

DOSI Intervention regarding item 10: Draft Regulations on exploitation of mineral resources in the Area: Fourth meeting of the Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement

**DR102 - Vessel notification, electronic monitoring, and data reporting.
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Thank you, Madame Facilitator. The Deep-Ocean Stewardship Initiative recommends amendments to the text to include a requirement for real-time independent monitoring of information on mining activities, environmental data, and positions of all mining vessels at all times. Thus, we recommend removing the text 'where technically feasible' from Paragraph 1(a).

As evidenced from the monitoring of the nodule collector test carried out in the Belgian and German contract areas in the Clarion Clipperton Zone in 2021, such independent monitoring is technically feasible.

DOSI believes that these data should be available to the Inspectorate and all stakeholders in real time, and support the inclusion of Paragraph 5 alt. This will facilitate analysis of the monitoring data and enhance the transparency of this industry in remote environments.
Thank you, Madame Facilitator