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请求获得大会观察员地位

秘书处的说明

1. 2009年4月20日，世界野生动植物基金会致函国际海底管理局秘书长，请求获得管理局大会观察员地位。基金会来函及其提供的补充资料见本说明附件。
2. 国际海底管理局大会议事规则第82条第1款(e)项规定，“秘书长已按照《联合国海洋法公约》第一六九条第1款作出安排的非政府组织，及表示对大会审议中事项有兴趣而经大会邀请的其他非政府组织”，可以观察员身份参加大会。
3. 第82条第5和第6款还规定，“本条第1款(e)项所指的观察员可列席大会的公开会议，如经主席邀请并征得大会同意，可以就其工作范围的问题提出口头陈述”，以及“本条第1款(e)项所指的观察员提出的在其工作范围内并与大会工作有关的书面陈述，应由秘书处按所提交的份数与语文分发”。

附件

2009年4月20日世界野生动植物基金会全球及区域政策主任给国际海底管理局秘书长的信*

The present letter seeks to obtain observer status for WWF International with the International Seabed Authority. WWF is in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

WWF is one of the world's largest and most experienced independent conservation organizations, with almost 5 million supporters and a global network active in more than 100 countries. The mission of WWF is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.

As such, we are working through international policy forums to ensure that relevant laws and regulations are in place for activities that may be harmful to the environment, and advocate for the precautionary principle as the guiding factor at all stages in exploration and exploitation of natural resources.

The International Seabed Authority is the international body in charge of activities pertaining to the seabed, which is coming increasingly to the attention of mining and prospecting companies as a source of precious raw materials. But the seabed also hosts distinct habitats and ecosystems, many of these central to ocean biodiversity. It is therefore of great interest to WWF to participate in the deliberations at the International Seabed Authority, to which we hope to contribute our conservation expertise.

WWF runs a global programme of work dedicated to ensuring the responsibility of flag States for all activities taking place under their jurisdiction, working with both Governments and with business and industry to ensure responsible use of resources.

Currently, WWF is working to ensure that all potential activities at the Charlie Gibbs Fracture Zone (on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge), recently proposed as a high-seas marine protected area under the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic, are regulated through relevant international bodies.

It would be an honour for WWF to be granted the status of official observer in the International Seabed Authority. I look forward to hearing from you.

(Signed) Gordon **Shepherd**
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