

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS FOR THE 28TH 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.

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

Submitted by the International Marine Minerals Society (IMMS)

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

Definition of “Ecological Balance of the Marine Environment” from [President’s Text](#) – Schedule – Use of terms and scope

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.

[“Ecological Balance of the Marine Environment” means] [...]

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

- We do not see the need for this to be a defined term in the schedule. However, should it be retained, we note that the [OECD](#) has developed a definition of ecological balance which could be used. The OECD definition is as follows: “The ecological balance is the equilibrium between, and harmonious coexistence of, organisms and their environment.”