

**Virtual Workshop:  
COBSEA Regional Webinar on Draft Situation Analysis of MPAs in the EAS region  
in the context of COBSEA's Strategic Directions 2018-2022**

The COBSEA Strategic Directions 2018-2022 includes marine and coastal planning and management as a theme, which encompasses the important issue of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). To address this issue, COBSEA has initiated a desk study based on a situation analysis, needs assessment and regional consultations to define the scope, approach and activities for a COBSEA Network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). This desk study will provide a foundation for further action, including efforts to enhance climate resilience and spatial conservation, in line with relevant UNEA Resolutions. We hope that this study will be presented for consideration during the second part of the 25th Intergovernmental Meeting of COBSEA (IGM 25).

The COBSEA Secretariat is pleased to organize a regional webinar on this desk study where the team of MPA consultants will present a draft situational analysis of MPAs in the EAS region, for the consideration of COBSEA participating countries. The Webinar will, inter alia, serve as a platform for feedback and information-sharing between COBSEA participating country representatives and MPA consultants in consolidating the work of the COBSEA Secretariat on Marine Protected Areas.

A virtual workshop will be held to share draft situational analysis, invite input to support its finalization, and exchange views on possible future efforts to address MPAs through COBSEA.

The virtual workshop will take place **Thursday, 17 February 2022 13.00-15.00 ICT**.

Please register for the virtual workshop via email by 14 February 2022 to Ms. Krittika Kleesuwan ([Krittika.kleesuwan@un.org](mailto:Krittika.kleesuwan@un.org)) A meeting link will be sent to registered participants.

*Proposed programme*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
13:00	Welcome and opening remarks	COBSEA Coordinator
13:05	Presentation of UNEP's MPA work and global overview	Ole Verstergaard, UNEP Global Lead on MPAs
13:15	Presentation of MPA draft situation analysis	Consultants
13:35	Input from COBSEA countries (3-5mins per country)	Representatives from COBSEA countries
14:30	Discussion including suggested follow-up	
14:55	Summary and closing	COBSEA Coordinator