

Template for the review of the draft regional environmental management plan for the Area of the northern Mid-Atlantic Ridge with a focus on polymetallic sulphide deposits

Please use the review template below when providing comments. Line and page numbers have been provided in the draft REMP. Please use these as a reference as illustrated in the table below.

TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS

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General Comments		
<p>When preparing the general comments, stakeholders are invited to consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The structure and layout of the draft REMP. 2) The level of detail of the draft REMP, while avoiding being too prescriptive. 3) The goals and objectives in the draft REMP in providing for long-term, effective protection of the marine environment in the Area of the northern Mid-Atlantic Ridge. 4) The management measures and their ability to achieve the goals and objectives in the draft REMP. 		
Specific Comments		
Page	Line	Comment
12	441-442	What would be the activities that would have serious harmful effects and what would be the criteria to identify them?
14	530-536	The levels that are mentioned, what is the reference that will be taken into account?
15	574-577	Control the generation of underwater sound from the surface vessel, from riser pumps, particularly in the Sound Fixing and Ranging (SOFAR) channel and on the seabed to prevent interference with communications of pelagic fauna, particularly mammals marine, as indicated by the guidelines to reduce its impact since 2014 of the IMO CBD Convention and since 2017 of the CMS
15	584-585	Avoid and control the introduction of invasive species from ships that can lead to loss of ecosystem function and biodiversity
15	592-593	Apply the temporary suspension of mining operations during biological events and geological significant.