

TOOLS FOR AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION (ABNJ)

WEBINAR

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This webinar will discuss a range of planning and management tools for use in areas beyond national jurisdiction. Join UNEP-WCMC to find out more about:

- Available area-based planning tools for ABNJ
- Key features that enable them to be used for cross-sectoral area-based planning in support of the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in ABNJ
- Recommendations based on analysis undertaken to guide the development of a dedicated area-based planning methodology.
- The full report can be found at: wcmc.io/ABNJ_toolsreview

AREA-BASED PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Area-based planning is a broad concept that describes the process of planning ocean space. Area-based management takes planning a step further, beyond understanding the ocean space to clearly defining the need for action.

Area-based management can involve a range of processes, from agreeing spatially-explicit measures to appropriately managing human activities to meet specific objectives, such as biodiversity conservation or sustainable resource use objectives. Spatial planning can focus on an individual sector's activity or consider activities across multiple sectors.

CROSS-SECTORAL COORDINATION

The need for cross-sectoral coordination and planning of current and future activities in ABNJ is being increasingly realised as a result of growing pressures. The current planning and management frameworks in ABNJ are governed in a sectoral way, with individual sectors using specific tools. The applicability of various area-based planning tools for the conservation and sustainable use of marine resources and biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) is a key area of discussion.

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