



## Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

### UN-Oceans side event

Thursday, 24 October 2024, 16.30 – 17.50, GRULAC Room, Plaza One

### Programme

Opening remarks	<a href="#">Stephen Mathias</a> (or representative) Acting UnderSecretaryGeneral for Legal Affairs and United Nations Legal Counsel, and UNOceans Focal Point  <a href="#">Ms. Astrid Schomaker</a> Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat
Framing discussion and introduction	<a href="#">Emma Heslop</a> Programme Specialist, Ocean Observations and Services Section (IOC-UNESCO)
Panel (presentations followed by Q&A)	<b>UN-Oceans members and the GBF: Looking towards implementation</b>  <a href="#">Milena Benavides Serrato</a> , Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible Dirección de Asuntos Marinos, Costeros y Recursos Acuáticos  Ocean and Climate Dialogue



The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and (CITES) aims to ensure that international trade in species listed in the CITES Appendices is legal, sustainable, and traceable. CITES contributes to the implementation of the GBF, including Targets 4, 5, and 9, by ensuring that international trade is not detrimental to the survival of the species and provides sustainable livelihoods. The presentation will explore how CITES contributes to the implementation of the GBF, highlighting experiences and lessons learned regarding trade of CITES-marine species, including from areas beyond national jurisdiction. It will also emphasize how strategic partnerships and capacity building enhance these efforts to conserve marine biodiversity and ensure its sustainable use.

[Jose Dallo](#) Director, Office of Environmental Management and Mineral Resources (OEMMR), International Seabed Authority (ISA)

Thinking deeper, together: harnessing opportunities for deep-sea science and capacity development

The presentation will provide an overview of ISA's contributions to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, focusing on the deep-sea scientific research and capacity development activities of ISA. It will introduce and present opportunities to engage in ISA initiatives on enhancing deep-sea biodiversity knowledge, standardizing and sharing environmental data, and developing the capacity of developing countries, particularly women scientists. These will also provide an important contribution to monitoring the Framework related to deep

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The importance of ocean observations to support GBF implementation