

**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 6 - Description of the existing human activities  
#25 Delivered 22 March 2023 by Sonigitu Ekpe**

Thank you, Madame Facilitator. With regards to section 6.2.1, DOSI recommends the inclusion of future projections of fishery stocks in the Contract area. It is anticipated that species, including tunas, will change their distribution in response to climate change, and these changes need to be taken into consideration regarding deep-sea mining activities. Thank you, Madame Facilitator.