

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:

COUNCIL - PART I

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

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

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

Regulation 51, Part IV - ISBA/27/C/IWG/ENV/CRP.1

3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline 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.

Regulation 51 Compliance with the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

A Contractor shall, in accordance with its Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan and these regulations:

- (a) Monitor and report annually under regulation 38 (2) (g) on the Environmental Effects of its activities on the Marine Environment, and manage all such effects as an integral part of its Exploitation activities as set out in the Standards referred to in regulation 45;
- (b) Implement all applicable Mitigation and management measures to ensure the effective protection of the marine environment from harmful effects. ~~protect the Marine Environment,~~ as set out in the Standards referred to in regulation 45; and
- (c) Maintain the currency and adequacy of the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan during the term of its exploitation contract in accordance with Best available science, Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices, as well as the relevant Standards, and taking account of the relevant Guidelines.

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

- 1- the text must be in line with article 145 of the Convention that states “Necessary measures shall be taken in accordance with this Convention with respect to activities in the Area to ensure effective protection for the marine environment from harmful effects which may arise from such activities”.
- 2- The Environmental Management and Monitoring plan must use and be adequate to, during the exploitation activities and term of the contract, the Best available science to include newest methods and information regarding protection of the marine environment, as well as the Standards, which is a legally binding instrument of the authority that must be use for such purposes.

