

# **OECMs** in the marine capture fishery sector

## Date: 19 May, 16.00-17.30 CET



Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs), together with MPAs, are an important element under the current Target 2 of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. CBD Decision 14/8 calls for OECMs mainstreaming into sectors, including fisheries. Guidance is provided in the Decision and supplementary guidance has been developed by IUCN-WCPA. Specific guidance for the use of OECMs in the fishery sector has been developed by the IUCN-CEM Fisheries Expert Group (FEG) (Rice et al., 2018; Garcia et al, 2019; Garcia et al, 2020). The available guidance for OECMs identification in that sector has been recently tested in the North Atlantic, in an ICES-FEG working group (15-24/03/2021). This event will briefly present the results obtained through 5 case studies as a basis for a discussion around selected key implementation issues. The discussion will start with reactions from selected panellists and will be followed by a Q&A session with the audience.

#### **Draft Agenda**

00:00 – 00:15 – **Presentation:** Lessons learned from the ICES/IUCN-CEM FEG Workshop on Testing OECM Practices and Strategies (WKTOPS), 15-24 April 2021: by Serge M. Garcia, Chair IUCM-CEG-FEG.

#### 00:15 - 00:40 - Panel reactions

**Panelists: Joseph Appiott** (CBD Secretariat); **Andrew Kenny** (CEFAS, UK); **Harry Jonas** (IUCN - WCPA); **Amber Himes-Cornell** (FAO); **Daniela Diz** (Heriot-Watt University).



### **Potential topics:**

- Possible incentives for the fishery sector to adhere or not to the OECM concept?
- The role of national/regional enabling frameworks on sectoral and crosssectoral mainstreaming?
- Differences in the identification of OECMs in data-poor and data-rich fisheries?
- Potential role "fishery-OECMs" in the Post-2020 GBF?
- FAO plans of FAO for mainstreaming and capacity-building in fisheries?
- What sort fisheries measures might be considered as "potential OECM"?
- Key scientific challenges: data; understanding causality; connectivity; monitoring?
- Key institutional challenges: The "legitimate authority"; regional collaborations; Multiple jurisdictions;
- Key operational challenges: IUU fishing? The third dimension?

00: 40 – 1.30: **Open discussion** between the audience and the Panel. **Moderated by R. Sauvé**.