



# Supporting the Implementation of SDG 14

## State of play on the UN Ocean Conference

Wednesday 31 May  
16.30-19.00  
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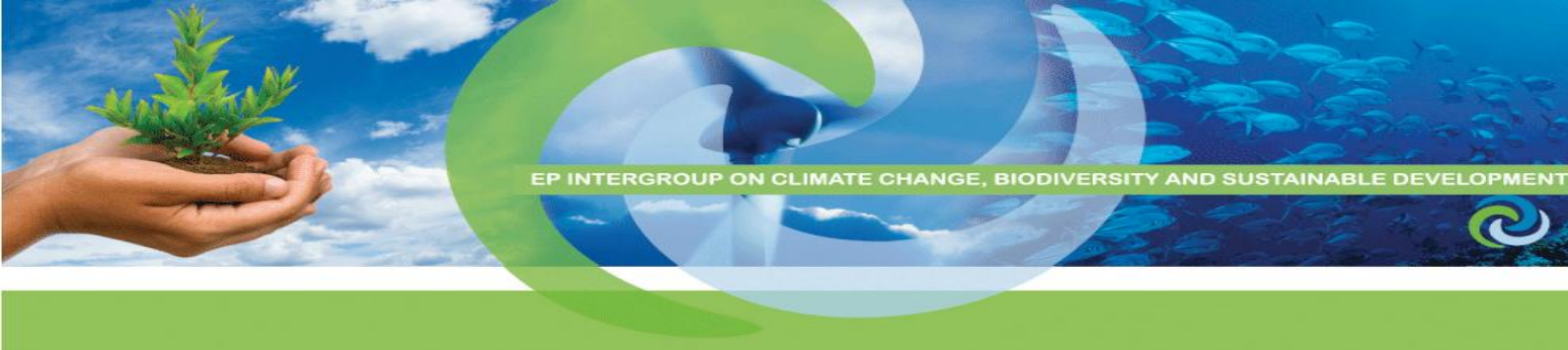
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### AGENDA

Adopted in 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent a comprehensive, universal and inclusive sustainable development framework. The SDG 14 aims to “*conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development*”. The UN high-level Conference on SDG 14, one of the most important events this year on oceans, together with the Our Ocean Conference organised by the EU in October in Malta, will be held in New York, June 5-9, with the overarching theme ‘*Our oceans, our future: partnering for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14*’.

The Conference shall adopt a “Call for Action” - a concise, focused, intergovernmentally agreed declaration by consensus. Following the preparatory meeting held in February a zero draft of the Call for Action was produced and two consultations with parties and stakeholders have taken place. Although significant progress has been made, there are still some issues remaining to be agreed specifically with regard to WTO and UNCLOS. The conference will also adopt reports of the 7 Partnership dialogues to be held and a list of voluntary commitments set out by a range of actors for the implementation of SDG 14.

The European Parliament Fisheries Committee recently adopted a Resolution on the Conference further highlighting its importance and the implementation of SDG 14. This event aims to provide an update by the Commission and the Presidency on their ongoing work and an exchange of views with key stakeholders focusing on the more sensitive issues of the Call for Action.



15.45-16.00	Registration
16.30-16.35	Welcome and introduction by <b>MEPs Ricardo Serrão Santos and Alain Cadec</b>
16.35-16.45	<b>John Brincat, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Ocean Governance, Law of the Sea, Arctic Policy, European Commission</b>
16.45-16.55	<b>Matjaž Malgaj, Head of Unit “Marine Environment and Water Industry” DG ENV, European Commission</b>
16.55-17.05	<b>Kim Friedman, Senior Fishery Resources Officer, Marine and Inland Fisheries Branch, FAO</b>
17.05-17.15	<b>Ulf Björnholm, Head of the UN Environment Brussels Office</b>
17.15-17.25	<b>Iván López, Europêche</b>
17.25-17.35	<b>Despina Symons, Coordinator of the IUCN/CEM Fisheries Expert Group</b>
17.35-18.50	<b>Discussion and debate with the audience</b>
18.50-19.00	Concluding remarks by the Chairs