



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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Dear Mr. Mikulka,

Reference is made to the letter of Ms. Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, dated 10 December 2008, inviting the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to provide information on the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea ("the Consultative Process"), to the Secretary-General's report on oceans and the law of the sea, for the consideration of the United Nations General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

The Secretariat of the CBD has been represented at the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th meetings of the Consultative Process. The main contribution made by the Secretariat to the Consultative Process has been to promote harmonization and collaboration between the CBD process on marine and coastal biodiversity and the relevant UNGA-mandated processes, including through provision of updates on CBD decisions and implementation works, as well as scientific and technical information on issues such as the ecosystem approach, biodiversity in marine waters both within and beyond national jurisdiction, and marine genetic resources.

Details of the CBD decisions and major works relevant to the implementation of the outcomes of the Consultative Process are described in the attached table.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment

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**CBD decisions and major works relevant to the
 Implementation of the outcomes of the Consultative Process**

Meetings of the Consultative Process	CBD decisions and major works relevant to the implementation of the outcomes of the Consultative Process	Website Links for further information
<p>5th Meeting 7-11 June 2004</p> <p><i>New sustainable uses of the oceans, including the conservation and management of the biological diversity of the seabed in areas beyond national jurisdiction</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD decision VIII/21 (Marine and coastal biological diversity: conservation and sustainable use of deep seabed genetic resources beyond the limits of national jurisdiction) • CBD decision VIII/24 (Protected areas, section on Options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction) 	<p>https://www.cbd.int/decisions/cop8/?m=COP-08&id=11035&lg=0</p> <p>https://www.cbd.int/decisions/cop8/?m=COP-08&id=11038&lg=0</p>
<p>6th Meeting 6-10 June 2005</p> <p><i>Fisheries and their contribution to sustainable development</i></p> <p><i>Marine debris</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD decision VIII/24 (Protected areas, section on Options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction) • Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (11-15 Feb 2008) 	<p>https://www.cbd.int/decisions/cop8/?m=COP-08&id=11038&lg=0</p> <p>https://www.cbd.int/wgpa2/</p>
<p>7th Meeting 12-16 June 2006</p> <p><i>Ecosystem approaches and oceans</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBD decision IX/7 (Ecosystem approach) • Ecosystem Approach Sourcebook • Ecosystem Approach E-newsletter 	<p>https://www.cbd.int/decisions/cop9/?m=COP-09&id=11650&lg=0</p> <p>http://www.cbd.int/ecosystem/sourcebook/</p> <p>https://www.cbd.int/ecosystem/ea-newsletters/</p>

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<p>8th Meeting 25-29 June 2007</p> <p><i>Marine genetic resources</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert Workshop on ecological criteria and biogeographic classification systems for marine areas in need of protection (2-4 October 2007) • CBD-UNDOALOS Joint Study on Options for Preventing and Mitigating the Impacts of Some Activities to Selected Seabed Habitats (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/13) • Development of an Interactive Map (IMap) and Review of Spatial Databases Containing Information on Marine Areas Beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/12) • CBD decision IX/20 (Marine and coastal biodiversity) • CBD Technical Series 37 (Synthesis and review of the best available scientific studies on priority areas for biodiversity conservation in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction) 	<p>https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EWSEBM-01</p> <p>http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SBSTTA-13</p> <p>http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SBSTTA-13</p> <p>https://www.cbd.int/decisions/cop9/?m=COP-09&id=11663&lg=0</p> <p>http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-37-en.pdf</p>