

**DOSI Intervention regarding Item 10: Draft Regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area: Fourth meeting of the Informal Working Group on the Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment**

**Annex IV Section 3 - Description of the Proposed Project.  
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Thank you, Madame Facilitator. The Deep-Ocean Stewardship initiative supports many of the suggestions throughout the text of Section 3. DOSI welcomes the inclusion of Section 3bis. Methods are a key component of the Proposed Project and crucial for stakeholders to evaluate if the Environmental Impact Statement is rigorous.

Regarding Section 3.1. on Project Area, DOSI recommends that the location information should be expanded to include the framing of the Contract area in a broader context. This could include the identification of nearby Coastal States or States that may be affected by mining activities. Including this information in the Environmental Impact Statement is important to identify stakeholders and potential sources of cumulative impacts.

Thank you, Madame Facilitator.