

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS AFTER THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SESSION: COUNCIL -  
PART III**

*Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to [council@isa.org.jm](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).*

- 1. Name of Working Group:** Protection and Preservation of the Marine Environment
- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Federated States of Micronesia
- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Draft exploitation regulation 44alt(1)(c)

- 4. 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.**

(1)(c). Integrate Best Available Scientific Evidence and, where available, relevant traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in decision-making

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

If DR 44alt rather than DR 44 is to be chosen, then Micronesia proposes amending paragraph (1)(c) of DR 44alt to include a reference to the relevant and available traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities as a complement to Best Available Scientific Evidence when making decisions. This is a similar approach to paragraph (1)(iii) of DR 44, which we can also support.