



## NOTIFICATION

### **Selected participants for the online discussion forum on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in preparation for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In notification [2022-047](#), dated 28 July 2022, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, pursuant to recommendation [24/10](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), invited the nomination of experts to participate in the online discussion forum on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, to be held from 14 to 21 September 2022, in preparation for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

In this regard, I am pleased to announce that the selection of participants has been completed, in accordance with the selection criteria described in notification 2022-047 and in consultation with the SBSTTA Bureau. The list of selected participants is attached in the annex to this notification.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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



**Annex**  
**Selected participants for the online discussion forum on ecologically or biologically significant  
marine areas in preparation for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
14 to 21 September 2022**

**Africa**

Mr. Abderahmane Zino Izourar (Algeria)  
Mr. Zacharie Sohoun (Benin)  
Mr. Moustafa Fouda (Egypt)  
Ms. Fatima Zohra Hassouni (Morocco)  
Mr. Salomão Bandeira (Mozambique)  
Mr. Erich Maletsky (Namibia)  
Mr. Jidda Daniel Malum (Nigeria)  
Ms. Marie-May Jeremie (Seychelles) (*forum co-facilitator*)  
Mr. Steve Kirkman (South Africa)  
Mr. Dirar Nasr Dirar (Sudan)

**Asia and the Pacific**

Mr. Xiaoqiang Lu (China)  
Ms. Vanessa Fread (Federated States of Micronesia)  
Mr. Achuta Nand Shukla (India)  
Mr. Yohei Mori (Japan)  
Mr. Yong-Rock An (Republic of Korea)  
Ms. Buthainah Fawwaz Batarseh (Jordan)  
Ms. Jumana Saleh Al-Khamees (Kuwait)  
Ms. Lim Ai Gaik (Malaysia)  
Ms. Saira Ishaq (Pakistan)

**Central and Eastern Europe**

Ms. Klodiana Marika (Albania)  
Mr. Borut Mavrič (Slovenia)  
(*Note: only two nominations were received from the Central and Eastern Europe region*)

**Latin American and Caribbean Group**

Mr. Ruleo Camacho (Antigua and Barbuda)  
Ms. María Eugenia Goya (Argentina)  
Ms. Maria Fernanda Rezende Arentz (Brazil)  
Mr. Felipe Paredes Vargas (Chile)  
Ms. Martha Vides (Colombia)  
Mr. Micheal Morrison (Guyana)  
Ms. Elva Escobar (Mexico)  
Ms. Patricia Carbajal Enzian (Peru)  
Mr. Jeremiah Edmund (St Lucia)

**Western European and Others Group**

Mr. Piers Dunstan (Australia)  
Ms. Sophie Mirgaux (Belgium)  
Ms. Caroline Longtin (Canada)  
Ms. Ane-Marie Løvendahl Eskildsen (Denmark)  
Mr. Nabil Medaghri Alaoui (France)  
Mr. Janos Hennicke (Germany) (*forum co-facilitator*)  
Ms. Eva Degre (Norway)  
Ms. Teresa Leonardo (Portugal)

Ms. Pia Norling (Sweden)  
Ms. Farah Chaudry (United Kingdom)

**Organizations**

Mr. Kim Friedman (FAO)  
Mr. Ward Appeltans (IOC-UNESCO)  
Ms. Jessica Howley (UN-DOALOS)  
Ms. Emily Corcoran (OSPAR Commission)  
Mr. Peter Davies (SPREP)  
Ms. Anna Metaxas (DEEP-Ocean Stewardship Initiative)  
Mr. Pat Halpin (Duke University Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab)  
Mr. David Johnson (Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative)  
Mr. Francis Staub (International Coral Reef Initiative)  
Ms. Aurélie Spadone (IUCN)  
Mr. Jake Rice (IUCN-Fisheries Expert Group / European Bureau on Conservation and Development)  
Ms. Daniela Diz (Lyell Centre, Heriot-Watt University)  
Ms. Kaitlyn Curran (Maritime Aboriginal People's Council)  
Ms. Purificacio Canals (MedPAN)  
Ms. Carolina Hazin (The Nature Conservancy)  
Ms. Ramya Rajagopalan (Women4Biodiversity)  
Mr. Tim Packeiser (WWF)