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First meeting

Montreal, 11-15 July 2005

Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on the Implementation of Integrated Marine and Coastal Area Management (IMCAM) is to assist the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in identifying obstacles to the implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management nationally and regionally, and proposing strategies, such as partnerships, tools and other means, to overcome those obstacles. The AHTEG will also provide guidance on the application of such tools. This work, which has been made possible with generous support from the Government of the Netherlands, will be used in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity to assist countries in more effectively implementing IMCAM.

2. Specifically, the mandate for the work of the AHTEG is based on activity (c) of operational objective 1.1 of the programme of work on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity (decision VII/5, annex I). The goal of the Convention's work on this topic is to promote and improve the implementation of IMCAM at the local, national and regional level, and the work of the AHTEG will contribute towards this goal.

3. The terms of reference of the AHTEG were approved by SBSTTA in the annex to its recommendation VIII/3. The terms of reference request the AHTEG to:

(a) Review the work undertaken under programme element 1 (IMCAM) of the Programme of Work on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity, including the existing guidance on the Convention on Biological Diversity and IMCAM developed by the Government of the Netherlands; the Ramsar Convention guidelines; relevant regional initiatives; the results of the ad hoc technical expert groups on marine and coastal protected areas and mariculture; the relevant sections of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development; and the obstacles to implementation identified by Parties;

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(b) Based on task (a), propose a set of targeted enabling activities that could best overcome the identified obstacles to the implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management nationally and regionally; and propose ways and means, such as partnerships or other means, through which they could be undertaken within the context of the Convention;

(c) Identify existing tools, including policy, institutional, technological and financial tools and mechanisms that can be used to overcome obstacles to national- and regional-level implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management. Provide guidance to Parties on the application of such tools;

(d) Based on tasks (a), (b), and (c), propose priority areas for the work of the Convention, aimed at the implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management globally.

(e) When undertaking all of the tasks described above consider the special needs of and difficulties faced by stakeholders in developing countries and indigenous and local communities, and identify ways and means to foster international cooperation to assist those countries.

4. The work of the AHTEG will be undertaken keeping in mind the interconnected nature of marine and coastal ecosystems with those further inland, and acknowledging the need to manage both river basins and coastal areas in an integrated manner in the context of the ecosystem approach. In decision VII/4 paragraph 12 (relating to biological diversity of inland water ecosystems), the Conference of the Parties recognized the ecological connectedness between inland waters, estuaries and inshore coastal areas. Similarly, activity 1.1 of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (decision VII/5, annex I) promotes the application of ecosystem-based management, including through integration of coastal management activities and watershed management.

5. It is expected that during this meeting, the Group will discuss the issues outlined in the terms of reference. The results of the AHTEG's work will be reported to the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA). The results will also be made available to the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity through other means, including through the Convention's clearing-house mechanism, and as a technical publication.

6. A list of documents for the meeting is attached as annex II.

7. Registration of participants will commence at 9 a.m. on Monday, 11 July 2005 at the premises of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

8. The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 11 July 2005.

9. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group members and observers will be invited to introduce themselves.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of Chairperson

10. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group will be invited to elect its Co-Chairs.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

11. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/IMCAM/1/1) will be before the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group for consideration and adoption.

2.3. Organization of work

12. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group is invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting contained in annex I to the present annotated provisional agenda.

13. The AHTEG may wish to start its work in plenary, and subsequently break into working groups as required, for more detailed deliberation and drafting.

ITEM 3. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

14. Agenda item 3 is the main substantive item of the agenda. To initiate discussion, a representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will review the objective of the AHTEG, its background, including the relevant Convention processes and decisions, as well as the expected outputs of the meeting. The presentation is followed by discussion related to the overall mandate of the AHTEG.

15. Agenda item 3 contains five sub-items, each corresponding to one of the activities in the terms of reference of the AHTEG. Each sub-item will be introduced by the Secretariat. Following this introduction, the Group is invited to discuss the issues raised.

3.1. Review the work undertaken under programme element 1 (IMCAM) of the Programme of Work on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity,

16. Under this agenda item, the Group is invited to review and discuss previous work on integrated marine and coastal area management carried out under the Convention on Biological Diversity and other international and regional processes, including goals and targets relating to the management of the marine and coastal resources, which have been adopted by the Convention on Biological Diversity, the World Summit on Sustainable Development and some Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans. At the same time, the Group is also invited to consider impediments to effective management of coastal and ocean resources, which might prevent these goals and targets from being reached.

17. Previous work relating to integrated marine and coastal area management includes the technical guidance produced by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas (CBD Technical Series No. 13); guidance on integrated marine and coastal area management approaches for implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD Technical Series No. 14); the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Mariculture (CBD Technical Series No. 12), and guidance produced by the Ramsar Convention (UNEP/CBD/IMCAM/1/INF/1). Specific goals and targets are also compiled in document UNEP/CBD/IMCAM/1/INF/2. In addition, participants are encouraged to bring to the attention of the Secretariat prior to the meeting, and introduce to the discussions, additional relevant documents they are familiar with, particularly regional and national documents on implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management. The background document (UNEP/CBD/IMCAM/1/2) provides a preliminary list of obstacles identified by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and others involved in implementing integrated marine and coastal area management. The Group may wish to discuss to what degree obstacles to implementing integrated marine and coastal area management are considered in the existing documents, and how such obstacles would impede progress in reaching the goals and targets adopted internationally and regionally.

18. Based on this review, the Group is invited to produce a list of obstacles to implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management on the national and regional level. This list should be as complete as possible, and should include consideration of institutional, scientific, socio-economic, and legal issues, as well as any other relevant issues.

3.2. *Development of a set of targeted enabling activities to overcome the identified obstacles.*

19. Under this agenda item, and based on the task undertaken, the Group is invited to propose a set of enabling activities that could best be utilized to overcome each of the identified obstacles to the implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management nationally and regionally; and propose ways and means, such as partnerships or other means, through which they could be undertaken within the context of the Convention. The background document (UNEP/CBD/IMCAM/1/2) provides preliminary proposals for such enabling activities. If deemed appropriate, members of the Group may wish to split into smaller sub-groups to consider different categories of obstacles.

20. The end result of the discussions should be a table of obstacles vs. one or several enabling activities. After concluding their discussions, the Group is invited to compile and finalize their proposals for enabling activities.

3.3. *Identify existing tools, including policy, institutional, technological and financial tools and mechanisms that can be used to overcome obstacles to national and regional-level implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management*

21. Under this agenda item, the Group is invited to identify existing tools that can be used to overcome obstacles to national and regional-level implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management. These tools can include policy, institutional, and financial tools and mechanisms, or any other appropriate tools that can be applied for this purpose. The background document (UNEP/CBD/IMCAM/1/2) provides a first set of proposals for existing tools, which the Group may wish to amend and update as part of their discussions. Any gaps in the availability of tools should also be noted. As before, the Group may wish to split into smaller sub-groups to consider different categories of tools.

22. The result of these discussions should be a list of tools that could be included as an additional column in the table of obstacles vs. enabling activities constructed under agenda item 3.2. In addition, and in order to assist the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Group is invited to produce concise guidance for the application of the identified tools.

3.4. *Based on tasks undertaken as part of agenda items 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3, propose priority areas for the work of the Convention, aimed at the implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management globally*

23. Under this agenda item, the Group is invited to review the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity of the Convention on Biological Diversity (decision VII/5) as it applies to integrated marine and coastal area management. Based on this review, and on the discussions under previous agenda items, the Group is requested to propose priority areas for the work of the Convention aimed at enhancing the implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management nationally, regionally and globally.

24. The result of these discussions should be a set of priority activities that could, in the future, be integrated into the component of programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity addressing integrated marine and coastal area management.

3.5 *Identify ways and means to foster international cooperation to assist stakeholders in developing countries and indigenous and local communities in implementing integrated marine and coastal area management*

25. Under this agenda item, the Group is invited to consider how international cooperation could be fostered to assist stakeholders in developing countries, as well as indigenous and local communities, to implement integrated marine and coastal area management. In particular, the Group is asked to outline the type of assistance these stakeholder groups would require in order to either effectively implement integrated marine and coastal area management, or to participate in coastal area management programs affecting the resources they depend on for their livelihoods. Some preliminary proposals towards this end are included in the background document for this meeting (UNEP/CBD/IMCAM/1/2).

26. The result of these discussions should be a set of recommendations on the ways and means through which the international community can assist stakeholders in developing countries and indigenous and local communities implement integrated marine and coastal area management.

ITEM 4. PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

4.1 *Determination of need for follow-up work*

27. The Group is invited to evaluate the status of its expected outputs, and identify areas that might still require further work. The Group will then proceed to identify a strategy for finalizing its work, including through electronic means after the meeting.

4.2 *Preparation of report*

28. Based on the strategy identified in paragraph 26 above, the Group will work towards finalizing its report and other outputs. If deemed advantageous, the AHTEG may wish to split into smaller Working Groups in order to finalize the various sections of the report.

4.3 *Adoption of report*

29. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group will consider and adopt its report, on the basis of a draft to be presented by the Co-Chairs with the support of the Secretariat.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

30. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

31. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 15 July 2005.

*Annex I***PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF IMCAM*****Monday, 11 July 2005***

- 9.30 a.m. Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)
- Morning Organizational matters (agenda item 2)
- Afternoon Review of previous work and identification of obstacles (agenda item 3.1)

Tuesday, 12 July 2005

- 9 a.m. Review of progress made during the previous day and matters to be covered today
- Morning Continuation of identification of obstacles (agenda item 3.1), and proposals for enabling activities to overcome obstacles (agenda item 3.2)
- Afternoon Proposals for enabling activities to overcome obstacles (agenda item 3.2) (*continued*)

Wednesday, 13 July 2005

- 9 a.m. Review of progress made during the previous day and matters to be covered today
- Morning Identification of existing tools and mechanisms to overcome obstacles (agenda item 3.3)
- Afternoon Priority areas for the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity regarding integrated marine and coastal area management (agenda item 3.4)

Thursday, 14 July 2005

- 9 a.m. Review of progress made during the previous day and matters to be covered today
- Morning Ways and means to assist stakeholders in implementing integrated marine and coastal area management (agenda item 3.5)
- Afternoon Determination of need for follow-up work (agenda item 4.1)
- Drafting of the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (agenda item 4.2)

Friday, 15 July 2005

- Morning Drafting of the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (agenda item 4.2)
- Afternoon Adoption of the report (agenda item 4.3)
- Other matters (agenda item 5)
- 5 p.m. Closure of the meeting (agenda item 7)

Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT
GROUP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED MARINE AND COASTAL AREA
MANAGEMENT**

Working documents

UNEP/CBD/IMCAM/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/IMCAM /1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/IMCAM /1/2	Strategies for overcoming obstacles to implementation of integrated marine and coastal area management

Information documents

UNEP/CBD/IMCAM /1/INF/1	Guidance on integrated marine and coastal area management produced by the Ramsar Convention
UNEP/CBD/IMCAM /1/INF/2	Goals and targets relevant to management of marine and coastal resources adopted by international and regional processes
CBD Technical Series No. 12	Solutions for sustainable mariculture – avoiding adverse effects of mariculture on marine and coastal biodiversity (report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Mariculture)
CBD Technical Series No. 13	Technical guidance for the establishment and management of a national system of marine and coastal protected areas (A report by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Marine and Coastal Protected Areas)
CBD Technical Series No. 14	Integrated marine and coastal area management approaches for implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity

Decision VII/5 on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity

Other documents

Information for participants
