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**EXPERT WORKSHOP ON
ECOLOGICAL CRITERIA AND
BIOGEOGRAPHIC
CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR
MARINE AREAS IN NEED OF
PROTECTION**

Azores Portugal, 2-4 October, 2007

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Refining and developing a consolidated set of scientific criteria for identifying ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in need of protection, in open ocean waters and deep sea habitats, building upon existing sets of criteria used nationally, regionally and globally.
4. Compiling biogeographical and ecological classification systems for delineating ocean regions and ecosystems, building on existing broad classification systems, and including more detailed sub regional classification systems where they exist in a nested approach, and initiating future development by making recommendations for further work to fill gaps.
5. Compiling a consolidated set of scientific criteria for representative networks of marine protected areas, including in open ocean waters and deep sea habitats.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.
