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## NOTIFICATION

### Composition of the informal advisory group for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Executive Secretary has selected experts to participate in the informal advisory group for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs), based on nominations submitted by Parties, relevant organizations, and indigenous peoples and local communities in response to notification 2017-058, dated 21 June 2017. I am pleased to attach herewith, as an annex to this notification, the list of the selected experts.

The selection process took place in line with the criteria outlined in the above-mentioned notification, in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, taking into account the need to ensure geographical distribution and gender balance.

In paragraph 11 of decision XII/12, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to establish an informal advisory group for EBSAs, subject to available financial resources, to facilitate implementation of the voluntary practical options referred to in paragraph 9 and annex II of the same decision.

The informal advisory group will provide scientific and technical advice to the Executive Secretary as elaborated in the terms of reference, as contained in annex III of decision XIII/12. The informal advisory group is expected to work through different modalities, including e-mail communications, virtual meetings (e.g., teleconference and videoconference) and periodic in-person meetings, including in conjunction with other meetings (e.g., meetings of the SBSTTA and the Conference of the Parties).

The first meeting of the informal advisory group on EBSAs will take place from 30 June – 1 July 2018, in Montreal, Canada. The Secretariat will finance the participation of selected experts from eligible Parties to attend this first meeting. Letters of invitation to this meeting have been sent to the selected experts. Further information and documents is being made available on the website of the Convention at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/EBSA-OM-2018-01>.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support for the work of the Convention.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Cristiana Paşca Palmer, PhD  
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, and Marine and Coastal Biodiversity National Focal Points; relevant organizations; and indigenous peoples and local communities

## ANNEX

### Selected experts to participate in the informal advisory group for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas

#### Africa

Egypt	Mr. Moustafa Fouda
South Africa	Ms. Kerry Sink
Guinea	Mr. Alkaly Doumnouys
Mozambique	Mr. Salomao Bandeira

#### Asia and the Pacific

China	Mr. Yu Weiwei
India	Mr K. Sivakumar
Philippines	Ms. Marie-Antoinette Juinio-Meñoz
Republic of Korea	Mr. Yongrock An

#### Central and Eastern Europe

Azerbaijan	Mr. Mehman Ahundov
Slovenia	Mr. Borut Mavrič
Turkmenistan	Ms. Shirin Karryeva

#### Latin American and Caribbean Group

Brazil	Ms. Ana Paula Leite Prates
Ecuador	Ms. Alba Katherine Calles Procel
Jamaica	Ms. Mona Kay Webber
Mexico	Ms. Elva Escobar

#### Western Europe and Others Developed Countries Group

Australia	Mr. Piers Dunstan
Canada	Ms. Nadine Wells
Japan	Mr. Yoshihisa Shirayama
Sweden	Ms. Pia Norling

#### Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Indigenous Peoples and Community Conserved Areas and Territories (ICCAs)	Ms. Vivienne Solis Rivera
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#### Other Governments and Organizations

Ocean Biogeographic Information System	Mr. Ward Appeltans
Global Ocean Observing System	Mr. Nic Bax
Regional Partnership for Coastal and Marine Conservation in West Africa (PRCM)	Mr. Mallé Diagana
Coastal Oceans Research and Development In the Indian Ocean (CORDIO)	Mr. David Obura
Food and Agriculture Organization of UN	Mr. Kim Friedman
Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission	Mr. Jorge Paramo Granados
BirdLife International	Ms. Carolina Hazin
Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative	Mr. David Johnson
Duke University/USA	Mr. Pat Halpin
IUCN	Mr. Guiseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara