

**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 17bis

- 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.**

17bis 3. **Option B:** The indicative criteria described in this Part and in annex I shall be applied by the proponents of a proposal ~~in the identification of areas for the establishment of the area based management tools, including marine protected areas, and the~~ under this Part. The criteria used in the proposal shall be specified ~~in a proposal submitted under this Part,~~ and shall be taken into account by the Scientific and

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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/development/desa/ia/ia-igc/)

Technical Body, as relevant, in the review of a proposal under this Part. Such criteria shall also be taken into account by Parties in the establishment of area-based management tools, including marine protected areas, under relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies.

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

Reinserting prior text from Article 14, paragraph 4 in 2019 version as the use of common or at least similar criteria could be an important avenue for consistency, coherency and complementarity between ABMTs including MPAs adopted by States and IFBs, and for their recognition under the BBNJ Agreement.