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SUSTAINABLE OCEAN INITIATIVE CAPACITY-BUILDING  
WORKSHOP FOR THE WIDER CARIBBEAN AND  
CENTRAL AMERICA ON OTHER EFFECTIVE  
AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES  
IN THE MARINE FISHERY SECTOR  
Online – 20-21 April and 27-28 April 2022

### ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) was created on the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), to respond to the need for training and capacity-building of developing country Parties with regard to marine conservation and management, as emphasized by the Conference of the Parties in decision [X/29](#). SOI is a global platform that aims to build partnerships and enhance capacity to achieve the global goals and targets on marine and coastal biodiversity. Its implementation is being coordinated by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with various partners.
2. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, at its fourteenth meeting, in 2018, adopted a definition and criteria for the identification of “other effective area-based conservation measures” (OECMs). In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to provide capacity-building, including training workshops, to enable the application of the scientific and technical advice and guidance on OECMs (decision [14/8](#)).
3. The concept of OECMs emerged from Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, which was adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in 2010 as part of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. However, OECMs are also being discussed in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, which is currently being developed under the Convention on Biological Diversity. OECMs are specifically mentioned in target 3 under the draft framework, thus it is expected that OECMs will likely play an important role in achieving the goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, which is expected to be adopted at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
4. With a view to further supporting the achievement of area-based conservation targets and to respond to the need for capacity-building, the Executive Secretary is convening, together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Capacity-Building Workshop for the Wider Caribbean and Central America on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures in the Marine Fishery Sector, with financial support from the Government of the Republic of Korea, through the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries. The workshop will be conducted online in two parts, with part 1 held on 20 and 21 April, and part 2 on 27 and 28 April, from 10 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. EDT each day. The workshop is being co-organized with FAO, in collaboration with various partners, including the Cartagena Convention Secretariat and the Caribbean Environment Programme (CEP), the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM), the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC), the UNDP/GEF PROCARIBE+ PPG Coordination Unit, and the Fisheries Expert Group of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management (IUCN-FEG).

5. The workshop seeks to enhance the capacity of countries in the region to identify, designate and report on OECMs in the marine fishery sector. It aims to provide the participants with an understanding of what OECMs are, introducing the criteria and types as well as presenting examples of how OECMs can be applied in various contexts in the region.
6. Workshop participants will primarily comprise experts, managers, officers and specialists in fisheries management and marine biodiversity conservation, such as marine protected areas or other area-based conservation measures, representing Parties and other Governments, as well as experts from relevant global and regional organizations.
7. The workshop will be organized in plenary and breakout group sessions and will include thematic presentations with question-and-answer sessions, plenary and moderated discussions, breakout group exercises and discussions. The Secretariat, in consultation with collaborating organizations, will nominate workshop co-chairs for the plenary, as well as facilitators and rapporteurs for the breakout groups, based on the experience and expertise of the workshop participants.
8. The list of documents for the workshop is contained in annex I. These documents can be found on the workshop webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/006239>.
9. The proposed organization of work for the workshop is contained in annex II.
10. The workshop will be conducted in English, with in-session interpretation in Spanish and French.

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

11. The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and representatives from FAO, CRFM, the UNEP Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean, WECAFC, and the CLME+ Interim Coordination Mechanism will open the meeting at 10 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on Wednesday, 20 April 2022.

#### **ITEM 2. WORKSHOP BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES, SCOPE AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

12. The Secretariat will deliver a presentation to review the meeting background and objectives, followed by a question-and-answer session.

#### **ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION TO OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES**

13. Representatives from the Secretariat and from FAO will introduce the participants to the OECM approach and provide an overview of the OECM criteria in a presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session.
14. Next, a representative from FAO will provide a presentation on various types of area-based fisheries measures and the types of biodiversity benefits they may provide.
15. A presentation highlighting examples of existing OECMs will follow, delivered by a representative from IUCN-FEG.
16. Lastly, FAO will further present on the relevant outcomes of the FAO Committee on Fisheries regarding OECMs and introduce a primer on OECMS, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session and a plenary discussion.

#### **ITEM 4. REGIONAL CONTEXT AND NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION**

17. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat of the CLME+ Interim Coordination Mechanism will provide a presentation on supporting cross-sectoral area-based conservation in the wider Caribbean.
18. Then, the Cartagena Convention Secretariat/CEP will provide a presentation on the strategies, targets and work at the regional scale for area-based conservation.

19. Next, a representative from CRFM will follow with a presentation on the strategies, targets and work at the regional scale as well, but for sustainable fisheries instead.

20. Finally, a representative from CRFM will present on the status and types of area-based fisheries measures in the region, followed by a question-and-answer session for this agenda item.

21. Following the presentations from the regional organizations, a moderated discussion will take place, primarily focusing on national experiences.

#### **ITEM 5. CRITERIA FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES**

22. A representative from FAO will provide an overarching presentation on the OECM criteria, which will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

#### **ITEM 6. IDENTIFYING AND REPORTING EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES**

23. Under this agenda item, representatives from the Secretariat and from FAO will deliver a presentation on the process and approaches for reporting on OECMs.

24. Participants will then discuss potential challenges in applying the OECM criteria and managing OECMs in the region, in a discussion moderated by the co-chairs.

25. Next, a representative from IUCN-FEG will present on areas in potential need of capacity-building to support OECM identification, followed by a plenary discussion and a short introduction to part II of the workshop.

#### **ITEM 7. APPLYING THE CRITERIA FOR EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES TO ILLUSTRATIVE CASE STUDIES**

26. Under this agenda item, a breakout group exercise will be organized. A representative from IUCN-FEG will explain how the breakout groups will operate, with each breakout group examining a different case study and then reporting back to plenary.

#### **ITEM 8. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS**

27. To conclude the meeting, participants will have the opportunity to discuss lessons in applying criteria in the region and what is needed to do this effectively, in a discussion moderated by the co-chairs, followed by a wrap-up plenary discussion and a discussion on future steps.

28. Lastly, a representative from the Secretariat of the CLME+ Interim Coordination Mechanism will deliver a presentation on sources of support to help identify OECMs in the region, followed by a plenary discussion.

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

29. The meeting is expected to close at 2.30 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) Thursday, 28 April 2022.

*Annex I***LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE MEETING**

<i>Official documents</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/SOI/WS/2022/1/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/SOI/WS/2022/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
<i>Information documents</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD COP decision 14/8	Protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures
<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/10	Report of the Expert Meeting on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures in the Marine Capture Fishery Sector
	Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures in Marine Capture Fisheries: Systematic approach to Identification, use and performance assessment
	Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 quick guide
	IUCN OECM guidelines
	Link to UNEP-WCMC World Database on OECMs (WD-OECM)
CBD/SOI/WS/2017/1/2	Report of Sustainable Ocean Initiative Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the Wider Caribbean and Central America
	Report of the ICES/IUCN-CEM FEG Workshop on Testing OECM Practices and Strategies (WKTOPS)

*Annex II*

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

**Day 1 (20 April)**

<b>Time (EDT)</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>
10 – 10.30 am	<b>Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting</b> <i>Opening statements (5 min each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elizabeth Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>Manuel Barange, Director of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, FAO</li> <li>Milton Haughton, Executive Director, CRFM Secretariat</li> <li>Yvette Diei Ouadi, Executive Secretary, WECAFC</li> <li>Vincent Sweeney, Head of UNEP Caribbean Sub-Regional Office</li> <li>Patrick Debels, CLME+ Regional Coordinator, Secretariat of the CLME+ Interim Coordination Mechanism</li> </ul>
10.30 – 10.45 am	<b>Agenda item 2. Workshop background, objectives, scope and expected outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation on background and objectives (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>by Joe Appiott (SCBD)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10.45 am – 12 pm	<b>Agenda item 3. Introduction to other effective area-based conservation measures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of the OECM approach and overview of the criteria (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>by Joe Appiott (SCBD) / Amber Himes-Cornell (FAO)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Presentations on types of area-based fisheries measures and types of biodiversity benefits they may provide (12 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>by Amber Himes-Cornell (FAO)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Presentation of examples of already-identified OECMs elsewhere (12 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>by Serge Garcia (IUCN-FEG)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Presentation on relevant outcomes of FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) regarding OECMs (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>by Amber Himes-Cornell (FAO)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Presentation on FAO's OECM Primer (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>by Tundi Agardy (FAO)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> Q&A and discussion (15 min)
12 – 12.30 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
12.30 – 1.45 pm	<b>Agenda item 4. Regional context and national implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation on a Regional Ocean Coordination Mechanism: scope for supporting cross-sectoral area-based conservation in the wider Caribbean (12 min)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ by Patrick Debels Secretariat of the CLME+ Interim Coordination Mechanism</li> <li>• Presentation of strategies/targets/work at the regional scale for area-based conservation (12 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ by Tamoy Singh (Cartagena Convention/CEP)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Presentation of strategies/targets/work at the regional scale for sustainable fisheries (12 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ by Peter Murray (CRFM)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Presentations on status and types of area-based fisheries measures in the region (12 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ By Maren Heady (CRFM)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Q&amp;A (20 min)</li> </ul>
1.45 – 2.30 pm	Moderated discussion on relevant national experiences ( <i>moderated by Patrick Debels (CLME+)</i> )

**Day 2 (21 April)**

Time (EDT)	Agenda item
10 – 11 am	<b>Agenda item 5. Criteria for the identification of effective area-based conservation measures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on criteria (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ by Amber Himes-Cornell (FAO)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Q&amp;A on criteria (30 min)</li> </ul>
11 – 11.15 am	<b>Agenda item 6. Identifying and reporting effective area-based conservation measures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on process and approaches for reporting OECMs (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ by Joe Appiott (SCBD) / Amber Himes-Cornell (FAO)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11.15 am – 12 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderated discussion on potential challenges in applying OECM criteria and managing OECMs in the region (30 min) (<i>moderated by co-chairs</i>)</li> </ul>
12 – 12.30 pm	BREAK
12.30 – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on areas in potential need of capacity-building to support OECM identification (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ by Serge Garcia (IUCN-FEG)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion (15 min)</li> </ul>
1 – 2 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Part II of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ by Serge Garcia (IUCN-FEG)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>

**Day 3 (27 April)**

Time (EDT)	Agenda item
10 – 10.30 am	<b>Agenda item 7. Applying the criteria for effective area-based conservation measures criteria to illustrative case studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to breakout group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ by Serge Garcia (FEG)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
10.30 am – 12 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakout group work</li> </ul>
12 – 12.30 pm	BREAK
12.30 – 2 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakout group work</li> </ul>
2 – 2.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary session to check on progress</li> </ul>

**Day 4 (28 April)**

Time (EDT)	Agenda item
10 – 11.30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakout group work</li> </ul>
11.30 am – 12 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report back to plenary</li> </ul>
12 – 12.30 pm	BREAK
12.30 – 1.15 pm	<b>Agenda item 8. Conclusions and next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on lessons in applying OECM criteria and managing OECMs in the region; what is needed to do this effectively? (<i>moderated by co-chairs</i>)</li> </ul>
1.15 – 2.15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap-up plenary discussion and on future steps</li> <li>• Presentation and discussion on sources of support to help identify and manage OECMs in the region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ by Patrick Debels Secretariat of the CLME+ Interim Coordination Mechanism</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
2.15 – 2.30 pm	<b>Agenda item 9. Closing of the meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing</li> </ul>