

Submission of proposals related to the Further revised draft text of an agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

Template

Please fill out one form for each article which your delegation(s) or group(s) wish(es) to propose, amend or delete.

- 1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) and/or Group(s) making the proposal in the order that they should be listed in any conference room papers or other documents:**

International Union for Conservation of Nature

- 2. Please indicate the relevant part of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5¹) that this proposal relates to, using the drop-down menu below.**

PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3. Please indicate the relevant article of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5¹) that this proposal relates to (if applicable) or indicate if this is a proposal for an additional article**

Article 1, para. 3

- 4. Kindly provide the amendments to the article that are being proposed in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the article that are being amended or deleted - examples are attached for reference.**

3. ~~**Option A:** “Area-based management tool” means a tool, including a marine protected area, for a geographically defined area through which one or several sectors or activities are managed with the aim of achieving particular conservation and sustainable use objectives in accordance with this Agreement.~~

¹ Currently available as an advance, unedited, version on the website of the IGC: [Fifth substantive session \(un.org\)](https://www.un.org/)

Option B: “Area-based management tool” means a tool, including a marine protected area, for a geographically defined area through which one or several sectors or activities are managed in order to achieve, in accordance with this Agreement:

5. Rationale for the proposal, if any.

Option B is preferred as it clearly distinguishes between the objectives of an MPA which have conservation as their primary objective, from other types of ABMTs, which may have conservation outcomes and benefits but are driven by other primary objectives, such as OECMs².

²A geographically defined area other than a Protected Area, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in situ conservation of biodiversity with associated ecosystem functions and services and where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socio-economic, and other locally relevant values. (CBD Decision 14/8)