per cent would come from additions in national waters, while 0.5 per cent would come from additions in areas beyond national jurisdiction (all in Antarctica). These national commitments include: increases in protected areas expected from projects already funded; national priority identified by countries under their plans submitted to the Convention; and voluntary commitments announced in advance of the United Nations Ocean Conference, held in New York, in June 2017. Three quarters of these new commitments have been made with implementation plans giving confidence that they will be carried out. Focusing only on areas under national jurisdiction, 16.0 per cent are currently protected; this is projected to rise to over 23 per cent by 2020. If these commitments are fulfilled, the world will reach or surpass the 10 per cent marine aspect of the 2020 target and also help in meeting Target 14.5<sup>3</sup> of Sustainable Development Goal 14. There is still a need however to focus on other aspects of Target 11, in particular representativeness, management effectiveness, governance and equity of marine protected areas.

9. Recalling paragraph 76 of decision X/29 and subparagraph 1(b) of decision XI/24, the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting recognized the importance of building linkages among

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<sup>3</sup> By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information.

existing efforts on various area-based conservation measures within the framework of cross-sectoral and integrated marine spatial planning and implementation in support of achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas (decision XIII/9). The Conference of the Parties then requested the Executive Secretary, drawing on the existing work by the Executive Secretary, in partnership with relevant organizations, and pursuant to paragraph 10 of decision XI/24:

(a) To compile national experiences and lessons learned on the development, and effective and equitable management, of ecologically representative and well-connected systems of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and their integration into the wider landscapes and seascapes, as an input to an expert workshop;

(b) To organize an expert workshop to consolidate scientific and technical information on various approaches for, and their effectiveness in, assessing the contribution to the achievement of Target 11 of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures as well as their integration into the wider landscapes and seascapes, also considering the implementation of Target 5 of Sustainable Development Goal 14;

(c) To submit the compilation of information referred to in subparagraph (a) above and the report of the expert workshop referred to in subparagraph (b) above for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a future meeting held prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

10. The Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting also invited Parties, other Governments, relevant partners, regional agencies, bilateral and multilateral funding agencies, in conjunction with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, taking into account information provided by, and in consultation with Parties and other Governments to undertake a review of experiences on (decision XIII/2, para. 9 (a)):

(a) Protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, taking into account the work of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and other appropriate expert bodies;

(b) Additional measures to enhance integration of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures into the wider land- and seascapes;

(c) Mainstreaming of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures across sectors to contribute, inter alia, to the Sustainable Development Goals and as natural solutions to combat climate change;

(d) Effective governance models for management of protected areas, including equity, taking into account work being undertaken under Article 8(j);

11. In paragraph 10 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop voluntary guidance on the elements listed in paragraph 9(a) of decision XIII/2, noting lessons learned from the relevant biodiversity-related conventions and agreements, and to organize a technical expert workshop or workshops to provide scientific and technical advice on definition, management approaches and identification of other effective area-based conservation measures and their role in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, and report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

12. Pursuant to the above-mentioned requests, this expert workshop shall have the following objectives:

(a) To review national experiences and lessons learned on the development, and effective and equitable management, of ecologically representative and well-connected systems of marine protected areas and other effective area based conservation measures, and their integration into the wider landscapes and seascapes;

(b) To consolidate scientific and technical information on various approaches for, and their effectiveness in, assessing the contribution to the achievement of Target 11 on marine protected areas and

other effective area-based conservation measures as well as their integration into the wider landscapes and seascapes;

(c) To provide scientific and technical advice on definition, management approaches and identification of other effective area-based conservation measures in marine and coastal areas and their role in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

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

14. The Secretariat has 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.

15. Registration of participants will commence at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 February 2018.

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

16. At a joint opening ceremony with the Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, representatives of the Government of Canada and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the workshop at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 February 2018.

#### **ITEM 2. ELECTION OF THE WORKSHOP CO-CHAIRS, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

17. Agenda item 2 will be undertaken as joint sessions with the above-mentioned Technical Expert Workshop on OECM. After a brief explanation by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on procedures, participants will be invited to elect the workshop co-chairs, based on proposals from the floor.

18. Participants will then be invited to consider the provisional agenda (CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/1) and the proposed organization of work for the workshop, as contained in annex II, and adopt them following any amendments deemed necessary.

19. The workshop will be organized in plenary and breakout-group sessions, with joint sessions with the Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 on relevant topics, as described in annex II below. The workshop co-chairs will nominate facilitators and rapporteurs for the plenary and breakout sessions, based on the expertise and experience of the workshop participants and in consultation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

#### **ITEM 3. WORKSHOP BACKGROUND, SCOPE AND EXPECTED OUTPUT**

20. This agenda item will be undertaken as joint sessions with the above-mentioned Technical Expert Workshop on OECM. The representative of the Secretariat will describe the background, objectives, scope and expected outputs/outcomes of the workshops.

21. Building on the presentation, workshop participants will be invited to exchange views on the scope of the workshop and its expected outputs/outcomes.

#### **ITEM 4. REVIEW OF NATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND LESSONS LEARNED ON THE DEVELOPMENT, AND EFFECTIVE AND EQUITABLE MANAGEMENT, OF ECOLOGICALLY REPRESENTATIVE AND WELL-CONNECTED SYSTEMS OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AND OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE WIDER LANDSCAPES AND SEASCAPES**

22. Under this item, participants will have before them a note by the Executive Secretary (CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/2) transmitting a compilation of the submissions of information submitted by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations on national experiences and lessons learned in the

development, and effective and equitable management, of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, in response to notification 2017-084,<sup>4</sup> dated 1 September 2017. The documents/references submitted prior to the workshop are being made available for the information of workshop participants on the workshop webpage (<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/MCB-EM-2018-01>).

23. Through individual presentations, and plenary and breakout group discussion, workshop participants will be invited to review and share their insights on national, subregional and/or regional experience on various approaches for, and their effectiveness in, assessing the contribution to the achievement of Target 11 of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures as well as their integration into the wider landscapes and seascapes. Participants will discuss key lessons learned of relevance to the objectives of this workshop.

**ITEM 5. CONSOLIDATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON VARIOUS APPROACHES FOR, AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN, ASSESSING THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGET 11 OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS AND OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES AS WELL AS THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE WIDER LANDSCAPES AND SEASCAPES**

24. Under this item, participants will have before them the following background documents as useful examples and insights to inform the workshop deliberations:

(a) Cross-cutting issues and key messages related to the achievement of Target 11 through the use of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures (CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/INF/1);

(b) Defining the qualitative elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 with regard to the marine and coastal environment (CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/INF/2);

(c) Other effective area-based conservation measures (in non-fisheries marine sectors)—delivering outcomes towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 (CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/INF/3); and

(d) Other effective area-based conservation measures used in marine fisheries (CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/INF/4).

The above-mentioned background documents were compiled by resource persons commissioned by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with financial resources from the Governments of Canada and Norway.

25. In addition, the Guidelines for Recognizing and Reporting Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures by the IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas Task Force on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/INF/5) will be also made available for participants in the present workshop as well as in the Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

26. Workshop participants will be invited to review and share their insights on scientific and technical information on various approaches for, and their effectiveness in, assessing the contribution to the achievement of Target 11 of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, as well as their integration into the wider landscapes and seascapes, and identify key lessons learned through individual presentations and plenary and breakout group discussion as well as joint sessions with the Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

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<sup>4</sup> Ref. No. SCBD/SPS/DC/SBG/JL/JG/86798.

**ITEM 6. PROVISION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVICE ON DEFINITION, MANAGEMENT APPROACHES AND IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES IN MARINE AND COASTAL AREAS AND THEIR ROLE IN ACHIEVING AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGET 11**

26. Based on the presentations and deliberations of the workshop in plenary and breakout group sessions as well as joint sessions with the Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, participants will discuss various issues and explore possible ways to move forward regarding the provision of scientific and technical advice on definition, management approaches and identification of other effective area-based conservation measures in marine and coastal areas and their roles in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

27. The results of the breakout group discussions will be reported to the plenary for consideration. In the plenary session, workshop participants will consolidate their provision of scientific and technical advice on definition, management approaches and identification of other effective area-based conservation measures in marine and coastal areas and their roles in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11.

**ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS**

28. Under this item, consideration may be given to any other matters of relevance raised by participants.

**ITEM 8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

29. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the workshop on the basis of a draft report to be prepared and presented by the workshop co-chairs in plenary as well as a joint session with the Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 regarding matters related to OECM.

**ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP**

30. The workshop is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 February 2018.

*Annex I*

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE EXPERT WORKSHOP ON MARINE PROTECTED AREAS  
AND OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR ACHIEVING  
AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGET 11 IN MARINE AND COASTAL AREAS**

<i>Official documents</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/1/Add.1/Rev.1	Revised annotations to the provisional agenda
CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/2	Compilation of the information submitted by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations on national experiences and lessons learned in the development, and effective and equitable management, of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures
<i>Information documents</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/INF/1	Background document on cross-cutting issues and key messages related to the achievement of Target 11 through the use of marine protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures
CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/INF/2	Background document on defining the qualitative elements of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 with regard to the marine and coastal environment
CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/INF/3	Background document on other effective area-based conservation measures (in non-fisheries marine sectors)—delivering outcomes towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11
CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/INF/4	Background document on other effective area-based conservation measures used in marine fisheries
CBD/MCB/EM/2018/1/INF/5	Guidelines for Recognizing and Reporting Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures by the IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas Task Force on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures
<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Title</i>
	<a href="#">Information Note for Participants</a>
Pomeroy, R.S., Parks, J.E. and Watson, L.M.	<a href="#">How is Your MPA Doing?: A Guidebook of Natural and Social Indicators for Evaluating Marine Protected Area Management Effectiveness</a>
IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas	<a href="#">Establishing Resilient MPA Networks—Making It Happen</a>

*Annex II*

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

Note: The table below includes the plenary and breakout group sessions of the present workshop as well as joint sessions with the Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11

<b>Tuesday, 6 February 2018</b>		
	<b>Technical Expert Workshop on OECM to Achieve Target 11</b>	<b>Expert Workshop on marine Target 11</b>
9 - 10.45 a.m.	<b>Joint opening, organizational matters and Workshop background/scope/expected outputs (agenda items 1, 2 &amp; 3)</b>	
10.45 – 11.15 a.m.	<b>Joint coffee/tea break</b>	
11.15 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	OECM-item 4 Plenary	Marine Target 11-item 4 Plenary
12.30 – 2 p.m.	<b>Joint lunch break</b>	
2 - 3.30 p.m.	OECM-item 4 Breakout Groups	Marine Target 11-item 4 Breakout Groups
3.30 – 4 p.m.	<b>Joint coffee/tea break</b>	
4 – 5 p.m.	OECM-item 4 Report of the results of the Breakout Group Session	Marine Target 11-item 4 Report of the results of the Breakout Group Session
<b>Wednesday, 7 February 2018</b>		
9 - 10.30 a.m.	<b>Joint Plenary</b> <b>Summary of Day 1 workshop discussion</b> Reporting on OECM discussion, followed by Q & A Reporting on marine Target 11 discussion, followed by Q & A  Plenary Discussion	
10.30 – 11 a.m.	<b>Joint coffee/tea break</b>	

11 a.m. -12.30 p.m.	Joint Breakout group on OECM-item 4 / Marine OECM-item 5	MPA-item 5 Breakout group
12.30 – 2 p.m.	<b>Joint lunch break</b>	
2 - 3.30 p.m.	Joint Breakout group on OECM-item 4/Marine OECM-item 5 ( <i>continued</i> )	MPA-item 5 Breakout group ( <i>continued</i> )
3.30 – 4 p.m.	<b>Joint coffee/tea break</b>	
4 – 5.30 p.m.	OECM-item 4 Plenary	Marine Target 11-item 5 Plenary

<b>Thursday, 8 February 2018</b>		
9 -10. 30 a.m.	<b>Summary of Day 2 workshop discussion</b> Reporting on OECM discussion, followed by Q &A Reporting on marine Target 11 discussion, followed by Q & A  Plenary Discussion	
10.30 – 11 a.m.	<b>Joint coffee/tea break</b>	
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	OECM-item 5 Breakout group	<b>Joint breakout group</b> Marine OECM sub-group (OECM-item 5 as applied to marine, and marine Target 11-item 6 on OECM)
12.30 – 2 p.m.	<b>Joint lunch break</b>	
2 - 3.30 p.m.	OECM-item 5 Breakout group ( <i>continued</i> )	<b>Joint breakout group</b> Marine OECM sub-group (OECM-item 5 as applied to marine, and marine Target 11-item 6 on OECM)
3.30 – 4 p.m.	<b>Joint coffee/tea break</b>	

4 -5.30 p.m.	OECM-items 5 and 6 Plenary	Marine Target 11-items 6 and 7 Plenary
	<b>Friday, 9 February 2018</b>	
9 -10 a.m.	Distribution of draft reports	
10 – 10.30 a.m.	<b>Joint coffee/tea break</b>	
10.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m.	<b>Joint Plenary Session – Adoption of the report (focusing on OECM matters)</b> OECM-item 7 and Marine Target 11-item 8	
12.30 – 2 p.m.	<b>Joint lunch break</b>	
2 – 5 p.m.	OECM-item 7 Plenary (Adoption of the report) and item 8	Marine Target 11-item 8 (Adoption of the report) and item 9