

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART I

*Informal Working Group – Environment*

**(for inclusion in the IWG-ENV consultations, due 15 April 2022)**

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to [council2022@isa.org.jm](mailto:council2022@isa.org.jm).

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

**Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea**

2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

**SCHEDULE 1: Use of Terms and Scope**

Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.

**ADD to** current proposed list of terms to be defined set out in the comment box by the Honorable Mme Facilitator in ISBA/27/C/IWG/ENV/CRP.1 (8 Feb 2022) under Schedule

**Definition of “ecological balance of the marine environment” and of “interference with the ecological balance of the marine environment”**

Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]

**Addressing this criterion in the regulations is required under LOSC Art. 145(a), as set out in detail in ACOPS Template Proposal IWG ENV PartIV Overarching Comments. Please refer to that template.**

**A useful approach to establishing a definition of this complex requirement can be found in A Practitioner’s Guide to the Biological Condition Gradient: A Framework to Describe Incremental Change in Aquatic Ecosystems, available at <https://www.epa.gov/wqc/practitioners-guide-biological-condition-gradient-framework-describe-incremental-change-aquatic> and in Implementing the Biological Condition Gradient Framework for Management of Estuaries and Coasts, available at [https://cfpub.epa.gov/si/si\\_public\\_record\\_report.cfm?dirEntryId=338154](https://cfpub.epa.gov/si/si_public_record_report.cfm?dirEntryId=338154) . Additional information is available in LC/SG 45/INF.5 (28 January 2022) on the website of the London Convention and Protocol.**