



Consultation on the draft Strategic Plan for the International Seabed Authority for the five-year period 2024-2028.

General questions

1. Does the Draft Strategic Plan for the period 2024-2028 clearly encapsulate the mandate and responsibilities set out for the Authority by the Convention and the 1994 Agreement?

The Draft Strategic Plan for the period 2024-2028 contains specific and summarized information regarding the responsibility and mandate of the Authority that has been maintained in the five-year period of the first plan up to the present.

2. How do you think the Strategic Plan and associated High-Level Action Plan have contributed to fulfil the mission of ISA (as per the mission statement)?

Both plans have contributed to the fulfillment of the ISA's mission, considering the difficulty and complexity of the mandate assigned in the performance of its functions that, ultimately, should support the orderly, safe and responsible management and development of the Zone's resources. for the benefit of all humanity; including ensuring effective protection of the marine environment in accordance with sound conservation principles and contribution to agreed international goals and principles, including the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. To what extent do you think the work of ISA provides a useful model for sustainable management of the global commons as Steward of the Area and its resources?

The work of the ISA contributes to a great extent to the sustainable management of the global commons as administrator of areas and resources because it provides a reference framework so that the member countries of UNCLOS can carry out a responsible exploitation of resources in the Area.

However, it must be taken into account that there are technical, financial and governance challenges posed by the control of extensive mining operations and that this Authority has not been able to issue warnings or sanctions to contractors that violate the terms of their contracts under the regulation.

4. What should be the priorities of the Authority for the next five years?

In the next five years, the Authority should work to promote a specialized source of scientific or environmental advice to base its decisions as priorities for the ISA to strengthen its mission

at a global level. Likewise, it should provide assistance and technical cooperation to generate governance on the issues that correspond to it.

Specific questions

5. Does the “*Mission Statement*” (unchanged from the first strategic plan) continue to accurately reflect the mandate of the Authority?

The Authority's mandate continues to be reflected in the mission statement in the strategic plan 2019-2023 and 2024-2028. Currently, the context and current challenges that highlight the importance of managing the ocean space and natural resources must be considered.

6. How do you consider that the context and challenges identified remain relevant? Should there be any new elements identified?

The context and challenges are very relevant because they influence the mandate and activities of the ISA, giving it greater relevance so that the global community understands the benefits of the regulations proposed by the Authority and the benefits that could be generated in relation to its functions.

7. Are the “*Results and Priority Outputs*” appropriate and is there a clear link between the “*Strategic Directions*” and the “*Results and Priority Outputs*”?

The “Results and Priority Outputs” are appropriate because they are related to the “Strategic Directions” because each one strengthens the context of the Authority, as well as the effort in its activities, demonstrating a link and complementarity in these sections.

8. Are there any specific observations or comments that Member States and other stakeholders wish to make in connection with any other aspect of the Draft Strategic Plan for 2024-2028?

Continue strengthening the interaction of the Authority with the world reality, such as the importance of the approval of the BBNJ agreement and its link with the challenges for the ISA; technological development with the present and future applications of artificial intelligence and the need for developing countries to be considered in all processes led by the ISA. Likewise, the relationship of the ISA with other related organizations such as the FAO and the IMO whose missions are complementary.