

Intervention during the Informal Working Group on the Protection and preservation of the Marine Environment – Facilitator's text (VIII).

Dear Madam facilitator,

We would like to express our support for the comments made by Costa Rica. We believe that the inclusion of recovery rates of the marine environment to its original state is important. Recovery rates differ between systems and should be clearly stated and acknowledged.

We further recommend to include a brief evaluation of the effectiveness of mitigation measures, not just state those measures taken to minimize them. We also recommend the inclusion of residual impacts that may occur despite mitigation. Last, the executive Summary should outline both the potential benefits and costs of the project.

Thank you