



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

Workshop on Linking Global and Regional Levels in the Management of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

17–20 February 2015, FAO, Rome, Italy

WORKSHOP AGENDA

BACKGROUND

The marine areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ), which comprise 64% of the oceans' surface, contain ecosystems with marine resources and biodiversity of great ecological, socioeconomic, and cultural importance. The ecosystems in the ABNJ include the water column and seabed of the high seas, and are located far from coastal areas, making the sustainable management of fisheries and biodiversity conservation in these areas challenging.

Issues related to ABNJ have risen to the top of the global ocean agenda, and are being discussed at the highest governmental levels. There is widespread agreement on the need to improve conservation of marine ecosystems and sustainable use of resources in ABNJ at both global and regional levels.

In various ABNJ regions of the world, such as the Northeast Atlantic, the Sargasso Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Pacific Islands, important initiatives are underway to adapt existing regional institutional processes to move toward ecosystem-based management of ABNJ and to implement tools such as multiple-use area-based management and environmental impact assessment.

This workshop will foster an open and constructive policy dialogue for supporting national, regional, and global processes in place (formal and informal) in enhancing ecosystem approaches to the management of ABNJ.

PARTICIPANTS AND PURPOSE

The workshop will bring together representatives from all sectors with expertise, knowledge and experience in ABNJ issues, including: global, regional, and national decision-makers; representatives from industries operating in ABNJ; UN delegates; intergovernmental organizations; non-governmental organizations; participants in the FAO/GEF Common Oceans Program (see www.commonoceans.org); policy experts; legal scholars; and academics, to:

- *Assess knowledge, ongoing trends and efforts at national/regional and global levels, and available capacity relevant to sustainable management of fisheries and biodiversity conservation in ABNJ. Explore, in particular, the implications of these for the FAO/GEF Common Oceans Program;*
- *Foster cross-sectoral linkages for improved information-sharing on ABNJ across sectors, and between global and regional levels;*
- *Share and exchange lessons learned, best practices, and emerging trends in research, development, and management of ABNJ resources from various regions of the world;*
- *Provide a synthesis on the current state of knowledge on relevant global and regional policy processes that could be used to: 1) address areas*



PROJECT PARTNERS

Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat
Deep Sea Conservation Coalition
Government of France (French Marine Protected Areas Agency)
Government of the Republic of Korea (Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology)
Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), France

International Maritime Organization
International Ocean Institute
Nausicaa (Centre National de la Mer), France
Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia
UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea
SeaOrbiter

UNESCO (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission)
UNESCO (Natural Sciences)
University of Delaware
Vietnam National University
Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association
World Ocean Network

of uncertainty due to a weak knowledge base on fisheries and biodiversity; and 2) improve sustainable use of fishery resources and conservation of biodiversity in the ABNJ.

ORGANIZERS

The workshop is organized by the Global Ocean Forum and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the project partners of the Global Environment Facility/Food and Agriculture Organization/Global Ocean Forum Project on *Strengthening Capacity to Effectively Manage ABNJ* as part of the GEF/FAO Program on *Global Sustainable Fisheries Management and Biodiversity Conservation in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction* ("Common Oceans," www.commonoceans.org).



Workshop Program

Tuesday, 17 February

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Arrival and Registration

Pre-Workshop Activities

Informal meetings (see details on page 7)

Wednesday, 18 February

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Arrival and Registration

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

SESSION 1. OPENING SESSION: IMPORTANCE OF AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION (ABNJ)

Red Room (A-121 INT)

This session provides an overview of the workshop, its scope and goals in the context of current and emerging problems, constraints, and opportunities in the management of ABNJ. High-level leaders from government and intergovernmental organizations will discuss the importance of ABNJ from national and global as well as sectoral perspectives, and their value as reflected in their institutional priorities.

CO-CHAIRS:

Árni M. Mathiesen, Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Ambassador Angus Friday, Ambassador of Grenada to the United States and to the Organization of American States

Welcome to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: The Importance of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)

Maria-Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO

Moving Toward Ecosystem Approaches to Management of ABNJ in the Context of the Global Ocean

Agenda: Purposes of the Workshop

Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum

Vision of the Global Environment Facility for Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

Nicole Glineur, Program Manager, Biodiversity and Private Sector, Global Environment Facility

The Importance of Protecting Biodiversity in ABNJ

David Cooper, Director of Scientific Assessment and Monitoring Division, Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat

Legal and Global Perspectives in the Management and Governance of ABNJ in the Context of UNCLOS

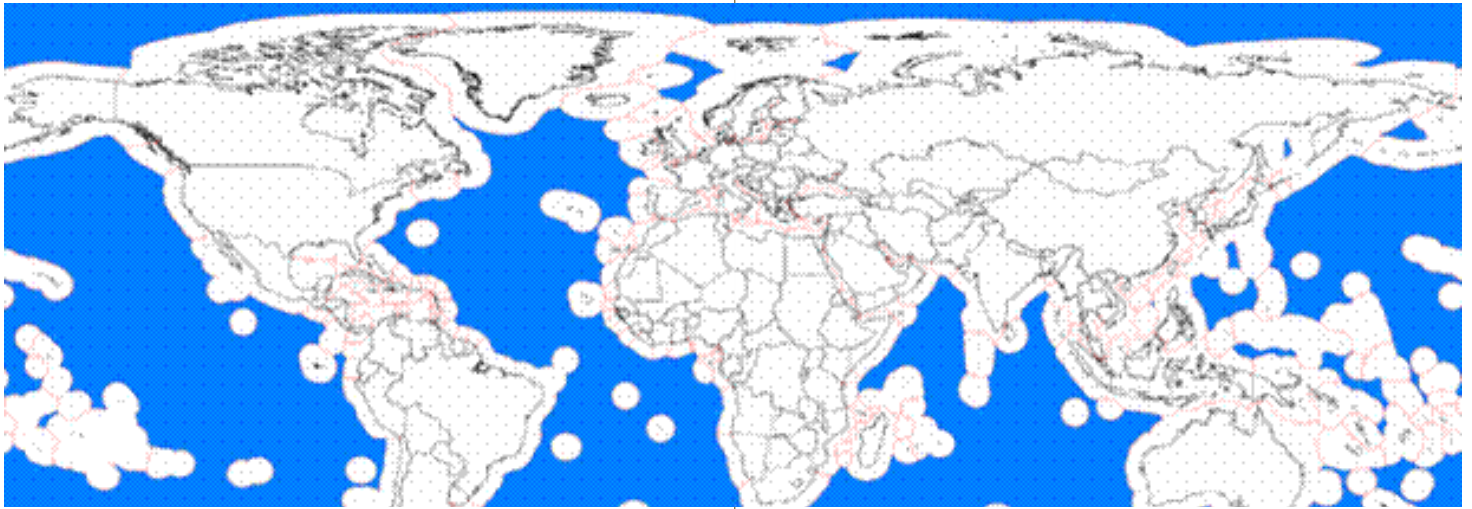
Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Director, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

Advancing Global Policy Through the UN Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

Palitha T. B. Kohona, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations

Liesbeth Lijnzaad, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

Co-Chairs, UN Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction



The Common Oceans Programme

Jeremy Turner, FishCode and Common Oceans Programme Manager, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

Developing Countries' Perspectives on ABNJ and the Imperative of Capacity Development

Eden Charles, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations (*remote presentation*)

12:00 – 1:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK

12:45-1:30 pm Side Event

The Ocean/Climate Platform for UNFCCC COP21 Paris 2015 (Tara Expeditions)

Host: André Abreu, Tara Expeditions

1:30 – 3:30 pm

SESSION 2. SETTING THE STAGE: MAJOR USES AND ISSUES IN ABNJ

Red Room (A-121 INT)

This session provides an overview of the status of major uses/issues/threats in ABNJ, with an emphasis on fisheries management and biodiversity conservation. The status of ecosystems in ABNJ and their vulnerability to human activities will also be discussed. Discussion will also include new knowledge on major drivers of change, such as climate change, and new and emerging uses of ABNJ.

CHAIR:

John Connelly, President, National Fisheries Institute, and Former Chairman, International Coalition of Fishing Associations

Achieving Sustainable Fisheries in ABNJ

Jessica Sanders, Fisheries Officer, FAO, *Overview of Fisheries Issues in ABNJ*

Jean-François Pulvenis, Senior Policy Advisor, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, *Perspectives of RFMOS on ABNJ*

Javier Garat Perez, Secretario General de Cepesca (Confederación Española de Pesca) and Chair, Europêche, *Fishing Industry Perspectives on ABNJ*

Serge Garcia, Chair, Fisheries Expert Group, IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management, *Ecosystem Approaches to Fisheries in ABNJ: How Far Have We Come?*

Frank Chopin, Chief, Fishing Operations and Technology, FAO, *A Snapshot of Threats to ABNJ Fisheries*

Marine Biodiversity and Marine Biotechnology: Issues and Challenges

Marjo Vierros, United Nations University

The Future of Deep Sea Mining

David Johnson, Director, Seascope Consultants Ltd, EU MIDAS Project

Shipping: The Lifeblood of World Trade

Fredrik Haag, Technical Officer, Marine Environment Division, International Maritime Organization (*remote presentation*)

Climate and Biodiversity Issues

Roberto Danovaro, Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy

Discussion

3:30 – 3:45 pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:45 PM

Special Presentation

European Union Perspectives on Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction

Tullio Scovazzi, Professor of International Law, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

4:00 – 6:00 pm

SESSION 3. THE IMPERATIVE OF CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN ABNJ

Red Room (A-121 INT)

This session reviews and discusses updates on capacity assessments for science and technology to support research, conservation, communications, and sustainable use and management of ABNJ. Various options and approaches for multi-sector area-based planning in ABNJ are reviewed, including capacity for their implementation. The imperative for public awareness and stewardship of ABNJ and their management and strategies for addressing this need are also discussed.

CO-CHAIRS:

Gabriele Goettsche-Wanli, Director, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

Awni Behnam, President, International Ocean Institute

Assessment of Capacity Needs in ABNJ and the ABNJ Regional Leaders Program

Miriam Balgos, Biliana Cicin-Sain, and Erica Wales, Global Ocean Forum and University of Delaware

Capacity Development Tools for Multiple-Use Area-Planning and Their Potential Use in ABNJ

Jacqueline Alder, formerly Coordinator, Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Branch, UNEP

Capacity Development in Support of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11

David Cooper, Director of Scientific Assessment and Monitoring Division and Aleke Stöfen-O'Brien, Junior Professional Officer, CBD Secretariat

Capacity Development in the Management of Tuna Fisheries

Alejandro Anganuzzi, Coordinator, ABNJ Tuna Project, FAO

Capacity Development and the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries in the ABNJ

Merete Tandstad, Lead Technical Officer, ABNJ Deep Seas Project

Public Awareness and Capacity Issues in ABNJ

Tina Farmer, Lead Technical Officer, ABNJ Capacity Development Project, FAO

Philippe Vallette, Director General, Nausicaa

Capacity Development in Marine Science: Tara Expeditions Initiatives

André Abreu, Head for Environment and Climate Policy, Tara Expeditions

Discussion

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Welcome Reception, Aventino Room

Thursday, 19 February

9:30 – 10:00 am

**Recap of Sessions 1-3, Tina Farmer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
*Red Room (A-121 INT)***

Sessions 4-6 will focus on the status of major uses/issues/threats in ABNJ with emphasis on fisheries and biodiversity in the regions, including: 1) information on new and emerging uses; 2) "State of practice" of regional level implementation of ABNJ management, including new options for conservation and sustainable management and updates on ongoing processes and discussions on ABNJ issues taking place at the regional level; and 3) lessons learned and best practices from national and regional management approaches, and potential ways to scale up these approaches to the global level. Inputs and perspectives from the Common Oceans Program will add information and lessons learned to the discussion.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

SESSION 4. EXPERIENCES, PRIORITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND INDIAN OCEAN

Red Room (A-121 INT)

CHAIR:

Thembile Joyini, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations in New York

South Atlantic Region

Yacouba Cisse, Universite de Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan Convention Committee on Science and Technology

Rehema Namaganda Bavuma, World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fishworkers (*remote presentation*)

Ben van Zyl, South Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO), Swakopmund, Namibia (*remote presentation*)

Indian Ocean

Dixon Waruinge, Program Officer, Nairobi Convention Secretariat

Yugraj Singh Yadava, Director, Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organization (BOBP-IGO)

Discussion/Input from Common Oceans program

DISCUSSION LEADER:

Alejandro Anganuzzi, Coordinator, ABNJ Tuna Project, FAO

12:00 – 1:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK

12:45 to 1:30 PM

Side Event

***Aboard the R/V Fridtjof Nansen
A Month-long Research Voyage Along the African
Coast and Deep Seas***

Hosts: EAF-Nansen Project and the FAO Deep-sea Fisheries Programme

1:30 – 3:15pm

SESSION 5. EXPERIENCES, PRIORITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PACIFIC

Red Room (A-121 INT)

CHAIR:

David Sheppard, Director General, Secretariat of the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme

Pacific Islands

Elizabeth Brierley, Senior Ocean Analyst, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner/Pacific Island Forum Secretariat

Wesley Norris, Deputy Director-General, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

Southeast Pacific

Julio Augusto Reyna Moreno, Capitán de Navío, Secretary General, Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS)

Discussion/Input from the Common Oceans program

DISCUSSION LEADER:

Blaise Kuemlangan, Chief, Development Law Service, FAO

3:15 – 3:30pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:30 to 5:30 PM

SESSION 6. EXPERIENCES, PRIORITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN

CHAIR:

William Gibbons-Fly, Director, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environment and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Atlantic

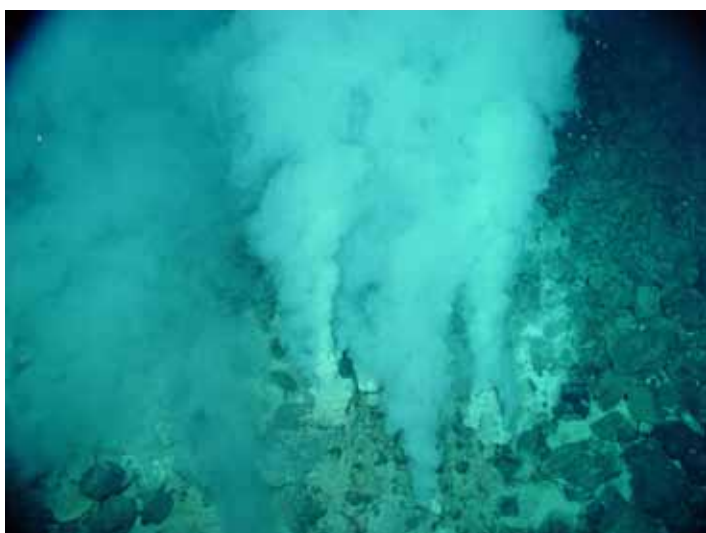
Stefán Ásmundsson, Executive Secretary, North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)

Darius Campbell, Executive Secretary, OSPAR Commission

Fred Kingston, Executive Secretary, Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)

Sargasso Sea

David Freestone, Executive Secretary, Sargasso Sea Commission (*remote presentation*)



Mediterranean

Miguel Bernal, Fishery Resources Officer, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)

Francois Simard, Deputy Head, Senior Advisor for Fisheries, Global Marine Programme, IUCN

Juan Suarez-de Vivero, Professor of Marine Geography, University of Sevilla

Discussion/Input from Common Oceans program

DISCUSSION LEADER:

Merete Tandstad, Lead Technical Officer, ABNJ Deep Seas Project, FAO



Friday, 20 February

9:15 am

COFFEE

9:30 – 10:00 am

Recap of Sessions 4-6

Kathrin Hett, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer,
Common Oceans Program, FAO

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

SESSION 7. BREAK-OUT DISCUSSIONS ON ADVANCING REGIONAL MANAGEMENT OF ABNJ

Meet initially in the Red Room. After an introduction to the break-out sessions, regional discussions will be held in different rooms as noted below. Participants will be assigned to regional discussions. Groups may go to lunch at their convenience.

The break-out group discussions, which will be conducted by regions (or regional groups), will identify, discuss and take stock of: 1) Current knowledge and information on fisheries management, biodiversity conservation, and other major uses and issues in ABNJ in the region/regional group; 2) Emerging best practices for management of fisheries and biodiversity conservation, from both within and beyond national jurisdiction, that could be scaled up and applied to ABNJ in each region/regional group, as well as to the global level; and 3) Important gaps in capacity, management, scientific knowledge, and other key areas of uncertainty related to ABNJ uses and issues as well as specific avenues for future research and action with a view to filling these gaps in each region/regional group. The expected outputs from these break-out groups will form part of the state-of-the-art of science and policy/management in fisheries management, biodiversity conservation, and other major uses and issues in ABNJ in each region/regional group.

OVERALL FACILITATORS:

Marjo Vierros, Adjunct Senior Fellow, United Nations University- Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

Miriam Balgos, Program Coordinator, Global Ocean Forum and University of Delaware

Marco Boccia, Fishery Liaison Officer, Policy, Economics and Institutions Branch, Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO

South Atlantic and Indian Ocean (meet in German Room (C 269))

Yugraj S. Yadava, Director, Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (Moderator)

Yacouba Cisse, Universite de Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan Convention Committee on Science and Technology

Pacific (meet in Nigeria Room (C215))

David Sheppard, Secretary Director, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (Moderator)

Elizabeth Brierley, Senior Ocean Analyst, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner/Pacific Island Forum Secretariat

Wesley Norris, Deputy Director-General, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

Nguyen Chu Hoi, Vietnam National University

North Atlantic and Mediterranean (meet in Ethiopia Room (C215))

David Johnson, Programme Coordinator, Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (Moderator)

Christophe Lefebvre, French Marine Protected Areas Agency

Stefán Ásmundsson, North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)

Alastair Macfarlane, Executive Secretary, International Coalition of Fisheries Associations

2:30 – 3:00 pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:00 – 5:00 pm

SESSION 8. LEARNING LESSONS, CHARTING DIRECTIONS

Red Room (A-121 INT)

This session will commence with reporting from the Chairs of the Regional Breakout Groups and summary of discussions. A synthesis of the overall outcomes from the plenary sessions and break-out discussions will follow. Next steps emanating from the workshop outcomes as well as concluding remarks will close the workshop.

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Counsellor Thembile Joyini, Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations

Reporting from the Chairs of the Regional Breakout Groups

WORKSHOP CLOSING

Workshop Concluding Remarks

Maria-Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General, FAO

Jon Erlingur Jonasson, Permanent Representative of Iceland to the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations

Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum and University of Delaware

*not confirmed

Pre-workshop Activities (Tuesday, 17 February)

Will be held in the Philippines Room (C277-281)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting of the Community of Practice on Fisheries, Biodiversity, and Climate Change

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

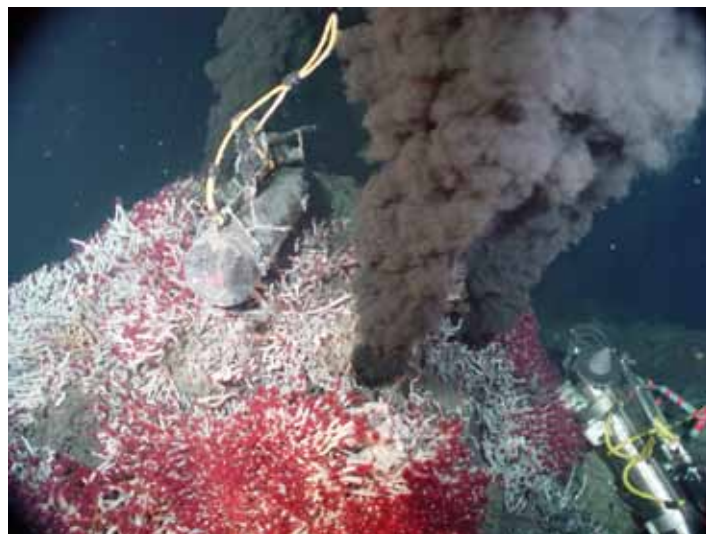
Meeting of the Community of Practice on Multi-Sector Area-Based Planning

For both meetings, participants will: 1) define strategic context for the CoP: articulate the value of having a CoP in their area of interest and benefits that can be derived from membership and participation in the CoP; identify the critical issues in ABNJ that the CoP can address; articulate the need for sharing and generating new knowledge to address those critical issues; and 2) brainstorm, define, and set parameters for interaction within the CoP.

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Meeting of the ABNJ Public Outreach Network

Participants will discuss: 1) how to design the program of work for the Network for long-term participation; 2) how to harness interest in ABNJ and in the Network; 3) develop a strategic plan for the Network.





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