

NOTIFICATION

Information webinar on the outcomes of the expert workshop on scientific and technical work conducted under the Convention on Biological Diversity relevant to marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction, 17 March 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will convene an information webinar on 17 March 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. EST (GMT-5) to provide an overview of the outcomes of the expert workshop on scientific and technical work conducted under the Convention on Biological Diversity relevant to marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction. The Secretariat convened this workshop from 2 to 5 December 2025, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the United Nations and other relevant international organizations and initiatives. The workshop was hosted by the Government of Norway with financial support from the Governments of Germany, Ireland, Norway and Sweden.

The workshop, held pursuant to a request of the Conference of the Parties in decision [16/17](#), focused on the ways in which scientific and technical work under the Convention on Biological Diversity can inform the work of Parties and competent intergovernmental organizations and processes, including global and regional sectoral authorities, and work under the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction related to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement).

During the webinar, opportunities identified during the expert workshop will be reviewed and discussed, with a view to informing various upcoming international deliberations, including at the third session of the Preparatory Commission for the Entry into Force of the BBNJ and the twenty-eighth meeting of the CBD Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 28).

To participate in the webinar, please register [here](#). Registered participants will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information on how to join the session. The webinar, which will be conducted in English, will be recorded and made available on the CBD website. I look forward to your participation.

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

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

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