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FIRST MEETING OF THE INFORMAL ADVISORY
GROUP ON ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY
SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS
Montreal, 30 June -1 July 2018

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
 2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Election of the co-chairs;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Organization of work.
 3. Meeting background, scope and expected outputs.
 4. Issues for in-depth discussion:
 - (a) Scope, approaches and steps for revising and further developing existing scientific guidance on the application of the scientific criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs);
 - (b) Scope, approaches and steps for revising and further developing existing training manuals, including the training manual on the application of EBSAs and the training manual on the incorporation of traditional knowledge into the description and identification of EBSAs;
 - (c) Preliminary results of a scientific gap analysis of the process of regional workshops to facilitate the description of the EBSAs under the Convention on Biological Diversity, and implications for the future work on EBSAs;
 - (d) Scope, approaches and steps for improving the functionality of the EBSA repository and the information-sharing mechanism.
 5. Other matters.
 6. Closure of the meeting.
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