

PHILIPPINE STATEMENT

states (for joint proposals), relevant regional or sectoral bodies, or intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations to the scientific committee and or to the appropriate regional body. The scientific committee/subsidiary body shall evaluate ABMT MPA applications based on objective criteria.

ii. Consultation on and assessment of the proposal

Public consultations should be conducted involving adjacent coastal States, and in coordination with relevant regional/sectoral bodies through a mechanism defined in the instrument.

iii. Decision-making

On decision-making, we wish to add that the lodging of ABMT designation and management at the regional level but subject to globally harmonized standards and oversight. This may be considered as the “first level recognition” of ABMTs in order to address urgency, vulnerability and capacity-building considerations. The “full recognition” of ABMTs can be coursed through an adoption process in a regular conference of parties to be set out by the instrument.

4.4 Implementation

A management plan, which forms part of an ABMT MPA application, should guide the implementation of an ABMT MPA. It should identify the purpose for the establishment of ABMTs including MPAs, degree of protection that will be accorded to the BBNJ and

4.6.3. General principles and approaches

Our delegation supports the list of possible general principles and approaches identified in PrepCom Report. In addition, the Philippines wishes to put forward the inclusion of the following additional approaches:

- i. “Management effectiveness” assessment of MPAs as one of the approaches and tools, which can form part to operationalize the adaptive management approach;
- ii. Governance and equitability principles

4.6.5 Institutional arrangements

In order to set out coherence among different existing international/ regional bodies in the establishment of ABMTs in ABNJ, and to facilitate a global system facilitating greater coordination, we support the establishment of a body designated to oversee and provide guidance in the processes related to ABMT-MPAs. In terms of institutional setup, our delegation supports a governance model where the management of ABMTs can be done at the regional level but is covered by globally harmonized standards and oversight function of a global body.

4.6.6 Clearing-house mechanism

We support the establishment of a clearing-house mechanism for ABMTs including MPAs in the ABNJ that is linked to the other elements of the proposed instrument. We also suggest that the instrument should draw upon existing knowledge management, mapping and database systems of global ABMTs. (e.g. MPA-Atlas, Regional CHM under the ACB; world database of protected areas-terrestrial and marine).

Thank you.