

**Annex. Information on other relevant developments within the Convention on Biological Diversity relating to ocean affairs and the law of the sea**

*Executive Summary*

This note summarizes the work under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) relevant to ocean affairs and the law of the sea.

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## **ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS**

(further information available at <https://www.cbd.int/ebsa>)

### ***Regional workshops to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs)***

3. In 2017 and 2018, the Secretariat convened regional EBSA workshops for the following regions:
  - (a) Black Sea and Caspian Sea (Baku, Azerbaijan, 23 to 28 April 2017);<sup>1</sup>
  - (b) Baltic Sea (Helsinki, Finland, 18 to 22 February 2018);<sup>2</sup>
4. The summary reports on the outputs of the above-noted regional EBSA workshops will be considered by the CBD Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its twenty-second meeting in July 2018, and the Con

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coral reefs and related ecosystems, including the implementation of the Priority Actions to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for Coral Reefs and Closely Associated Ecosystems.

United Nations Ocean Conference (June 2017), and were recognized by the United Nations General Assembly at its seventy-first session, in 2016, in its [resolution 71/257](#) on oceans and the law of the sea.

25. Building the successful outcome of the first meeting, the SOI Global Dialogue became a regular biennial forum, and its second meeting was convened by the Secretariat in April 2018. The meeting brought together representatives of regional seas organizations, regional fishery bodies and relevant United Nations /international organizations/initiatives as well as experts from national governments and agencies, and non-governmental organizations. This second meeting aimed at advancing discussions on identifying tools, approaches and opportunities for enhanced cross-sectoral regional-scale cooperation, in particular on issues related to the application of the ecosystem approach, area-based management tools, means to address marine pollution, and monitoring, research and data sharing. The result of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the SOI Global Dialogue, the Seoul Outcome +2, will soon be made available on the SOI website (<https://www.cbd.int/soi/>).

*Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors*