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

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General Comments

When preparing the general comments, stakeholders are invited to consider the following:

- 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.

The objectives of the REMP will benefit from the definition of specific parameters and the thresholds so that the corresponding actions can be objectively and therefore effectively operationalized, which is in fact acknowledged throughout the document on several occasions. It is therefore important to consider this aspect in due course.

Specific Comments		
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