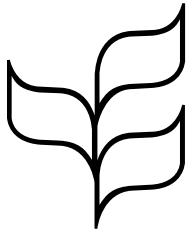




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Berlin, 5-8 December 2017

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the workshop.
  2. Election of the workshop co-chairs, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
  3. Workshop background, scope and expected output.
  4. Review of regional and national experience on, and lessons learned from, the description of areas meeting the scientific criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas.
  5. Review of relevant global, regional and national experience on, and lessons learned from, the application of area-based management tools for significant and/or sensitive/vulnerable areas as useful examples and insights for the workshop deliberations.
  6. Development of options regarding procedures within the Convention to modify the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria and to describe new areas.
  7. Development of options for strengthening the scientific credibility and transparency of the EBSA process.
  8. Other matters.
  9. Adoption of the report.
  10. Closure of the workshop.
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