

# United Nations Decade on Biodiversity

Attachment

**Annex. Information on relevant activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity**

*Executive Summary*

Decisions by the Conference of the Parties (COP) t

**INTRODUCTION**





*conservation of biodiversity,<sup>1</sup> with associated ecosystem functions and services and where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socio-economic, and other locally relevant values”, as well as a set of criteria for their identification and further considerations related to OECMs. COP also encouraged Parties and invited other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to apply the voluntary guidance contained in annexes I and II of the decision, on integration and mainstreaming, and governance and equity of protected areas and OECMs, and to take into account the considerations in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in marine and coastal areas, as contained in the annex IV of the decision. Decision XIV/8 is available online at: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2018/cop-14/documents>.*

## **BUILDING CAPACITY TO BRIDGE OCEAN SCIENCE AND POLICY IN SUPPORT OF CROSS-SECTORAL CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE**

13. The Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) is a global capacity building platform coordinated by the CBD Secretariat, in collaboration with a wide range of governments and organizations around the world. It was established on the margins of COP 10 in 2010, in recognition of the urgent need to scale up capacity building support to facilitate the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas. It has evolved as a global platform to build partnerships and enhance capacity to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals in marine and coastal areas. Various capacity building activities are carried out in the framework of SOI that include a focus on building capacity to bridge ocean science and policy in support of cross-sectoral conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity. More information on SOI is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/soi/>.

14. SOI national capacity building workshops facilitate dialogue among various stakeholders, including government ministries, international and regional organizations, scientific communities, and civil society, and coordination related to marine biodiversity to address capacity needs of developing countries to achieve national priorities as well as global goals under the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals. While the focus of these workshops differ depending on the needs of the country, they generally aim to gather stakeholders from different sectors to identify approaches and opportunities to enhance cross-sectoral planning and management of marine and coastal areas, with a focus on marine spatial planning, using the best available scientific information. To date, the following national workshops have been convened:

- a) Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity Development Workshop for Samoa (Apia, Samoa; 28-30 September 2015); Workshop report and other materials available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SOIWS-2015-05>
- b) Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity Development Workshop for Namibia (Swakopmund, Namibia; 13-16 October 2015); Workshop report and other materials available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SOIWS-2015-03>
- c) Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity Development Workshop for Timor-Leste (Dili, Timor-Leste; 6-8 September 2016); Workshop report and other materials available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SOIWS-2016-04>
- d) Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity Development Workshop for Vanuatu (Port Vila, Vanuatu; 23-25 November 2016); Workshop report and other materials available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SOIWS-2016-05>
- e) Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity Building Workshop for Cameroon (Yaounde, Cameroon; 17-19 January 2018); Workshop report and other materials available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SOIWS-2018-01>

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by Article 2 of the Convention on Biological Diversity and in line with the provisions of the Convention.

15. SOI regional capacity building workshops gather experts and practitioners in conservation and fisheries management from governments and global and regional organizations to facilitate sharing of scientific information and exchange of experiences on the application of different types of planning and management tools and to identify key opportunities and approaches at the regional and national scale to enhance cross-sectoral conservation and sustainable use. To date, the following regional workshops have been convened:

- a) Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity Building Workshop for West Africa (Dakar,







26. The CBD Secretariat publishes booklets that synthesize the significant amount of scientific information on EBSAs described in various regions into engaging and easily understandable text, together with photos from various EBSAs, to raise awareness of EBSAs and inform a broader audience of the scientific and technical information on EBSAs in di

## **POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

31. The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 will conclude in 2020. Therefore, discussions have been underway under the CBD on the development of this post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In light of the importance of ocean science for conservation and sustainable use, this process provides an important opportunity to instill ocean science in the next global framework for biodiversity. The preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework has been adopted by the fourteenth meeting of COP in decision XIX/34 (available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-34-en.pdf>). More information on the post-2020 biodiversity framework can be found at: <https://www.cbd.int/post2020/>