

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART II**

***Informal Working Group - Environment***

*Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to [council2022@isa.org.jm](mailto:council2022@isa.org.jm).*

**1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

Submitted by WODA

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

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**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.**

**Test mining**

1. The purpose of test mining is to ensure that the mining equipment is technically appropriate, the operation economically efficient and that effective protection of the marine environment from harmful effects is ensured. Test mining projects shall as a general rule provide evidence that appropriate equipment is available to ensure the effective protection of the Marine Environment in accordance with Article 145.

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

- Test mining should be provided an element of experimentation to determine results of mining and its impacts on the environment, and then if not adequate to protect the marine environment, another round of test mining should be required to prove technology and operations to protect the environment to acceptable impacts.