

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 World Organization of Dredging Associations (WODA)

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

Draft Regulation 31(1)(alt)(ter)

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.

Original text

1 **alt ter.** Contractors shall carry out Exploitation under an exploitation contract with reasonable regard for climate mitigation carried out by ecosystem in the area, such as carbon burial and sequestration and nutrients recycling

Proposed text to replace whole of the original text

[delete paragraph]

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

Climate mitigation is an important ecosystem service rather than an ‘other marine activity’. The consideration of the effects upon this ecosystem service should certainly be considered in the EIA where appropriate, but climate mitigation should not be treated as an existing ‘activity’.