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EXPERT WORKSHOP TO PREPARE PRACTICAL GUIDANCE ON PREVENTING AND MITIGATING THE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS OF MARINE DEBRIS ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY AND HABITATS

Baltimore, United States of America, 2-4 December 2014

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in its decision XI/18 A, requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations, including the Convention on Migratory Species, and indigenous and local communities to convene an expert workshop to provide consolidated practical guidance on preventing and mitigating the significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats that can be applied by Parties and other Governments in their implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity.
2. Pursuant to this request, the Executive Secretary is convening, with financial support from the European Commission, the Expert Workshop to Prepare Practical Guidance on Preventing and Mitigating the Significant Adverse Impacts of Marine Debris on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Habitats, to be held in Baltimore, United States of America, from 2 to 4 December 2014.
3. In this regard, the Secretariat issued a notification 2014-042,¹ dated 20 March 2014, requesting Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit relevant information concerning the objectives of the workshop. Submissions received were compiled and are being made available for the information of participants in the workshop (UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/3/INF/1).
4. To further facilitate effective contribution of inputs to this expert workshop, the Secretariat has commissioned a background study, with financial support from the European Commission, to contribute to the preparation of practical guidance on preventing and mitigating the significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats. The report of this study is being made available for the information of participants in the workshop (UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/3/INF/2).
5. A list of the documents for the meeting is attached as annex I to the present document. Other documents, including, in particular, submissions by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations can be found at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=MCBEM-2014-03>.
6. 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. The language of the workshop will be English.

¹ Ref. no. SCBD/SAM/DC/JL/JA/JMQ/83342.

7. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 2 December 2014.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

8. Representatives of the hosting government and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 2 December 2014.

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

9. The participants will be invited to elect the meeting co-chairs based on proposals from the floor.
10. Participants will then be invited to consider the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/3/1) and adopt it following any amendments, if needed.
11. The meeting co-chairs will invite the Secretariat to brief the meeting on the objectives and the expected outputs of the workshop. Participants will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work as contained in annex II below.
12. The meeting co-chairs will invite relevant experts to serve as break-out session facilitators and rapporteurs, as they find appropriate, in consultation with the Secretariat.

ITEM 3. REVIEW OF THE IMPACTS OF MARINE DEBRIS ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY AND HABITATS

13. In its consideration of this agenda item, the meeting will have before it:
- (a) A compilation of submissions by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations (UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/3/INF/1) in response to the above-mentioned notification dated 20 March 2014, as described above in paragraph 3;
 - (b) An information document prepared by the Executive Secretary, based on the results of the background study (UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/3/INF/2), as described above in paragraph 4;
 - (c) CBD Technical Series no.67: Impacts of Marine Debris on Biodiversity; and
 - (d) An information document on Marine Debris as a Global Environmental Problem, by the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/15).
14. Meeting participants will be invited to share, through open discussions, their global, regional and national experiences and knowledge on the impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats.
15. For its deliberations under this agenda item, the workshop will focus on:
- (a) Major types and sources of marine debris, including land-based and sea-based sources;
 - (b) Impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats;
 - (c) Monitoring, modelling and mapping to address the impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats; and
 - (d) Major knowledge gaps on sources and impacts of marine debris.

ITEM 4. PREPARATION OF PRACTICAL GUIDANCE ON PREVENTING AND MITIGATING SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS OF MARINE DEBRIS ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY AND HABITATS

16. In its consideration of this agenda item, based on the above-mentioned information documents and the compilation of submissions by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations in response to notification 2014-042, and building on deliberations of the workshop plenary under the agenda item 3, participants will then discuss the preparation of practical guidance on preventing and mitigating significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats.

17. For its deliberations, in both plenary and break-out group sessions, the meeting will focus on:

(a) Experiences and approaches with regard to land-based sources, including measures related to waste reduction, reuse and recycling as well as other waste management measures;

(b) Experiences and approaches with regard to sea-based sources, including measures related to fisheries and maritime transport;

(c) Private sector engagement and producer responsibility;

(d) Improving awareness, collaboration and stewardship among international, regional, national and local stakeholders, and across sectors; and

(e) Addressing capacity gaps and resource needs to implement measures for prevention and mitigation.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

18. Under this item, the workshop may wish to consider any other matters of relevance raised by participants.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

19. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the meeting on the basis of a draft report to be prepared and presented by the workshop co-chairs with the assistance of the Secretariat.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

20. The meeting is expected to close at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 4 December 2014.

Annex I

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE EXPERT WORKSHOP TO PREPARE PRACTICAL
GUIDANCE ON PREVENTING AND MITIGATING THE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS
OF MARINE DEBRIS ON MARINE AND COASTAL BIODIVERSITY AND HABITATS**

Working documents	Title
UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/3/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/3/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
Information documents	Title
UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/3/INF/1	Compilation of submissions by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to support the discussions of the Expert Workshop to Prepare Practical Guidance on Preventing and Mitigating the Significant Adverse Impacts of Marine Debris on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/3/INF/2	Background document on the preparation of practical guidance on preventing and mitigating the significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats
CBD Technical Series No. 67	CBD Technical Series No. 67: Impacts of Marine Debris on Biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/15	Marine Debris as a Global Environmental Problem, an information document of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2014

9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting • Representative of the hosting Government • Representative of the Executive Secretary of the CBD • Introduction of meeting participants
9.30 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.	Agenda item 2. Election of the meeting co-chairs, adoption of the agenda and organization of work <i>Brief introduction by the Secretariat on the objectives and expected outputs of the workshop</i>
9.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3. Review of the impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats <i>Theme presentations</i> <i>Plenary session</i> • Major types and sources of marine debris, including land-based and sea-based sources; • Impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats; • Monitoring, modelling and mapping to address the impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats; and • Major knowledge gaps on sources and impacts of marine debris.
12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4. Preparation of practical guidance on preventing and mitigating significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitats <i>Theme presentations</i> <i>Plenary/Break-out group sessions</i> • Experiences and approaches with regard to land-based sources, including measures related to waste reduction, reuse and recycling as well as other waste management measures; • Experiences and approaches with regard to sea-based sources, including measures related to fisheries and maritime transport;

	• Private sector engagement and producer responsibility; • Improving awareness, collaboration and stewardship among international, regional, national and local stakeholders, and across sectors; and • Addressing capacity gaps and resource needs to implement measures for prevention and mitigation.
3.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	<i>Continuation of agenda item 4</i>

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2014

9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	<i>Continuation of agenda item 4</i>
10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	<i>Continuation of agenda item 4</i>
12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	<i>Continuation of agenda item 4</i>
3.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	<i>Continuation of agenda item 4</i>

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2014

9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	Agenda item 5. Other matters
10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	<i>Report preparation</i>
12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Agenda item 6. Adoption of the report
3.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	<i>Continuation of agenda item 6</i>
5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 7. Closure of the meeting