Linkages and synergies between the new BBNJ agreement and work under the Convention on Biological Diversity

EP Intergroup event—“International ocean governance: Unfolding the relation between the new High Seas Treaty (BBNJ) & the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)”

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The Ship has reached the Shore!
- By President Rena Lee

BBNJ Family Photo, Photo by IISD/ENB - Pam Chasek
Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its package decisions by COP 15
Global Targets for 2030

Further information explaining the targets is available from https://www.cbd.int/gbf/targets/
BBNJ AGREEMENT

- Marine genetic resources, including the fair and equitable sharing of benefits
- Area-based management tools, including marine protected areas
- Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)
- Capacity-building and transfer of marine technology
- Clearing-House Mechanism

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Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
BBNJ agreement will boost the implementation of GBF

- Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing
- Multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information (DSI)
- Experience and guidance on MPAs and OECMs
- Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)
- CBD Voluntary Guidelines on biodiversity-inclusive EIAs
- Guidance on key pressures (e.g., underwater noise, marine debris)
- Long-term Strategic Framework for Capacity-building and Development
- Sustainable Ocean Initiative
  - Capacity-building
  - SOI Global Dialogue
- Clearing-House Mechanisms (CHM)
  - CBD CHM
  - Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House (ABSCH)
  - Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)
CBD process on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) through regional workshops (www.cbd.int/ebsa)

Synthesis of best available scientific and technical information

Expert process on the application of EBSA criteria

Description and mapping of areas that meet the EBSA criteria

Over 75.7% (or 84% without CCMLR area) of global ocean was covered by 15 CBD Regional Workshops on EBSAs (2011-2019), which described EBSAs covering 20.3% of global ocean.
Guidance on relevant tools and pressures

Addressing Key Pressures

- Marine debris
- Ocean acidification
- Underwater noise

Tools and approaches

- Mainstreaming biodiversity into sectors
- Biodiversity-inclusive EIAs
- Area-based conservation (MPAs and OECMs)
- Marine Spatial Planning
- Ecosystem restoration
Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue
with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies (established in 2016)

Participants
Representatives of regional seas organizations, regional fishery bodies, UN agencies, global and regional initiatives, NGOs, and governments

1. Sharing experiences within respective processes of RSOs and RFBs
2. Sharing experiences in joint/collaborative approaches
3. Identifying opportunities and approaches for collaboration between RSOs and RFBs
4. Ways to measure progress towards global goals and targets
Experience in Clearing-House Mechanisms (CHMs)

Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) Clearing-House Mechanism (Nagoya Protocol)

Biosafety Clearing-House Mechanism (Cartagena Protocol)

CBD Clearing-House Mechanism (and supporting national CHMs)
Thank you!

“From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity”

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