

consultation and assessment process, [as well as the application of precaution and an ecosystem approach.](#)

19.2 The Conference of Parties, while respecting relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, or sectoral bodies, shall also take decisions on measures [additional to and compatible with complementary](#) to those adopted under such instruments, frameworks and bodies, and make recommendations to Parties to this Agreement to promote the adoption of relevant measures through such instruments, frameworks and bodies, in accordance with their respective [geographic, ecosystem and biodiversity](#) mandates.

19.3. The Conference of the Parties shall make arrangements for [ongoing](#) consultation to enhance cooperation and coordination with and among relevant legal instruments and frameworks and relevant global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies with regard to area-based management tools, including marine protected areas, as well as coordination among related measures adopted under such instruments and frameworks and by such bodies.

5. Rationale for the proposal, if any.

19. Option 1. Para 1. Option 1 is preferred as it provides a clearer mandate to the COP to take decisions, while also taking into account the advice, recommendations and contributions from others. Precaution and an ecosystem approach should be the basis for decision-making and not just "identification" in 17bis.

19.2 An alternative to "complementary" is offered, noting this example: "*A definition of complementary is someone or something that completes or makes someone or something better. An example of complementary is the relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom.*"² Also, IUCN suggests that additional information on the mandates of different bodies may help to determine the scope of their authority, including geographic, ecosystem and biodiversity.

19.3. Consultation and coordination need to be ongoing and multidirectional to enable the interaction required for effective cooperation. Such ongoing cooperation is most efficiently facilitated by a secretariat with the support of the COP.