

| ~~Option B:~~ "Area-based management tool" means a tool, including a marine protected area, for a geographically defined area through which one or several sectors or activities are managed in order to achieve, in accordance with this Agreement: ...

5. Rationale for the proposal, if any.

Option B is preferred as it clearly distinguishes between the objectives of an MPA which have conservation as their primary objective, from other types of ABMTs, which may have conservation outcomes and benefits but are driven by other primary objectives, such as OECMs².

²A geographically defined area other than a Protected Area, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in situ conservation of biodiversity with associated ecosystem functions and services and where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socio-economic, and other locally relevant values. (CBD Decision 14/8)