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REGIONAL WORKSHOP TO FACILITATE THE DESCRIPTION OF ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS IN THE BLACK SEA AND THE CASPIAN SEA AND TRAINING SESSION ON ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS
Baku, 24-29 April 2017

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to work with Parties and other Governments as well as competent organizations and regional initiatives, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), regional seas conventions and action plans, and, where appropriate, regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) to organize, including the setting of terms of reference, a series of regional workshops, with a primary objective to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) through the application of the scientific criteria given in annex I to decision IX/20 as well as other relevant compatible and complementary nationally and intergovernmentally agreed scientific criteria, as well as the scientific guidance on the identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20 (see decision X/29, para.36).

2. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested that the Executive Secretary make available the scientific and technical data and information and results collated through the workshops described above to participating Parties, other Governments, intergovernmental agencies and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) for their use according to their competencies.

3. Subsequently, at its eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth meetings, the Conference of the Parties reviewed the outcomes, respectively, of the first, second and third sets of regional workshops conducted, and requested the Executive Secretary to include the summary reports prepared by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, as contained in the annexes to decisions XI/17, XII/22 and XIII/12, in the repository of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, and to submit the summary reports to the United Nations General Assembly, in particular its Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: the Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, as well as Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations in line with the purpose and procedures set out in decisions X/29, XI/17 and XII/22, and also requested the Executive Secretary to submit the reports to the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (decisions XI/17, XII/22 and XIII/12).

4. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention, at its thirteenth meeting, also requested the Executive Secretary, in line with paragraph 36 of decision X/29, paragraph 12 of decision XI/17 and paragraph 6 of decision XII/22, to continue to facilitate the description of areas meeting the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas through the organization of additional regional or subregional workshops where Parties wish workshops to be held.

5. Pursuant to the above requests and with financial support from the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is convening the CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Black Sea and Caspian Sea region, from 25 to 29 April 2017, preceded by a training session on EBSAs in Baku, on 24 April 2017. The workshop will be hosted by the Government of Azerbaijan and organized in collaboration with the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution (BSC), the Tehran Convention Interim Secretariat (TCIS), the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS). Scientific and technical support for this workshop is being provided by Duke University/Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative.

6. A list of documents for the workshop is contained in annex I.

7. The Secretariat has issued an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop (https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/ebsaws-2017-01/other/ebsaws-2017-01-info-note-en.pdf). The language of the workshop will be English and Russian.

8. The workshop will be preceded by a one-day training session on Monday, 24 April 2017.

9. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 April 2017.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

10. Representatives of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution and the Tehran Convention Interim Secretariat will open the workshop at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 April 2017.

ITEM 2. ELECTION OF THE WORKSHOP CO-CHAIRS, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

11. After a brief explanation by the CBD Secretariat on procedures for electing the workshop co-chairs, the participants will be invited to elect the workshop co-chairs, based on proposals from the floor.

12. Participants will then be invited to consider the provisional agenda (CBD/EBSA/WS/2017/1/1) and the proposed organization of work, as contained in annex II to the present document, and adopt them following any amendments deemed necessary.

13. The workshop will be organized in plenary and breakout-group sessions. The workshop co-chairs will nominate facilitators and rapporteurs for the plenary and breakout sessions, based on the expertise and experience of the workshop participants and in consultation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

ITEM 3. WORKSHOP BACKGROUND, SCOPE AND OUTPUT

14. The representative of the Secretariat will give an overview of the EBSA process under the Convention on Biological Diversity, workshop objectives and expected outputs/outcomes of the workshop. Selected experts will also be invited to provide presentations on the following:

(a) Scientific guidance on the application of the EBSA criteria;

(b) Overview of relevant scientific programmes on a regional scale;

(c) Regional overview of biogeographic information on open-ocean water and deep-sea habitats and a proposed geographic scope for the workshop.

15. Workshop participants will be invited, building upon the presentations, to exchange views on the geographic scope of the workshop and the workshop outputs/outcomes.

ITEM 4. REVIEW OF RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC DATA/INFORMATION/MAPS COMPILED FOR THE WORKSHOP

16. Under this item, participants will have before them a note by the Executive Secretary (CBD/EBSA/WS/2017/1/2) transmitting a compilation of the submissions of scientific information submitted by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to describe areas meeting the scientific criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in the Black Sea and Caspian Sea region, made in response to the Secretariat's notification 2017-002 (Ref. No. SCBD/SPS/DC/JL/JG/84836), dated 17 January 2017. Participants will also have before them a note by the Executive Secretary (CBD/EBSA/WS/2017/1/3) transmitting a compilation and synthesis of scientific data in support of the workshop objectives. The documents/references submitted prior to the workshop are being made available for the information of workshop participants on the webpage (https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EBSAWS-2017-01).

17. Workshop participants will be invited to review, through individual presentations and open plenary discussion, relevant scientific data/information/maps in relation to their potential contribution to describing areas meeting EBSA criteria.

ITEM 5. DESCRIPTION OF AREAS MEETING THE SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA FOR EBSAs AND OTHER RELEVANT COMPATIBLE AND COMPLEMENTARY NATIONALLY AND INTERGOVERNMENTALLY AGREED SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA

18. Under this item, based on the compilation mentioned above and building on the above presentations and deliberations of the workshop in plenary session, participants will be invited to split into breakout groups (details of groupings to be determined by the workshop plenary) to consider the description of areas meeting the scientific criteria for EBSAs and other relevant compatible and complementary nationally and intergovernmentally agreed scientific criteria. Depending on the number of participants, further subgroupings can be made as advised by the workshop co-chairs, in consultation with the Secretariat.

19. The results of the breakout groups will be reported to the plenary for consideration. The workshop participants in the plenary session will review the potential areas that meet the scientific criteria for EBSAs proposed by the breakout group sessions and consider them for inclusion in the final list of areas meeting the EBSA criteria.

ITEM 6. IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS AND NEEDS FOR FURTHER ELABORATION IN DESCRIBING AREAS MEETING EBSA CRITERIA, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENTIFIC CAPACITY AND SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION

20. Building on the workshop deliberations on describing areas meeting the scientific criteria for EBSAs, workshop participants will be invited to identify, through the theme presentations and open plenary discussion, gaps and needs for further elaboration in describing areas meeting the EBSA criteria, including the need for the development of scientific capacity and scientific collaboration.

ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS

21. Under this item, consideration may be given to any other matters of relevance raised by participants.

ITEM 8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

22. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the workshop on the basis of a draft report to be prepared and presented by the workshop co-chairs.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

23. The workshop is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 29 April 2017.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP TO FACILITATE THE DESCRIPTION OF ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS IN THE BLACK SEA AND THE CASPIAN SEA

Official documents	*Title*
CBD/EBSA/WS/2017/1/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/EBSA/WS/2017/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
CBD/EBSA/WS/2017/1/2	Compilation of submissions of scientific information to describe areas meeting the scientific criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) in the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea
CBD/EBSA/WS/2017/1/3	Data to inform the Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas in the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea
Other documents	*Title*
	Information Note for Participants
Brochure	Azores Scientific Criteria and Guidance for identifying ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and designing representative networks of marine protected areas in open ocean waters and deep sea habitats
UNEP/CBD/EWS.MPA/1/2	Report of the Expert Workshop on Ecological Criteria and Biogeographic Classification Systems for Marine Areas in Need of Protection, Azores, Portugal, 2-4 October 2007
UNEP/CBD/EW-BCS&IMA/1/2	Report of the Expert Workshop on Scientific and Technical Guidance on the Use of Biogeographic Classification Systems and Identification of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction in Need of Protection, Ottawa, 29 September–2 October 2009
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/9	Training Manual for the Description of Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) in Open-Ocean Waters and Deep-sea Habitats (draft)
Brochure	EBSA
Website	EBSA website

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 24 April 2017—TRAINING SESSION on EBSAs

Time	Workshop Activities
9 to 9.30 a.m.	**Opening and introduction of participants**
9.30 to 10:30 a.m.	**Session I. Global context of marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable use** • CBD's work on marine and coastal biodiversity, including EBSAs • Aichi Biodiversity Targets, Sustainable Development Goals and relevant global processes • Plenary discussion
10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.	**Session II. Regional context of marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable use** • Theme presentations on regional and subregional efforts to facilitate achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals • Plenary discussion
12 to 1.30 p.m.	*Lunch*
1.30 to 2.30 p.m.	**Session III. Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas** • Scientific Criteria for EBSAs • Description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria • Use of EBSA information for the application of the ecosystem approach and marine spatial planning
2.30 to 3 p.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
3 to 5 p.m.	***Session III continued*** • Group exercise on using scientific data to describe areas meeting the EBSA criteria

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

Time	Workshop Activities
9 to 10 a.m.	**Agenda item 1. Opening of the workshop** **Agenda item 2. Election of the workshop co-chairs, adoption of the agenda**

	and organization of work
10 to 10.30 a.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	**Agenda item 3. Workshop background, scope and output** *Plenary session* • CBD EBSA process • Workshop objectives and expected outputs/outcomes • Regional overview of biogeographic information on open ocean water and deep-sea habitats and a proposed geographic scope for the workshop. • Plenary discussion
12.30 to 2 p.m.	*Lunch break*
2 to 3.30 p.m.	**Agenda item 4. Review of relevant scientific data/information/maps compiled for the workshop** *Plenary session* • Theme presentations: (i) Review of scientific information compiled and (ii) Review of site-based submissions • Plenary discussion
3.30 to 4 p.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
4 to 5 p.m.	**Agenda item 4.** ***(continued)***

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

Time	Workshop Activities
9 to 10.30 a.m.	**Agenda item 5. Description of areas meeting the scientific criteria for EBSAs and other relevant compatible and complementary nationally and intergovernmentally agreed scientific criteria** *Plenary session* • Sharing views and suggestions on describing areas meeting the EBSA criteria *Breakout group sessions* • Groups based on the results of plenary discussion *Plenary session* • Reporting of the results of breakout group session • Consideration of potential areas meeting the EBSA criteria proposed by breakout groups
10.30 to 11 a.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
11.a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	**Agenda item 5** ***(continued)***
12.30 to 2 p.m.	*Lunch break*

2 to 3.30 p.m.	**Agenda item 5** ***(continued)***
3.30 to 4 p.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
4 to 5 p.m.	**Agenda item 5** ***(continued)***

Thursday, 27 April 2017

Time	Workshop Activities
9 to 10.30 a.m.	**Agenda item 5** ***(continued)***
10.30 to 11 a.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	**Agenda item 5** ***(continued)***
12.30 to 2 p.m.	*Lunch break*
2 to 3.30 p.m.	**Agenda item 5** ***(continued)***
3.30 to 4 p.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
4 to 5 p.m.	**Agenda item 5** ***(continued)***

Friday 28, April 2017

Time	Workshop Activities
9 to 10.30 a.m.	**Agenda item 5** ***(continued)***
10.30 to 11 a.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	**Agenda item 5** ***(continued)***
12.30 to 2 p.m.	*Lunch break*
2 to 5 p.m.	**Agenda item 6. Identification of gaps and needs for further elaboration in describing areas meeting the EBSA criteria, including the need for the development of scientific capacity and scientific collaboration** *Plenary session* • Theme presentation Sharing views and suggestions on necessary capacity development and collaboration activities **Agenda item 7. Other matters**

Saturday, 29 April 2017

Time	Workshop Activities
9 to 10.30 a.m.	*Preparation of the workshop report by the chair, facilitators and rapporteurs*
10.30 to 11 a.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	**Agenda item 8. Adoption of the report**
12.30 to 2 p.m.	*Lunch break*
2 to 3.30 p.m.	**Agenda item 8** ***(continued)***

3.30 to 4 p.m.	*Coffee/tea break*
4 to 5 p.m.	**Agenda item 9. Closure of the workshop**

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