



## Convention on Biological Diversity

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**Legal expert workshop to review  
modalities for modifying the descriptions  
of ecologically or biologically significant  
marine areas and describing new areas**  
Oslo, 23–27 November 2023

### Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
  2. Workshop background, objectives, scope and expected outcomes.
  3. Understanding the process under the Convention to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas.
  4. Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in the context of the international ocean framework.
  5. Experiences from other processes to describe marine areas of significance.
  6. Modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and description of new areas:
    - (a) General considerations in the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas;
    - (b) Repository and information-sharing mechanism;
    - (c) Reasons for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas;
    - (d) Proponents for the description and modification of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas;
    - (e) Modalities for modification and description.
  7. Other documents related to the modalities for modification and description.
  8. Next steps.
  9. Closure of the meeting.
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