



Webinar - Strengthening MCS through a High Seas Treaty

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BBNJ – Where do the negotiations stand?

- IGC 4: March/April 2020 → August 2021?
- Informal intersessional work
- President- and facilitator-led work
- Stubborn optimism



3 scenario's

- From scratch BBNJ MPAs
- Complement existing ABMTs
- Recognize existing MPAs

Procedure oriented towards ownership

- Criteria for identification
- Proposal
- Consultation
- Scientific assessment/input
- Decision-making (including on management plan + monitoring and research plan)
- Implementation/Monitoring/Review





Monitoring, surveillance and control

- Obligation on States Parties
- “Work in a manner that delivers ... within competent organisations”
- In the text: Article 13 “Monitoring” on MGRs; Article 21 “Monitoring and review” on ABMTs (national reports, role of Scientific and Technical Body, possible review, Article 39 “Monitoring” on EIAs. No “surveillance”, no “control” (in that sense of the word.