

**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.232/2022/5<sup>1</sup>) that this proposal relates to, using the drop-down menu below.**

PART III MEASURES SUCH AS AREA-BASED MANAGEMENT TOOLS, INCLUDING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

- 3. Please indicate the relevant article of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5<sup>1</sup>) that this proposal relates to (if applicable) or indicate if this is a proposal for an additional article**

Article 14

- 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.**

(a) Enable a holistic, coordinated, cross-sectoral, ecosystem-based approach to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction among States, relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies through Enhanced cooperation and coordination in the use of area-based management tools, including marine protected

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

areas; ~~among States, relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies, which will also promote a holistic and cross-sectoral approach to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction;~~

(b) Conserve and sustainably use areas requiring protection, including by establishing a comprehensive system of climate-adaptive area-based management tools to conserve marine biodiversity, maintain and restore ecological integrity and connectivity, enhance the sustainability of uses, and reduce the impacts of human activities on marine biodiversity and ecosystems including ecological corridors, including a network of ecologically representative and connected marine protected areas that are effectively and equitably managed;

(b) bis Establish a network of ecologically representative and connected marine protected areas that are effectively and equitably managed, including a substantial portion of which are highly and fully protected;

~~{(c) Protect, preserve, Rehabilitate and restore biodiversity and ecosystems, including with a view to enhance enhancing their productivity and health and building resilience to stressors, including those related to climate change, ocean acidification and marine pollution;}~~

(d) (e) and (f) remove brackets

~~{(g) Promote coherence and complementarity between and amongst area-based management measures including marine protected areas adopted by States and sub-regional bodies within national jurisdiction and those adopted beyond national jurisdiction.}~~

## 5. Rationale for the proposal, if any.

(a) Suggested changes specify a goal for cooperation -- coordinated ecosystem-based approaches. Cooperation works best when there is a shared vision and purpose. EBA - with its focus on safeguarding ecological integrity - provides such a purpose.

(b) Changes indicates specific ways that ABMTs contribute to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. The reference to “climate adaptive” reflects the need for ABMTs to keep up with changes resulting from climate change.

14(b) bis. Establishes a specific objective of networks of MPAs, and in calling for a significant portion of the MPAs to be fully and highly protected, reflects IUCN WCC Resolution 126 adopted by IUCN members in September 2022<sup>2</sup>.

(c) Changes underscore the need to prevent further degradation as well as to restore resilience to climate change. This is a core part of advancing Article 192 to protect and preserve the marine environment.

(g) Further promotes coherence and complementarity and reflects the biological unity of species and ecosystems that may straddle or migrate through multiple jurisdictional zones.

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<sup>2</sup> Reference: IUCN WCC Resolution 126 - Acting for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in the ocean beyond national jurisdiction <https://www.iucncongress2020.org/motion/126>