




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 **28 JUNE 2022 | 1:00 - 2:15 PM**

 **HYBRID EVENT**

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Enhancing scientific cooperation in support of regional environmental management planning in the international seabed area

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CONTEXT

The development and implementation of regional environmental management plans (REMPs) is an essential element of ISA's strategy to ensure effective protection of the marine environment in the Area, in line with its mandate under Article 145 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. ISA has established a network of areas of particular environmental interest (APEIs) under its environmental management plan for the Clarion-Clipperton Zone in the Pacific Ocean. The whole network covers 1.9 million km² of seafloor entirely protected from exploitation of mineral resources. Building on this experience, ISA has also been developing REMPs in other priority areas, in collaboration with a range of partner organizations.

This side event aims to present experiences and progress in developing and implementing REMPs in the Area, and scientific collaboration and partnerships in support of this process. It will present examples of area-based and other environmental management measures for the protection of marine biodiversity and ecosystems in the Area, and the scientific methods, research and collaboration developed to support the REMP processes in various priority regions in the Area.

THEMATIC FOCUS Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems (Interactive Dialogue #2)

ORGANIZING PARTNERS

Organized by the International Seabed Authority in collaboration with:

- Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India
- European Commission
- Ministry of Climate and Environment, the Republic of Poland
- Ministry of Natural Resources, the People's Republic of China
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization of Australia
- University of Szczecin, the Republic of Poland

PROGRAMME

1:00 – 1:10 PM	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority • Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity
1:10 – 1:35 PM	<p>Regional environmental management planning in the international seabed area: from science to policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introductory video on regional environmental management plans in the Area</i> • Presentation by Dr. Gordon Paterson, Member of the ISA Legal and Technical Commission • Presentation by Dr. Piers Dunstan, Team Leader Marine Biodiversity Risk & Management, Oceans and Atmosphere, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization of Australia • Statement by Mr. Felix Leinemann, Head of Unit Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning, European Commission
1:35 – 1:55 PM	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: Strengthening collaborative scientific platform to support REMP development and implementation</p> <p>This panel will feature presentations from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. M.V. Ramana Murthy, Director of the National Centre for Coastal Research; Programme Head of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India • Dr. Teresa Radziejewska, Professor, University of Szczecin, the Republic of Poland • Dr. Kirsty McQuaid, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Plymouth, United Kingdom • Dr. Xue-Wei Xu, Professor, Second Institute of Oceanography, and Dr. Yan Gao, China Deep Ocean Affairs Administration, Ministry of Natural Resources; People's Republic of China <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are environmental data generated, synthesized, and used to support REMP development? • What are the opportunities for sharing of data and knowledge? • How can collaborative efforts be developed and enhanced to support regional-scale environmental assessment and monitoring?
1:55 – 2:10 PM	<p>Interactive discussion</p>
2:10 – 2:15 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General, International Seabed Authority