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SUSTAINABLE OCEAN INITIATIVE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR EAST AFRICA

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, at its tenth meeting, adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, with its Aichi Biodiversity Targets (see decision X/2). The mission of the Strategic Plan is to take effective and urgent action to halt the loss of biodiversity in order to ensure that, by 2020, ecosystems are resilient and continue to provide essential services, thereby securing the planet's variety of life, and contributing to human well-being and poverty eradication.
2. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting urged Parties and other Governments: (a) to achieve long-term conservation, management and sustainable use of marine resources and coastal habitats; (b) to establish and effectively manage marine protected areas, in order to safeguard marine and coastal biodiversity, marine ecosystem services, and sustainable livelihoods; and (c) to adapt to climate change, through appropriate application of the precautionary approach and the use of integrated marine and coastal area management, marine spatial planning, impact assessment, and other available tools. The Conference of the Parties likewise emphasized the need for training and capacity-building for developing country Parties through regional workshops that contribute to sharing experiences and knowledge related to the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity.
3. Recognizing this urgent need, the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) was born in the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, with the support of the Government of Japan (through Japan Biodiversity Fund), and in collaboration with various partners that were willing to provide the necessary expertise, technical and financial resources. The SOI concept was further developed in subsequent meetings, such as the SOI Programme Development Meeting (Kanazawa, Japan, 2-4 August 2011), SOI High-level Meeting (Yeosu, Republic of Korea, 5 June 2012,) and a high-level side event on SOI held during the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (Hyderabad, India, 17 October 2012). The execution of SOI activities is coordinated by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
4. SOI focuses on achieving a balance between conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity by applying an action-oriented, holistic and integrated capacity-building framework. SOI is committed to building bridges between biodiversity conservation and resource management sectors.
5. SOI has evolved as a global platform to build partnerships and enhance capacity to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas by:

- (a) Achieving a balance between conservation and sustainable use and the promotion of flexible and diverse approaches;
- (b) Identifying best practices, facilitating information sharing, and learning from experiences;
- (c) Creating partnerships that can provide for targeted capacity-building, training, technical assistance and learning exchange;
- (d) Providing for two-way communication among policymakers, scientific communities and local stakeholders;
- (e) Facilitating monitoring of progress towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets on marine and coastal biodiversity;
- (f) Facilitating the provision of guidance and guidelines that will help their achievement; and
- (g) Improving the scientific basis for implementation.

6. Requests by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention related to training and capacity development on marine and coastal biodiversity emanating from its tenth and eleventh meetings, and the imperative to enhance progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, underlined the need to scale up SOI activities. In this regard, the SOI Global Partnership Meeting was held in Seoul on 6 and 7 October 2014, to develop a comprehensive action plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative. The output of this meeting, the SOI Action Plan 2015-2020, was subsequently welcomed by the SOI High-level Meeting, which was held on 16 October 2014, sponsored by the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea and co-organized with the Korea Maritime Institute, as a parallel session of the high-level segment of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea. More information on SOI is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/soi/>.

7. The SOI Action Plan 2015-2020 outlines activities in the following areas:

- (a) Global partnership meetings;
- (b) Regional workshops and learning exchange programme;
- (c) Facilitating on-the-ground implementation through national training and exchange;
- (d) Local leaders forum;
- (e) Training of trainers; and
- (f) Web-based information sharing and coordination.

8. Building upon the experiences described above, and in line with the SOI Action Plan 2015-2020, the Executive Secretary is convening the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Regional Capacity Development Workshop for East Africa in collaboration with the Nairobi Convention Secretariat and the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) as well as various other relevant UN/international and regional organizations and initiatives. The workshop is being hosted by the Government of Madagascar and is being financially supported by the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, and the Government of France, through the French MPA Agency (*Agence des aires marines protégées*).

9. The workshop will aim to support enhanced national implementation towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas, in particular by strengthening the scientific, technical and managerial capacity of relevant policymakers, managers and scientists from experts in the region in utilizing marine spatial planning as an approach for enhanced cross-sectoral coordination, planning and management. The workshop will focus on marine spatial planning in particular but will also build on regional experiences in: (a) integrated marine and coastal area management, (b) the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs), and (c) the application of impact

assessments, such as environmental impact assessments and strategic environmental assessments. It will also facilitate scientific, technical and financial partnerships for effective implementation of various management tools and approaches.

10. Participants in the workshop mainly comprise officials and experts in fields related to marine biodiversity conservation, fisheries management and other areas of marine resource planning and management from each of the countries and relevant organizations in the region responsible for addressing the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas, in particular within the context of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) as well as policies/plans on integrated marine and coastal area management at national and/or regional levels. As such, the participants are expected to be in a position to translate the knowledge and skills gained during the workshop into concrete actions in support of implementation at national and/regional levels.

11. The emphasis of the workshop will therefore be on exchange of information and experiences, active learning of skills and tools, and building regional-level networking and partnerships for continuous information-sharing and capacity-building to facilitate progress towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas. With this in mind, the workshop format features a mix of presentations with question-and-answer sessions, plenary discussion, interactive group exercises, discussions in breakout groups, and participatory forums.

12. A list of documents for the workshop is contained in annex I.

13. The language of the workshop will be English and French.

14. Registration of participants will commence at 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 18 January 2016.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

15. Representatives of the Government of Madagascar, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Nairobi Convention Secretariat and the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) will open the workshop at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 18 January 2016.

ITEM 2. WORKSHOP BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

16. A representative of the Nairobi Convention Secretariat will provide an introduction to the regional context with a presentation on efforts to strengthen ocean governance and applying marine spatial planning as a tool for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals in East Africa.

17. A representative of the Government of Madagascar will provide a presentation on the experience of Madagascar in working towards integrated marine and coastal management to facilitate achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

18. A representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and collaborating organizations will brief the participants on the workshop objectives, scope and expected outputs/outcomes. They will also inform the participants of the meeting documents as well as background information documents made available for the workshop, as summarized in annex I and made available on the CBD meeting website (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SOIWS-2016-01>).

19. Participants will then be invited to provide a brief self-introduction, in particular regarding their experiences and expertise related to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets on marine and coastal biodiversity, and to share their expectations for the workshop.

20. The workshop will be organized in plenary and breakout group sessions. The Secretariat, in consultation with the collaborating organizations, will arrange the workshop co-chairs to moderate the plenary discussion as well as resource persons, group facilitators and rapporteurs to facilitate the breakout session discussion, based on the expertise and experience of the workshop participants.

ITEM 3. SHARING OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND ON ACHIEVING AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS IN MARINE AND COASTAL AREAS

21. Under this item, participants from each country and from selected organizations in the region will be invited to share their experiences in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas.

22. Following the presentations, workshop participants will be invited to share their views and insights, in plenary and small group discussion, on the identification of common barriers, challenges and opportunities across national and regional contexts. This discussion will focus on key needs for integrated approaches to planning and management that capacity development for marine spatial planning could help to address.

ITEM 4. APPLICATION OF MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING AS A TOOL TO ADDRESS VARIOUS AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS IN AN INTEGRATED MANNER

23. Under this item, resource persons will provide theme presentations on the following key thematic elements of applying marine spatial planning:

- Understanding the value of marine biodiversity and resources in the East Africa region, with a focus on ecosystem services and sustainable ocean development;
- Identifying a common vision for marine and coastal areas and strengthening ocean and coastal governance towards sustainability, including through the use of strategic environmental assessment and integrated coastal management;
- Marine spatial planning as a tool for cross-sectoral and integrated planning and management;
- Technical and information requirements for implementing marine spatial planning.

24. Small-group discussions will be held throughout this agenda item on the above topics, alternating with the theme presentations.

25. Under this item, participants will undertake a simulation exercise, where they will be presented with a hypothetical scenario in which competing uses and conservation priorities for a given coastal area must be reconciled using cross-sectoral collaboration for marine spatial planning.

ITEM 5. DEVELOPING STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS FOR INITIATING/ENHANCING THE APPLICATION OF MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING AT DIFFERENT SCALES

26. The workshop will then be organized into breakout group sessions focused on the development of strategies and action plans for initiating/enhancing the application of marine spatial planning at different scales. Participants will be invited to work on plans at a national, regional or subregional level (details to be determined by the workshop plenary) to produce strategies and action plans to initiate or enhance the application of MSP, building on the workshop discussion under the previous agenda items.

27. During this agenda item, there will also be opportunities for partnership meetings as well as a national stakeholder meeting for participants from Madagascar.

ITEM 6. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE STEPS

28. Under this item, on the basis of a summary of the workshop discussion, the participants will discuss the key conclusions to be included in the report of the workshop.

29. Participants will then discuss opportunities for future collaboration, including in the context of SOI activities, building on the workshop discussions and outputs.

30. Participants will also be invited to provide feedback on the overall workshop discussion and summarize take-home messages from the workshop.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

31. The workshop is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 22 January 2016.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Document symbol/series	Title
Official documents	
UNEP/CBD/SOI/WS/2016/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SOI/WS/2016/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
Other documents*	
<i>Training materials</i>	
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/9	Training manual on the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) in open-ocean waters and deep-sea habitats
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/16/INF/10	Identifying specific elements for integrating the traditional, scientific, technical and technological knowledge of indigenous and local communities, and social and cultural criteria and other aspects for the application of scientific criteria for identification of ecologically or biologically significant areas (EBSAs) as well as the establishment and management of marine protected areas
	CBD Protected areas E-learning curricula
	FAO Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Toolbox
	FAO: Guidelines on Marine Protected Areas and Fisheries
	FAO: Putting into practice the ecosystem approach to fisheries
	FAO: Geographic Information Systems to support the ecosystem approach to fisheries
<i>Brochures and other relevant background information</i>	
https://www.cbd.int/marine/doc/soi-brochure-2012-en.pdf	Sustainable Ocean Initiative brochure
https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/soiom-2014-02/official/soiom-2014-02-actionplan-en.pdf	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Action Plan 2015-2020
https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/cbwsoi-wafr-01/other/cbwsoi-wafr-01-quick-guide-en.pdf	Quick guides to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
https://www.cbd.int/idb/doc/2012/booklet/idb-2012-booklet-en.pdf	One ocean, many worlds of life (CBD booklet for 2012 International Day for Biological Diversity - Marine Biodiversity)
https://www.cbd.int/ebsa/	Website for the Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)
https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/mar/cbwsoi-wafr-01/other/cbwsoi-wafr-01-azores-brochure-en.pdf	Scientific criteria for EBSAs
<i>Workshop reports</i>	
UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/4/2	Report of the Expert Workshop to Provide Consolidated Practical Guidance and a Toolkit for Marine Spatial Planning
<i>Information on technical approaches</i>	

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/INF/23	Marine Spatial Planning in Practice—Transitioning from Planning to Implementation
	Marine Spatial Planning: A Step-by-Step Approach Towards Ecosystem-based Management (UNESCO-IOC)
UNEP/CBD/MCB/EM/2014/4/INF/2	Using Scientific Information Related to Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) to Implement Marine Spatial Planning and Ecosystem-based Management
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/23	Revised Voluntary Guidelines for the Consideration of Biodiversity in Environmental Impact Assessments and Strategic Environmental Assessments in Marine and Coastal Area
	EBM-markers for assessing progress (by UNEP-GPA)
	MPA Agencies: Practical Guide (by MPA Agencies Partnerships)
	Strategic Environmental Assessment (Centro de Estudos de Gestão do Instituto Superior Técnico, Lisboa, Portugal)
	Partidario, M.R and Gomes, Rita C, Ecosystem services inclusive strategic environmental assessment Special Issue on Ecosystem services in EIA and SEA, Environmental Impact Assessment Review 40 (2013) 35-46
	Partidario, M.R, A Strategic Advocacy Role in SEA for Sustainability, Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management Vol. 17, No. 1 (March 2015)
	Strategic Environmental Assessment Better Practice Guide-methodological guidance for strategic thinking in SEA
<i>CBD Technical Series reports</i>	
CBD Technical Series No. 78 https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-78-en.pdf	Progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets: An assessment of biodiversity trends, policy scenarios and key actions
CBD Technical Series No. 76 https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-76-en.pdf	Integrated coastal management for the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets: Practical guidance for implementation based on experience and lessons learned from coastal and ocean governance in the Seas of East Asia
CBD Technical Series No. 68 https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-68-en.pdf	Marine spatial planning in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity
CBD Technical Series No. 44 https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-44-en.pdf	Making protected areas relevant: A guide to integrate protected areas into wider landscapes, seascapes and sectoral plans and strategies

*Some additional documents, not listed in this note, may be posted on the meeting website (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SOIWS-2016-01>) as they are made available.

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 18 January 2016 (Day 1)	
9 – 9:30 a.m.	<p>Agenda item 1. Opening of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Representative of the Government of Madagascar ◆ Representative of the Executive Secretary of the CBD ◆ Coordinator of the Nairobi Convention Secretariat ◆ Coordinator of WIOMSA
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Agenda item 2. Workshop background, objectives, scope and expected outcomes</p> <p>2.1 Regional context: Strengthening Ocean Governance and applying MSP as a tool for Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Nairobi Convention Secretariat <p>2.2 Integrated marine and coastal management towards achieving Aichi Targets: the experience of Madagascar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the representative of the Government of Madagascar <p>2.3 Context, objectives, approaches and expected outputs/outcomes of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the representative of the CBD Secretariat
10:30 – 11 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11 - 11:30 a.m.	2.4 Small group discussion on the needs and expectations of participants
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 3. Sharing of national and regional experiences in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas</p> <p>3.1 Sharing national experiences <i>(Participants from Parties will each be invited to make a brief presentation)</i> <i>Q and A</i> <i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
12:30 – 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2 – 3:30 p.m.	<p>3.2 Sharing regional experiences <i>(Participants from selected organizations will each be invited to make a brief presentation)</i> <i>Q and A</i> <i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
3:30 – 4 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>

4 – 5:30 p.m.	3.3 Identification of common barriers, challenges and opportunities across national and regional contexts
Tuesday, 19 January 2016 (Day 2)	
9 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Agenda item 4. Application of marine spatial planning as a tool to address various Aichi Biodiversity Targets in an integrated manner</p> <p>4.1 Understanding the value of marine biodiversity and resources</p> <p><i>Theme presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine biodiversity, ecosystem services and sustainable ocean development in the East African region • Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in the Western Indian Ocean region • Understanding values of marine biodiversity and resources in a cross-sectoral context <p><i>Facilitated small-group discussion</i></p> <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>4.2 Identifying common vision for marine and coastal areas and strengthening ocean and coastal governance towards sustainability path</p> <p><i>Theme presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Environmental Assessment: concept, approaches, applications, and lessons learned • Integrated coastal management: applications and lessons learned from the East African region • Aichi Biodiversity Targets, Sustainable Development Goals, and Blue Economy in the East African region <p><i>Facilitated small-group discussion</i></p> <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
12:30 – 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2 – 3:30 p.m.	<p>4.3 Marine spatial planning as a tool for cross-sectoral and integrated planning and management</p> <p><i>Theme presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine spatial planning: concept, approaches, applications, and lessons learned <p><i>Small-group exercise</i></p> <p>Plenary discussion focusing on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the needs and clear management objectives for applying area-based management tools, such as MSP • Engaging political commitment to initiate MSP process • Setting in place necessary legal and institutional arrangements

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-sectoral coordination mechanism • Addressing multiple-use conflicts through MSP • Complementing/enhancing existing sector-based management efforts
3:30 – 4 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
4 – 5:30 p.m.	<p>4.4 Technical and information requirements for implementing marine spatial planning</p> <p><i>Theme presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine spatial planning: technical approaches and information tools <p><i>Small-group exercise</i></p> <p>Plenary discussion focusing on the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning approaches • Communication with stakeholders, including IPLCs • Stakeholders involvement • Information gathering, synthesis and analysis • Mapping tools • Incorporation of traditional knowledge
Wednesday, 20 January 2016 (Day 3)	
9 – 10:30 a.m.	4.5 Simulation exercise of cross-sectoral, multi stakeholders consultation for marine spatial planning
10:30 – 11 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 4.5 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><i>Presentation of group exercise results</i></p>
12:30 – 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2 – 5:30 p.m.	<p>4.6 Effective implementation of marine spatial planning: environmental impact assessment, regulatory mechanism, awareness building, enforcement, compliance, and financing</p> <p><i>Theme presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental impact assessment in support of the implementation of marine spatial planning • Enabling factors for effective implementation of marine spatial planning: Regulatory mechanisms, awareness-building, enforcement, compliance, and financing <p><i>Small-group exercise</i></p> <p><i>Plenary discussion</i></p>
Thursday, 21 January 2016 (Day 4)	
9 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Agenda item 5. Developing strategies and action plans for initiating/enhancing the application of marine spatial planning at different scales</p> <p>Building on previous workshop discussion, each group will produce</p>

	<p>strategies and action plans to initiate or enhance the application of MSP on a subnational, national, subregional or regional scale.</p> <p>During this agenda item, there will also be opportunities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National workshop of Madagascar stakeholders • Partnership meetings
10:30 – 11 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (<i>continued</i>)
12:30 – 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2 – 3:30 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (<i>continued</i>)
3:30 – 4 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
4 – 5:30 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 22 January 2016 (Day 5)	
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Presentation on the group exercise results
10:30 – 11 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (<i>continued</i>)
12:30 – 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2 – 3:30 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (<i>continued</i>)
3:30 – 4 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
4 – 5:30 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 6. Conclusion and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Key conclusion 6.2 Future collaboration 6.3 Evaluation of the workshop and feedback <p>Agenda item 7. Closure of the workshop</p>

