



## United Nations Environment Programme statement

on the occasion of the Second Session of the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument 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

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Thank you, Facilitator.

There are many area-based management tools that are in use and relevant to the current discussion under relevant regional and sectoral instruments, frameworks and bodies. United Nations Environment Programme carried out a study on the range of tools used in relevant frameworks, including marine protected areas, fisheries closures including Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems, Marine Spatial Planning, and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas. This review explores how different area-based management tools have been applied both within and beyond national jurisdictions and identifies the key characteristics which can enable their use in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction for the purpose of conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity.

([https://wcmc.io/ABNJ\\_toolsreview](https://wcmc.io/ABNJ_toolsreview))

This review was supported by the case studies in which area-based planning was undertaken in ABNJ. The report identifies key lessons in relation to institutional and legal frameworks, stakeholder engagement mechanisms, different types of planning approaches and other enabling

conditions that facilitate area-based planning and management.  
([wcmc.io/ABNJ\\_casestudies](http://wcmc.io/ABNJ_casestudies))

Iceland has just mentioned the regional seas programmes. We have also compiled case studies on the process of identifying, designating and developing management plans for marine protected areas networks under the regional seas mechanisms, and some cases will be presented at our side event on Wednesday next week: regional seas application of area-based management tools, including marine protected areas next week although Norway already used the case of the Northeast Atlantic during the previous session.

In terms of cooperation and coordination on measures related to area-based management tools, we observe that under the dialogues and cooperation between the regional seas programmes and regional fisheries management organizations, discussion has taken place on the marine protected areas and fisheries related area-based management tools. Actual experiences of such cross-sectoral dialogues and discussion will be shared at the side event on Tuesday next week jointly organized by us and Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

We are ready to submit this information with website addresses to papersmart.