

Proposal

On proposal, subparagraph (1) under Option I, on who can submit the proposals, we prefer Option A.

On subparagraph (2), we support Option C, where proposals shall be submitted to the Secretariat set forth in the instrument.

On subparagraph (4), we prefer Option A outlining the required elements of the proposal.

On item (p), we can exercise flexibility on the options presented pending further discussion. We do, however, wish to note that in our experience, duration is usually reflected in the MPA management plan where timeframe for implementation, review and updating measures are specified. The said measures may take into account the results of management assessment, effectiveness and evaluation.

Consultation on and assessment of the proposal

On consultation on and assessment of the proposal, we support Option I, and under subparagraph (2), we support Option B. We wish to emphasize the importance of consulting adjacent coastal States throughout the process, as any activity being conducted within States' own jurisdiction may have an effect on the implementation of conservation measures in the ABNJ, and vice versa.

On subparagraph (7), we support Option A.

Decision-making

On decision-making, we support Option I, and under subparagraph (1), we support Option B. Under Option B – item (c), we support Option 1.

On subparagraph (2), whether the decision shall be taken by consensus, we support Option B.

On subparagraph (3), regarding consent of adjacent States, we support Option B.