

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. 6

- 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.**

6. “Collection in situ”, in relation to marine genetic resources, means the collection or sampling of marine genetic resources in areas beyond national jurisdiction for their utilization.

- 5. Rationale for the proposal, if any.**

To clarify the scope of this Agreement, this definition should be narrowed to apply only to marine genetic resources collected for the purpose of “utilization”, as defined under

¹ Currently available as an advance, unedited, version on the website of the IGC: [Fifth substantive session \(un.org\)](https://www.un.org/development/desa/dest/2022/05/20220501-advance-version-of-the-2022-2023-work-programme-of-the-international-governance-committee-for-the-law-of-the-sea)

para. 19 Option B as “research and development on the genetic and/or biochemical composition”. This would ensure that fishing and collection of commodities is not covered, in a way that is in line with the Nagoya Protocol.