

Submission of proposals related to the Further revised draft text of an agreement under the

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.

