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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 output.
4. Review of relevant scientific data/information/maps compiled for the workshop
5. Description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas through application of the scientific criteria (decision IX/20, annex I) and other relevant compatible and complementary nationally and intergovernmentally agreed scientific criteria, as well as the scientific guidance on the application of EBSA criteria.
6. Identification of gaps and needs for further elaboration in describing EBSAs, including the need for the development of scientific capacity and future scientific collaboration.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report.
9. Closure of the workshop.

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