

FAO Workshop for the Development of a Global Database for Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VMEs)

Rome, Italy
7 – 9 December, 2011

Agenda

DAY 1 – Wednesday December 7th 2011	
9:00–9:45	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and introductions - Opening and administrative arrangements - Positioning the workshop and its objectives, and organization of work
9:45-11:00	Session 1: Overview of RFMO/A VME-related activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of RFMO/A activities - <i>Odd Aksel Bergstad</i> (15 min) • Complementary information from other participants - <i>Discussion</i>
11:00-11:20	Coffee break
11:20-12:45	Session 2: Overview of industry perspectives and inputs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of data and needs - <i>Graham Patchell</i> (15 min) • Complementary information from other participants - <i>Discussion</i>
12:45-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Session 3: Experience in VME-related databases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data sources and types used by the ICES/NAFO Working Group on Deepwater Ecology and the development of an integrated database of VME records for the North Atlantic – <i>Francis Neat</i> (15 min) • Developing linkages between the EBSA data repository, the OBIS information system and the VME database – <i>Patrick Halpin</i> (15 min) • Complementary information from other participants - <i>Discussion</i>
15:30-15:50	Coffee Break
15:50-17:00	Summary of the three sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree on major points of each discussion to bring forward into Day 2
DAY 2 – Thursday December 8th 2011	
9:00–10:30	Session 3: Tools and frameworks for the database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of frameworks and tools for the database – <i>Marc Taconet</i> (15 min) • An initial proposal of information products – <i>Fabio Carocci</i> (15 mins)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation / demonstration of possible tools - <i>Anton Ellenbroek and Aureliano Gentile</i> (45 min) <p>- <i>Discussion</i></p>
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–13:00	Discussion groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you hope to gain from the FAO VME Database? • What can you contribute to the FAO VME Database? • Are there any other existing initiatives that may be important to connect to the VME Database?
13:00–14:15	Lunch
14:15–15:45	Discussion groups continued <p>- Discussion/recommendations</p>
15:45–16:15	Coffee break
16:15–17:30	Summary of the group discussions /recommendations <p>- Users recommendations for the VME database</p>
DAY 3 – Friday December 9th 2011	
9:00–10:30	Discussion groups - FAO VME Database options, priorities and road map <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical requirements • Data sources • Data sharing policy • Networking and social dimensions • Governance and information system sustainability
10:30–11:00	Coffee break
11:00–13:00	Ways forward - summary of the group discussions <p>- Reaching consensus on requirements and priorities, and forging a common vision</p> <p>- Road map</p>
13:00–14:15	Lunch
14:15–15:30	Ways forward (continued)
15:30–16:00	Coffee break
16:00–	Conclusions and main recommendations