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INTRODUCTION

Enhancing Collaboration to Achieve Global Goals for Biodiversity

1. Marine ecosystems provide a wealth of benefits to humanity and the planet, including the provision of livelihoods and food security. Biological diversity underpins ecosystem functioning and the provisioning of ecosystem services essential for human well-being. The oceans, and the life therein, are critical to the healthy functioning of the planet. In fact, the biogeochemical processes they support provide half of the oxygen we breathe. Oceans provide billions of people with a substantial share of their protein intake, and support the livelihood and cultural well-being of many around the world. Clearly, the health of the oceans and the future of sustainable development are intimately intertwined. Fishery resources, in particular, constitute a major, irreplaceable contribution to nutrition and food security. Fish is a source of food that provides much of the required nutritional needs of humans, especially children. Fisheries and related activities contribute to the economy of many countries and local communities in terms of income and employment by men and women.

2. However, the maintenance of these services is threatened by unsustainable practices that impact the productivity, biodiversity and health of the marine ecosystems on which they depend. Marine ecosystems are being damaged by over-exploitation, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, destructive fishing practices as well as marine pollution (from both land-based and sea-based sources), habitat loss, and many other unsustainable human activities. Increased sea temperatures and sea-level rise, caused by climate change, as well as ocean acidification, pose further threats to marine life, coastal and island communities, and national economies. Hence this underscores the importance of improved management and conservation of biodiversity to improve the health of marine ecosystems and the multitude of services they provide.

3. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, at its tenth meeting, adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, with its Aichi Biodiversity Targets (decision X/2). The mission of the Strategic Plan is to take effective and urgent action to halt the loss of biodiversity in order to ensure that, by 2020, ecosystems are resilient and continue to provide essential services, thereby securing the planet's variety of life, and contributing to human well-being and poverty eradication.

4. The Aichi Biodiversity Targets are one of the major sets of conservation benchmarks for the current decade. The importance of biodiversity as an integral part of sustainable development lies at the core of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. These targets lay out an ambitious agenda for achieving a future where ecosystems are able to provide critical services

that underpin planetary well-being, and where the global community can sustainably and equitably benefit from biodiversity without impacting the ability of future generations to do so.

5. Biodiversity and ecosystems feature prominently in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. Through this process, global leaders emphasized the urgency of taking action to improve the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity. In particular, Sustainable Development Goal 14 provides extensive targets on marine biodiversity and ecosystems. It aims to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development and emphasizes the strong linkages between marine biodiversity and broader sustainable development objectives, and reflects the key elements of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Biodiversity and ecosystems are also a central aspect of achievement of all other Sustainable Development Goals.¹

The Role of Regional Organizations in Facilitating Achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals in Marine and Coastal Areas

6. The complexity of the issues and the diversity of the stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals necessitate enhanced cooperation and collaboration across sectors at global, regional and national levels. In particular, regional organizations that work toward enhancing the sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity can provide a link between global commitments and national implementation. Policy interactions and synergies among the existing regional organizations focusing on a diverse range of issues can facilitate the application of the ecosystem approach to the implementation of these Targets. Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (RSCAPs) and regional fisheries bodies (RFBs), which are present in most of the ocean regions around the world, have the potential to initiate regional-scale cross-sectoral collaboration and cooperation to support conservation and management measures with regards to fisheries and ecosystem health, thereby further involving a diverse range of relevant sectors.

7. RSCAPs focus on promoting regional cooperation for sound management of the marine and coastal environment. Generally, RSCAPs operate through the implementation of Action Plans, most of which are accompanied by a legally binding framework in the form of a regional convention and associated protocols relating to specific issues, including specially protected areas, protection of the environment from accidental oil and chemical spills, and from land-based pollution. There are eighteen Regional Seas Programmes, which participate in global coordination and information exchange under the UNEP Regional Seas Programme, seven of which are administered by the UNEP Regional Seas Programme (Abidjan Convention, Barcelona Convention, Cartagena Convention, East Asian Seas Action Plan, Nairobi Convention, Northwest Pacific Action Plan and Tehran Convention). While RSCAPs have programmes tailored to their respective environment, the RSCAPs formulate collective strategic directions to link the regional processes with the global processes. A core strategy for the Regional Seas Strategic Directions (2017-2020) is to “*Strategically work in collaboration with international and regional organizations, including Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) and other relevant stakeholders*”.

8. In the second session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in May 2016, the Assembly called “for continued cooperation and coordination among all relevant global and regional fora and organisations on maritime issues, to deliver coherently on Sustainable Development Goal 14 and its related goals”. It also invited “Member States and regional seas conventions and action plans, in cooperation, as appropriate, with other relevant organizations and fora, such as regional fisheries management organizations, to work towards the implementation of, and reporting on, the different ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets, and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets”.

¹ Goal 1 on poverty eradication, Goal 2 on food security and sustainable agriculture, Goal 6 on sustainable water management, Goal 8 on economic growth, Goal 9 on resilient infrastructure, Goal 11 on cities and human settlements, Goal 12 on sustainable consumption and production, and Goal 13 on combating climate change.

9. The COP has emphasized the importance of collaborating with the regional seas conventions and action plans and similar regional initiatives, in decisions X/29, XI/17, XI/18, XII/22 and XII/23, regarding in particular the Convention's work on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) and other work on addressing threats to marine and coastal biodiversity. For example, in decision X/29 (paragraph 11), the COP took note of the importance of collaboration and working jointly with relevant regional initiatives, organizations, and agreements in identifying EBSAs, in accordance with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, in particular, in enclosed or semi-enclosed seas, among riparian countries, such as the Caspian and Black seas, the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) region, Baltic Sea, Wider Caribbean Region, Mediterranean Sea, and other similar sea areas and to promote conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in those areas.

10. Regional fisheries bodies (RFBs), including regional fisheries management organizations or arrangements (RFMOs/As), are cooperative mechanisms to support the conservation and management of fisheries and related issues. The primary role of RFBs is to advise their members or to manage fish stocks throughout their range of distribution, taking into account the need for compatible conservation and management measures in areas within and beyond national jurisdiction. RFMOs are RFBs that have a management mandate and binding regulatory powers in their areas of competence. Currently, there are more than 50 RFBs worldwide, about half of which are RFMO/As with a management mandate. Fisheries management agencies have been aware of, and to varying extents working on, biodiversity-related issues for some time. The FAO Code of Conduct and its supporting documents, in particular the FAO Guidelines on the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries, recognize the importance of explicitly including ecosystem considerations in fisheries management.

11. At its tenth meeting, the COP encouraged Parties and other Governments to fully and effectively implement paragraphs 113 through 130 of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/72 on responsible fisheries in the marine ecosystem, which addresses the impacts of bottom fishing on vulnerable marine ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks in areas beyond national jurisdiction, in particular paragraphs 119 and 120. These paragraphs call on States and/or RFMOs, consistent with the FAO International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-Sea Fisheries in the High Seas and with the precautionary approach, to conduct impact assessments, further marine scientific research and to use the best scientific and technical information available to identify areas where vulnerable marine ecosystems are known or likely to occur, to either adopt conservation and management measures to prevent significant adverse impacts on such ecosystems or to close such areas to fishing, and to adopt measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of deep-sea fish stocks (both target- and non-target stocks), and not to authorize bottom-fishing activities until such measures have been adopted and implemented (decision X/29, paragraph 54). At its eleventh meeting, the COP recognized that fisheries management bodies at all levels are the right bodies to address the impacts of fisheries on biodiversity. However, there is a need for: (a) enhanced capacity of fisheries management agencies; (b) constructive interagency collaboration; and (c) full and meaningful participation of a wide range of biodiversity experts and relevant stakeholders in the fisheries management process (decision XI/18).

12. The recent Expert Meeting on Improving Progress Reporting and Working towards Implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 6, which was co-organized by FAO, the CBD Secretariat and the IUCN Fisheries Expert Group, highlighted the importance of enhanced collaboration between the biodiversity and fisheries communities, and in particular among regional fishery bodies and regional seas organizations, in accelerating, monitoring and reporting on progress towards the achievement of Aichi Target 6. The report of this meeting is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-20/information/sbstta-20-inf-27-en.pdf>

13. With respect to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, Regional Seas Organizations (RSOs) and RFBs, as part of their overall mandate, have in place specific mechanisms, programmes and/or measures that support this objective, guided by key principles such as the use of the best available science, the application of the precautionary approach and the ecosystem approach. Some RFBs, for

example, have subsidiary bodies that work directly on conservation issues, such as scientific committees and working groups on ecosystem monitoring and management, and on incidental mortality associated with fishing. Some RFBs also have a subsidiary body that promotes dialogue between science and managers designed to enhance the integration of science and ecosystem considerations into conservation and management measures.

14. Enhanced cooperation and collaboration across sectors will require opportunities to strengthen exchange of information and lessons learned, explore shared objectives, and address issues of common interest. This is particularly important at the regional level, as dedicated networks for sharing experiences between fisheries and environment institutions are weak, or largely non-existent, in many parts of the world. Regular and more rapid dissemination of information, experiences and lessons learned would facilitate uptake of best-practices and reduce the risks of costly mistakes caused by a lack of experience and knowledge. Possible mechanisms or ways to further enhance cross-sectoral coordination need to be identified, drawing upon experiences and lessons learned from their applications in different countries and at different scales.

15. Although there are some examples of progress in enhancing cooperation and coordination, such as coordination mechanisms between the OSPAR Commission and the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) in the North-East Atlantic, the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP-MAP) for the Barcelona Convention and the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) in the Mediterranean, the Black Sea Commission and GFCM, Coordinating Body of the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) and South East Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), and the Abidjan Convention and relevant RFBs in West, Central and Southern Africa, there is a need to learn from and further support such cross-sectoral regional-scale collaboration.

Building on Ongoing Regional-Level Work of the CBD

16. The CBD Secretariat has facilitated regional-scale collaboration and exchange of experiences and knowledge, including through the regional workshops to facilitate the description of EBSAs (12 workshops held thus far, covering nearly 74 per cent of world ocean areas) and SOI regional capacity development workshops, which engage CBD Parties, other Governments and relevant regional organizations and initiatives. The Conference of the Parties to the CBD has, in various decisions (decisions X/29, XI/17, XI/18, XII/22 and XII/23), highlighted the importance of collaboration with regional organizations, including RSOs and RFBs, to facilitate achievement of the Aichi Targets and implement various activities on marine and coastal biodiversity within the Convention. Also, at the global level, the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) agreed in 2007 that FAO should continue its work on biodiversity mapping as an important contribution to implementation of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries, in collaboration with the CBD.²

17. A number of regional intergovernmental processes and/or relevant regional initiatives have also recognized the importance of building on the relevant outcomes and outputs of the work of the CBD to achieve their mandates. In particular, the results of regional EBSA workshops have been discussed and/or considered, in various forms, in intergovernmental processes of the Abidjan Convention, the Nairobi Convention, the UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan for the Barcelona Convention, the Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur, the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization, the OSPAR Commission, the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization and the Sargasso Sea Commission.

Purpose of the meeting

18. Pursuant to the above-mentioned COP requests, the Executive Secretary is convening the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fisheries Bodies on Accelerating Progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in Seoul, Republic of Korea,

² FAO. Report of the twenty-seventh session of the Committee on Fisheries. Rome, 5–9 March 2007. *FAO Fisheries Report*. No. 830. Rome, FAO. 2007. 74p, paragraph 81.

from 26 to 29 September 2016, with financial support from the Government of the Republic of Korea (through the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, the Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea and the Korea Maritime Institute), the Government of Japan (through Japan Biodiversity Fund) and the European Commission. It is being organized in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Secretariat of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission, Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention, IUCN-CEM-Fisheries Expert Group, and Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative.

19. This meeting aims to facilitate dialogue to exchange experiences and to identify options and opportunities to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration among RSOs and RFBs, with a view to supporting their key role in facilitating achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the relevant Sustainable Development Goals. Specific objectives of the meeting include:

- To enhance sharing of scientific information among regional seas organizations and regional fisheries bodies as well as among regional organizations/bodies and the CBD and other relevant global processes, such as specific scientific outputs and information related to ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) and vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs), information from the Ocean Biogeographic Information System, regionally owned data/information system, and/or information regarding impacts on marine biodiversity and living resources;
- To exchange experiences and expertise in regionally applying tools and approaches for the conservation and sustainable use of marine living resources and ecosystems (e.g., ecosystem approaches, impact assessments, area-based management tools);
- To discuss the development and application of regional-scale indicators in support of the objectives and mandates of the respective regional organizations/bodies, which can also support the measuring of progress in achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals; and
- To identify diverse examples and lessons learned regarding ways of cooperation between RSOs and RFBs, including cases where national-level cross-sectoral cooperation has supported regional level cross-sectoral cooperation and vice versa.

20. The meeting also aims to raise awareness of ongoing global and regional initiatives related to fisheries management and marine biodiversity (e.g., use of scientific information related to EBSAs/VMEs and/or impacts on marine biodiversity and living resources, marine spatial planning, impact assessments, the ecosystem approach to fisheries) and will provide a forum to discuss specific tools and guidelines that will enhance science-based, cross-sectoral and ecosystem-based approaches for addressing biodiversity and fisheries issues.

21. It will build on experiences from similar meetings organized at the regional and sub-regional levels, including as part of the UNEP/FAO/Norway initiative on the development of a project proposal on the “Application and Replication of a Model for Cooperation between Regional Fisheries and Environmental Bodies for Sustainable Management of Relevant Ocean-related Activities” in West, Central and Southern Africa and from the ongoing dialogue between the Nairobi Convention and the RFBs in the Southwest Indian Ocean Region. UNEP and FAO have begun supporting other regional initiatives, including in the Western Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, and Black Sea regions, building on several examples such as the OSPAR-NEAFC Collective Arrangement. Experiences from these regions will be shared in the meeting.

22. The meeting will be organized in the framework of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI)³, which is coordinated by the CBD Secretariat in collaboration with various partners, including UNEP, FAO, and many RSOs and RFBs, among others. SOI provides a global platform for capacity development and partnerships to support countries in their efforts to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
23. A list of documents for the meeting is contained in annex I.
24. 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 meeting. The language of the workshop will be English.
25. Registration of participants will take place on Sunday, 25 September from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Monday, 26 September from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the venue.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

26. Representatives of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday, 26 September 2016. Representatives of the Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea, Korea Maritime Organization, the Government of Mexico, the European Commission, United Nations Environment Programme, and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will deliver congratulatory remarks.

ITEM 2. MEETING BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES, APPROACHES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

27. The meeting will be organized in plenary and breakout group sessions and will include keynote addresses and theme presentations with question-and-answer sessions, discussions in breakout groups, and open forum discussions. The Secretariat, in consultation with collaborating organizations, will nominate two co-chairs, facilitators and rapporteurs for both plenary and breakout groups, as appropriate, based on the expertise and experience of the meeting participants.
28. Representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), UNEP and FAO will give an overview of the context of the workshop, specifically with regard to implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets as well as the Sustainable Development Goals relating to marine and coastal biodiversity and enhancing ocean and coastal governance.
29. The representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will give an overview of the meeting objectives, approach and expected outputs/outcomes, and will brief participants on the meeting documents as well as background information made available for the meeting, as summarized in annex I and made available on the CBD meeting website (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SOIOM-2016-01>). Participants will be invited to provide feedback on the proposed organization of work contained in annex II.

3 See details in Action Plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (2015-2020): <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2014-02/official/soiom-2014-02-actionplan-en.pdf> and the SOI website: www.cbd.int/soi

ITEM 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN MARINE AND COASTAL AREAS

30. Under this agenda item, selected speakers will provide keynote addresses on the following themes:

- National implementation towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals
- How regional implementation can support national efforts for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals: Current roles and future perspectives of RSOs and RFBs
- How global implementation can support national and regional efforts for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals: The case of the International Maritime Organization

31. Participants will then be invited to share, in plenary, their respective national/regional/global contexts and experiences on implementing the Strategic Plan for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets as well as the Sustainable Development Goals in marine and coastal areas.

ITEM 4. SHARING LESSONS LEARNED ON REGIONAL-SCALE COOPERATION AND SCIENTIFIC MECHANISMS USED BY REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/BODIES FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

32. Under this item, selected speakers from regional organizations will jointly provide theme presentations on experiences and lessons learned on regional-scale cooperation and scientific mechanisms used by regional organizations/bodies, in particular addressing the following:

- Global and regional contexts that have motivated cooperation among regional organizations
- Key issues of common interest for collaboration/cooperation
- Key challenges in developing and formalizing mechanisms for cooperation
- If and how the CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets have been considered in framing the context for cooperation and defining specific collaborative activities
- If and how the Sustainable Development Goals are being considered in designing future collaborative activities and expanding collaboration with other sectors
- Scientific mechanisms that have facilitated cooperation
- Key outcomes of cooperation, and how these outcomes have and/or will contribute to progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and/or the Sustainable Development Goals
- Key lessons learned and suggestions for other regions

33. Following the presentations, participants will be invited to share, in plenary, their respective experiences, lessons learned and views on regional-scale cooperation and inter-regional sharing of experiences.

ITEM 5. WAYS FOR GLOBAL PROCESSES/INITIATIVES TO BETTER SUPPORT REGIONAL-LEVEL COLLABORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

34. Under this item, selected speakers from global organizations/initiatives will provide theme presentations on ways to better support regional-level collaboration and implementation of the Strategic Plan towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular addressing the following:

- Global context, challenges and opportunities that can may require/strengthen the cooperation among regional organizations
- How global targets/goals/commitments can be considered in framing the context for cooperation and defining specific collaborative activities by relevant regional organizations
- How to facilitate inter-regional sharing of experiences

35. Following the presentations, participants will be invited to share, in plenary, their respective experiences, lessons learned and views on global-level cooperation.

ITEM 6. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

36. Under this item, the participants, on the basis of a summary of the meeting discussion to be provided by the meeting co-chairs, will discuss the key conclusions to be included in the report of the meeting.

37. Participants will then discuss opportunities for future collaboration, both at the global and regional levels, building on the meeting discussions and outputs.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

38. The meeting is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 September 2016.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Official documents	
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UNEP/CBD/SOI/OM/2016/1/1	Provisional Agenda
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Information Note for Participants	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-info-note-en.pdf
EBSA Scientific Criteria	https://www.cbd.int/marine/doc/azores-brochure-en.pdf
Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-sp-aichi-targets-en.pdf
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-2030-agenda-sd-en.pdf
Report of Joint Expert Meeting on Addressing Biodiversity Concerns in Sustainable Fisheries	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/jem-bcsf-01/official/jem-bcsf-01-sbstta-16-inf-13-en.pdf
Background Study to Review the Extent to which Biodiversity Concerns are Addressed in Existing Assessments	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/jem-bcsf-01/official/jem-bcsf-01-02-en.pdf
Scientific Synthesis of the Impacts of Underwater Noise on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Habitats	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-20/information/sbstta-20-inf-08-en.pdf

Marine Debris: Understanding, Preventing and Mitigating the Significant Adverse Impacts on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-20/information/sbstta-20-inf-09-en.pdf
FAO-CBD Expert Meeting on Improving Progress Reporting and Working towards Implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 6	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-20/information/sbstta-20-inf-27-en.pdf
Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) website	https://www.cbd.int/soi/
EBSA website	www.cbd.int/ebsa
EBSAs in Western South Pacific	https://www.cbd.int/marine/ebsa/booklet-01-wsp-en.pdf
EBSAs in Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic	https://www.cbd.int/marine/ebsa/booklet-02-wcar-en.pdf
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Blue Economy: Sharing Success Stories to Inspire Change (UNEP, 2015)	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-unep-01-en.pdf
Recommendations from the participants of the Integrated Regional Oceanic Policies Workshop (IROP) organized by the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) (in English)	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-unep-02-en.pdf
Recomendaciones de los participantes en el Taller de Política Regional Oceánica Integrada (PROI) organizado por la Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur, en Bogotá, Colombia, del 28 al 30 de octubre de 2015 (in Spanish)	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-unep-02-es.pdf
Towards the Development of an Ecosystem Based Management Strategy for ROPME Sea Area. Dubai, UAE, 4-7 April 2016. Report of the Workshop.	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-unep-03-en.pdf
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FAO: 2011_technical-guidelines-MPAs	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-09-en.pdf
FAO: 2012_RFMO-performance-reviews	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-10-en.pdf
FAO: 2016_State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture-SOFIA	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-11-en.pdf
FAO: BBNJ_brochure_2016	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-12-en.pdf
FAO: DeepSeasProject_intl-obligations_flyer_2016	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-13-en.pdf
FAO: impact-assessments_encounter-protocols_flyer_2016	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-14-en.pdf
FAO: SEAFO-Nansen-survey_flyer_2016	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-15-en.pdf
FAO: VME-fishing-wkshp-2007	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-16-en.pdf
FAO: WWR-bottom-fisheries_flyer_2016	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-17-en.pdf
FAO: Asmundsson_2014_HS-fishing-RFMOs	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-18-en.pdf
FAO: Asmundsson_2016_RFMOs	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-fao-19-en.pdf
<i>Other documents</i>	

Results of efforts by the Convention on Biological Diversity to describe ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (Bax, N.J. et al. 2016)	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cobi.12649/full
Using ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) to implement marine spatial planning (Dunstan, P.K et al. 2016)	http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0964569115300703
<i>Documents Submitted by Participating Organizations</i>	
Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP)	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-acap-en.pdf
Black Sea Commission (BSC)	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-bsc-en.pdf
DOALOS: Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process-summary	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-doalos-01-en.pdf
DOALOS: Bottom_Fishing_Workshop_2016	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-doalos-02-en.pdf
DOALOS: Review_Conference_on_the_Agreement	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-doalos-03-en.pdf
General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) REC.CM-GFCM/40/2016/4: establishing a multiannual management plan for the fisheries exploiting European hake and deep-water rose shrimp in the Strait of Sicily (GSA 12 to 16)	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-gfcm-01-en.pdf
GFCM: REC.CM-GFCM/29/2005/1: Management of certain fisheries exploiting demersal and deepwater species and the establishment of a fisheries restricted area below 1000 m	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-gfcm-02-en.pdf
GFCM: REC.CM-GFCM/30/2006/3: Establishment of fisheries restricted areas in order to protect the deep-sea sensitive habitats	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-gfcm-03-en.pdf
GFCM: Resolution GFCM/40/2016/2: for a mid-term strategy (2017–2020) towards the sustainability of Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-gfcm-04-en.pdf

GFCM: RES-GFCM/37/2013/1: on area based management of fisheries, including through the establishment of fisheries restricted areas (FRAs) in the GFCM area of application and coordination with the UNEP-MAP initiatives on the establishment of SPAMIs	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-gfcm-05-en.pdf
Helsinki Commission (HELCOM): Ecological coherence assessment of the marine protected areas network in the Baltic Sea	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-helcom-01-en.pdf
HELCOM: Updated Fifth Baltic Sea pollution load compilation (PLC-5.5). Baltic Sea Environment Proceedings No. 145	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-helcom-02-en.pdf
HELCOM: Ecosystem Health of the Baltic Sea 2003–2007: HELCOM Initial Holistic Assessment. Baltic Sea Environment Proceedings No. 122.	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-helcom-03-en.pdf
HELCOM: Guideline for the implementation of ecosystem-based approach in Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) in the Baltic Sea area	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-helcom-04-en.pdf
HELCOM: Indicator -based assessment of coastal fish community status in the Baltic Sea 2005-2009. Baltic Sea Environment Proceedings No. 131	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-helcom-05-en.pdf
HELCOM: Planning the Bothnian Sea	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-helcom-06-en.pdf
HELCOM: Red List of Baltic Sea underwater biotopes, habitats and biotope complexes	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-helcom-07-en.pdf
HELCOM: Red List of Baltic Sea species in Danger of becoming extinct	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-helcom-08-en.pdf
HELCOM: Salmon and Sea Trout Populations and Rivers in the Baltic Sea	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-helcom-09-en.pdf
HELCOM: Baltic Sea Broad-Scale Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Principles	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-helcom-10-en.pdf
ICES and EBM	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-ices-01-en.pdf
ICES: Maritime Trans-Atlantic Cooperation	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-ices-02-en.pdf

SEYCHELLES: Debt Swap Fact Sheet - Feb 2016	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-seychelles-01-en.pdf
SEYCHELLES-MSP: FactSheet	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-seychelles-02-en.pdf
SEYCHELLES: TNC-FactSheet_May2015	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-seychelles-03-en.pdf
SPRFMO: Measures Taken	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-sprfmo-en.pdf
UNEPMAP: Decision IG.22-7 IMAP	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-uneppmap-01-en.pdf
UNEPMAP: GFCM-MOU	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-uneppmap-02-en.pdf
UNEPMAP: Spatial-based Protection and Management Measures-draft Joint-Strategy	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-uneppmap-03-en.pdf
Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC): Report of its 16 th session, 2016	https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2016-01/other/soiom-2016-01-weca-fc-en.pdf
WCMC: Regional State of Biodiversity-Africa	http://www.unep-wcmc.org/system/comfy/cms/files/files/000/000/731/original/Biodiversity_Review_AFRICA.pdf
WCMC: Regional State of Biodiversity-Asia Pacific	http://www.unep-wcmc.org/system/comfy/cms/files/files/000/000/733/original/Biodiversity_Review_ASIA_PACIFIC.pdf
WCMC: Regional State of Biodiversity-Latin America and Caribbean	http://www.unep-wcmc.org/system/comfy/cms/files/files/000/000/734/original/Biodiversity_Review_LAC.pdf
WCMC: Regional State of Biodiversity-West Asia	http://www.unep-wcmc.org/system/comfy/cms/files/files/000/000/732/original/Biodiversity_Review_WEST_ASIA.pdf

*This list reflects documents submitted by 16 September 2016. Some additional documents, not listed in this note, could be posted on the meeting website (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SOIOM-2016-01>) as they become available.

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

26 September (Monday)

Time	Meeting Programme
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Registration</i>
9 – 9:45 a.m.	<p>Agenda Item 1. Opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Young-suk Kim, Minister of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea • Mr. David Cooper, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity • Mr. Sang-jin Kim, President of the Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea • Mr. Chang-ho Yang, President of Korea Maritime Institute • Ambassador of Mexico to the Republic of Korea • Mr. Matjaž Malgajr, European Commission • Ms. Lisa Emelia Svensson, United Nations Environment Programme • Representative of FAO
9:45 – 10 a.m.	<i>Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea</i>
10 – 10:30 a.m.	<i>Group Photo Coffee-break</i>
<p>Plenary Session</p> <p>To be moderated by Co-chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dixon Waruinge, Coordinator of the Secretariat of the Nairobi Convention • Mr. Stefan Asmundsson, Secretary of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission 	
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Agenda item 2. Meeting background, objectives, approaches and expected outputs/outcomes</p> <p>2.1 Meeting Background :</p> <p><i>Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals as well as the roles of respective global/regional organizations for these targets and goals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic Plan for 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (10:30 – 10:40) <i>by Mr. David Cooper (CBD Secretariat)</i> ○ Sustainable Development Goals related to oceans (10:40 – 10:50) <i>by Ms. Ling Wang (UN DESA)</i> ○ Measuring and reporting progress (10:50 – 11:05) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>by Mr. Takehiro Nakamura (UNEP)</i> ▪ <i>by Mr. Piero Mannini (FAO)</i>

	<p>2.2 Meeting Objectives and Expected Outcomes (11:05 – 11:15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>By Ms. Jihyun Lee (CBD Secretariat)</i> <p>Q & A (11:15 – 11:30)</p>
<p>11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3. Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 at national, regional and global levels towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals in marine and coastal areas</p> <p>Keynote addresses</p> <p>National implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>By Mr. Yeong-jin Yeon, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea (11:30 – 11:45)</i> • <i>By Mr. Alain de Comarmond, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Seychelles (11:45 – 12:00)</i> <p>How regional implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 can support national efforts for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals: Current roles and future perspectives of RSOs and RFBs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>by Mr. Johan Williams, President of NEAFC (12:00 – 12:15)</i> • <i>by Mr. Kristofer Du Rietz, European Commission/SIOFA (12:15 – 12:30)</i> <p>How global implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 can support national and regional efforts for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals: The case of the International Maritime Organization (12:30 – 12:45)</p> <p><i>by Mr. Ki-taek Lim, Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization</i></p> <p>Q & A (12:45-13:00)</p>
<p>1 – 2:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>2:15 – 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 4. Sharing lessons learned on regional-scale cooperation and scientific mechanisms used by regional organizations/bodies for effective implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>Theme presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEAFC-OSPAR Collective Arrangement and the scientific support of ICES (14:15 – 14:30) <i>by Mr. Darius Campbell (OSPAR Commission) and Mr. Stefan Asmundsson (NEAFC)</i> • Barcelona Convention-GFCM cooperation (14:30 – 14:45) <i>By Mr. Gaetano Leone (Barcelona Convention) and Mr. Abdellah Srouf (GFCM)</i> • Nairobi Convention- IOTC-SWIOFC-WIOMSA (15:00 – 15:15) <i>By Mr. Dixon Waruinge (Nairobi Convention) and Mr. Hosea Gonza Mbilinyi(SWIOFC)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abidjan Convention - CECAF-CSRP-Benguela Commission-SEAFO (15:15 – 15:30) <i>By Mr. Abou Bamba (Abidjan Convention) and Mr. Ndiaga Gueye (CECAF)</i> RECOFI-ROPME-ROWA cooperation (14:45 – 15:00) <i>By Mr. Piero Mannini (FAO) and Ms. Diane Klaimi (UNEP-ROWA)</i> Scientific mechanisms of RFBs: Key examples (15:30 – 15:45) <i>By Mr. Chris O'Brien (FAO)</i> Scientific mechanisms of RSOs: Key examples (15:45 – 16:00) <i>By Ms. Kanako Hasegawa (UNEP)</i>
4 – 4:20 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:20 – 5:30 p.m.	Open Forum
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner Reception (to be hosted by the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries)

27 September (Tuesday)

Time	Meeting Programme
	<p align="center">Break-out session for inter-regional sharing of experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seating of participants to be arranged by the Secretariat to facilitate inter-regional sharing of experiences as well as sharing among global and regional processes. Participants will split into groups.
9 – 9:20 a.m.	<p>Agenda item 4. (continued)</p> <p>Setting the Context for the Break-out session by Meeting Co-chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting co-chairs will advise on the overall context of the break-out session and its expected outputs. Each group will elect its own group facilitator and rapporteur. Each group will discuss three topics, as described below. Discussion will be supported by the meeting background documents, to be posted at https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SOIOM-2016-01.
9:20 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Topic 1: Scientific collaboration and cooperation at regional scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion will aim to: (i) enhance understanding about scientific activities and partnerships being undertaken by the respective regional organizations/bodies; (ii) identify specific scientific outputs and a broad range of information being produced by respective regional organizations/bodies; and (iii) identify the relevance of the respective scientific outputs and information to other regional bodies. During discussion, focus will be given to addressing relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including Target 6 (sustainable fisheries), Target 8 (pollution), Target 10 (addressing multiple stressors on vulnerable
<i>Coffee/tea to be provided</i>	

	ecosystems), Target 11 (marine protected areas), and Target 12 (threatened species) as well as relevant SDGs, including SDG 14
10:30 – 11:10 a.m.	<p>Presentation of group discussion results</p> <p>Key summary points of discussion will be briefly presented by the rapporteur of each group, adding any new points to the presentation by the previous speaker.</p> <p>The results of group discussion will be submitted in writing to the Secretariat at the end of the day as input for the compilation of the summary and conclusion of the meeting.</p>
11:10 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	<p>Topic 2: Possible ways and means to enhance progress in achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the SDGs at the regional scale: Indicators and tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion will aim to: (i) align regional targets/goals with global targets/goals; (ii) review existing work/development on indicators to measure the progress in achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the SDGs and their applicability at the regional scale (e.g., UNEP Regional Seas Programme Working Group on Indicators, Target 6 indicators developed by FAO/SCBD/IUCN expert meeting, CBD indicators, SDG indicators); (iii) identify how regional organizations/bodies can better contribute to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the SDGs, including through exchange of experiences and expertise in management tools and approaches (e.g., ecosystem approaches, precautionary approaches, impact assessments, area-based management tools) • During discussion, focus will be given to addressing relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including Target 6 (sustainable fisheries), Target 8 (pollution), Target 10 (addressing multiple stressors on vulnerable ecosystems), Target 11 (marine protected areas), and Target 12 (threatened species) as well as relevant SDGs, including SDG 14
12:20 – 1 p.m.	<p>Presentation of group discussion results</p> <p>Key summary points of discussion will be briefly presented by the rapporteur of each group, adding any new points to the presentation by the previous speaker.</p> <p>The results of group discussion will be submitted in writing to the Secretariat at the end of the day as inputs for the compilation of the summary and conclusion of the meeting.</p>
1 – 2:15 p.m.	Lunch
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	<p>Topic 3: Opportunities for future collaboration, information sharing and exchange of experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion will aim to: (i) identify ways to continue identifying and sharing lessons learned/ best practices/ challenges regarding means of collaboration/ information sharing/ exchange of experiences between RSOs and RFBs, and (ii) explore collaborative ways to better support, monitor and report on the progress toward achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals, by providing information on regional implementation
3:30 – 4:10 p.m.	Presentation of group discussion results

	<p>Key summary points of discussion will be briefly presented by the rapporteur of each group, adding any new points to the presentation by the previous speaker.</p> <p>The results of group discussion will be submitted in writing to the Secretariat at the end of the day as inputs for the compilation of the summary and conclusion of the meeting.</p>
4:10 – 6 p.m.	<i>Open Forum</i>

28 September (Wednesday)

Time	Meeting Programme
9 – 10 a.m.	<p>Plenary Session</p> <p>Summary of Group Discussion Results by Co-Chairs</p> <p>Open Forum</p>
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 5. Ways for global processes/initiatives to better support regional-level collaboration and implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p><i>Coffee break (10:40 – 11 a.m.)</i></p> <p>Theme presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michael Lodge (International Seabed Authority) (10:00 – 10:15) • Mr. Ward Appeltans (IOC-UNESCO) and Mr. Nicholas Bax (CSIRO/Australia and GOOS) (10:15 – 10:30) • Ms. Charlotte Salpin, (UNDOALOS) (10:30 – 10:45) • Mr. David Johnson (Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative) (10:45 – 11:00) • Mr. Jake Rice (IUCN-CEM-FEG) (11:00 – 11:15) <p>Open Forum (11:15 – 13:00)</p>
1 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2:15 – 4 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 6. Summary and Conclusion</p> <p>Summary and Concluding Statement by Co-Chairs</p> <p>Open Forum</p>
4 – 4:30 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
4:30 – 5 p.m.	Agenda item 7. Closure of the meeting

29 September (Thursday)**Field Trip**
