

BBNJ IGC4 Agenda item 6: informal informals on Area based Management Tools including Marine Protected Areas (10 and 11 March)

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Article 16 Paragraph 4 (10 March)

Some delegates discussed the area-based management tools and marine protected areas. UNEP reviewed the area-based management tools applied to both areas beyond and within national jurisdiction from the perspectives of their contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals. The tools reviewed include marine protected areas, Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (FAO), Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs) and Areas of Particular Environmental Interests (APEIs). The review results are presented in: Applying Marine and Coastal Area-based Management Approaches to Achieve Multiple Sustainable Development Goals Targets – Summary for Policy Makers

https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/26441/Area-based_mgmt_SDG.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

UNEP further carried out a review of area-based planning tools that have been used under various mechanisms and instruments, as part of the GEF funded ABNJ Deep Seas project implemented by UNEP and FAO. The review examined different types of area-based planning tool currently in use within and beyond national jurisdiction under various mechanisms and legal instruments and identified key features that may benefit cross-sectoral area-based planning to support the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in ABNJ. A review of area-based planning tools. What is the potential for cross-sectoral planning in areas beyond national jurisdiction

https://www.unep-wcmc.org/system/comfy/cms/files/files/000/001/476/original/UNEP-WCMC_2018_Review_of_area-based_planning_tools_Final_HB.pdf

Article 15 Paragraphs 1 and 2 (11 March)

Iceland and Holy Sea mentioned the regional Seas Programmes during the discussion. The current mandates of the regional seas conventions in relation to areas beyond national jurisdiction, particularly marine protected areas are included in: Regional Seas programmes covering Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Regional Seas Reports and Studies No.202

<https://www.unep.org/resources/report/regional-seas-programmes-covering-areas-beyond-national-jurisdiction>

UNEP carried out case studies on how the regional seas conventions which cover areas beyond national jurisdiction establish and manage protected areas which cover wholly or in part areas beyond national jurisdiction. These conventions already established the frameworks and processes of designating protected areas and developing management plans. Information in these case studies can provide what areas have been selected as protected areas, how the involved Parties decide and how to develop management plans. The case studies are included in “Regional Seas Application of Area-based Management Tools, including Marine Protected Areas: Case Studies. UN Environment Regional Seas Reports and Studies No. 214 - <https://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/28392>