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Many Parties are looking to **Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures** to be central to achieving their commitments on Target 3. WCPA developed the definition of OECMs after the term was introduced in COP10 at Aichi, Japan. The [2019 Technical Report](#) setting out that definition has now been updated in **forthcoming** Guidelines on OECMs. The Guidelines reinforce that, above all else, OECMs must deliver positive outcomes for nature. The [Site-level Tool for Identifying OECMs](#)

A **new** Technical Note answers [Frequently Asked Questions on Establishing Marine OECMs](#)





The AHTEG recommends **five disaggregations for the Headline Indicator for Target 3** "Coverage of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures":

- Coverage by protected areas versus OECMs:
- Coverage of realms, biomes, ecosystem functional groups, ecoregions etc. to allow coverage in land,





Target 8 of the GBF is to “Minimize the impact of climate change and ocean acidification on biodiversity and increase its resilience through mitigation, adaptation and disaster risk reduction including through nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches, while minimizing negative and fostering positive impacts of climate action on biodiversity.”

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