



Side event

# OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES (OECMS) IN THE BLUE

What are OECMs and How will they improve  
delivery of biodiversity conservation?



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## **BACKGROUND**

As implied by their name, the Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) are area-based measures (ABMs), other than designated protected areas (PAs), that are used to manage various economic activities, and that make an effective contribution to broader in-situ conservation of biodiversity (composition, structure and function). In fisheries, ABMs play an important role in the sustainability of target resources. The potential for many of them to be considered as (or upgraded to) fishery-OECMs is receiving increasing international attention because of their potential to: (i) improve the sector's contribution to Aichi Target 11, providing biodiversity conservation outcomes that complement those of PAs; (ii) increase the visibility and effectiveness of such contribution; and (iii) strengthen the ecosystem approach to fisheries tool-box (EAF). The definition and guidance produced at the CBD Expert Meeting on OECMs (Montreal; February 2018) were accepted after minor modifications as CBD.SBSTTA/22/L.2 recommendation and have been forwarded for further consideration and adoption at the CBD COP 14. This side event reviews the implications of OECMs definition, principles and criteria for fisheries.

## **PROGRAMME**

1. Welcome remarks by the Chair (5 min) - Jeff MacDonald, DFO, and Canada
2. Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures in the CBD (10 minutes) - by Joe Appiott, CBD Secretariat
3. What are OECMs in the Eyes of Fishers and Fisheries (20 minutes) – Jake Rice, IUCN-CEM-FEG
4. Next Steps in Supporting Parties to Identify and Better Understand OECMs (15 minutes) – Kim Friedman, FAO
5. OECMs and Local Communities: Opportunities and Challenges (10 minutes) - Vivienne Solis Rivera (ICSF / ICCA Consortium)
6. Q&A and Open discussion (30 minutes)