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Call for expression of interest to participate in the development of a Regional State of the Coast Report and to contribute to the first World Oceans Assessment Report

Outline of the State of the Coast / World Oceans Assessment report

During the focal points meeting of the Nairobi Convention held in August 2012, in Maputo, Mozambique, the contracting parties adopted an outline to be used in the preparation of the World Oceans Assessment report. The meeting also agreed that the adopted outline will also serve as the outline for the Regional State of the Coast report for the Nairobi Convention. The outline of the World Oceans Assessment report contains 47 chapters as follows:

Chapter 1 Planet: Oceans and Life

Chapter 2 Mandate, Information sources and method of work

Chapter 3 Scientific understanding of ecosystem services

Chapter 4 The Oceans' role in the hydrological cycle

Chapter 5 Sea/air interaction

Chapter 6 Primary production, cycling of nutrients, surface layer and plankton

Chapter 7 Ocean-sourced carbonate production

Chapter 8 Aesthetic, cultural, religious and spiritual ecosystem services derived from the marine environment

Chapter 9 Conclusions and major ecosystems services other than provisioning services

Chapter 10 Oceans and seas as sources of food

Chapter 11 Capture fisheries

Chapter 12 Aquaculture

Chapter 13 Fish stock propagation

Chapter 14 Seaweeds and other sea-based food

Chapter 15 Social and economic aspects of fisheries and sea-based food

Chapter 16 Conclusions on food security

Chapter 17 Shipping

Chapter 18 Ports

Chapter 19 Submarine cables and pipelines

Chapter 20 Coastal, riverine and atmospheric inputs from land

Chapter 21 Offshore hydrocarbon industries

Chapter 22 Other marine-based energy industries

Chapter 23 Offshore mining industries

Chapter 24 Solid waste disposal

Chapter 25 Marine debris

Chapter 26 Land/sea physical interaction

Chapter 27 Tourism and recreation

- Chapter 28 Desalinisation
 - Chapter 29 Use of marine genetic resources
 - Chapter 30 Marine scientific research
 - Chapter 31 Conclusions on other human activities
 - Chapter 32 Capacity-building in relation to human activities affecting the marine environment
 - Chapter 33 Introduction to marine biological diversity and habitats
 - Chapter 34 Scale of marine biological diversity
 - Chapter 35 Extent of assessment of marine biological diversity
 - Chapter 36 Overall status of major groups of species and habitats
 - Chapter 37 Coastal rock and biogenic habitats and related species
 - Chapter 38 Coastal sediment habitats and related species
 - Chapter 39 Shelf rock and biogenic reef habitats and related species
 - Chapter 40 Shelf sediment habitats and related species
 - Chapter 41 Deep sea habitats and related species
 - Chapter 42 Water column habitats and related species
 - Chapter 43 Significant environmental, economic and/or social aspects in relation to the conservation of marine species and habitats
 - Chapter 44 Capacity-building needs
 - Chapter 45 Summary on marine biological diversity
 - Chapter 46 Overall assessment of human impact on oceans
 - Chapter 47 Overall value of the oceans to humans
- A detailed outline of the World Oceans Assessment is attached as Annex 1.

Decision CP7/15 Contribution to the United Nations Regular Process

During the COP7 held in December 2012 in Maputo, Mozambique, the Contracting parties requested the Secretariat for the Nairobi Convention to facilitate and organize regional meetings of experts for the purpose of exchanging and consolidating information for preparing the state of the coast reports that will contribute to the United Nations Regular Process. In response, UNEP Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA), the Nairobi Convention Secretariat and WIOMSA will be organizing a four days scoping workshop to be held from 15 to 19 April 2013. The venue of the workshop will be communicated after internal consultations. The workshop will be attended by experts interested in being lead and/or chapter authors, theme leaders or species specialists from the Western Indian Ocean region and specialized organizations.

The objective of the scoping workshop is to introduce the experts to the process to be used in developing the regional and national state of the coast reports, introduce the methodology to be used in the process, interact with the theme leaders, chapter authors, species specialists and the outline of the state of the report, identify the sources of information, identify other contacts that may be involved in the process, and to agree on timelines for the process and subsequent write-up workshops.

The expected output of the process will include one regional report, ten national states of coast reports and input to the World Oceans Assessment report. All authors and contributors will be fully acknowledged and the reports will be peer reviewed before publishing by UNEP. Interested experts are requested to a) indicate areas of expertise, b) the chapters they may wish to write either as lead authors, theme/species experts or contributors, and c) to submit copies of their CV's by Email to

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