

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS FOR THE 28<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 the International Marine Minerals Society (IMMS)

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

References to the requirement for a scientific review of the EIS prior to the application being made from Dr Taga's (Facilitator the IWG on the Protection of the Marine Environment) further revised text, made available on 3 March 2023:

<https://www.isa.org.jm/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/ENV-Facilitator-further-revised-text.pdf>

**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.**

\*multiple places

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

- The requirement for a scientific review of the EIS prior to an application being made is mentioned in multiple places. We note that such a scientific review may not necessarily be needed if the Contractor in question consults with and/or engages the scientific community during EIA development. This consultation and/or engagement should be outlined in the EIS. We also note that the LTC can reach out to experts / engage in a scientific review as and when they deem such a review to be necessary.