



Convention on
Biological Diversity

**JOINT DISCUSSION MEETING ON VULNERABLE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS (VMES) AND
ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS (EBSAS)**

*on the occasion of the CBD South-Eastern Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of
Ecologically significant Marine Areas and the FAO Regional Workshop on Vulnerable Marine
Ecosystems (VMEs) in the SE Atlantic Ocean*

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

9 a.m.– 10 a.m.	<p>1. Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting objectives and background on VMEs/EBSAs - <i>Plenary Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Questions or clarifications</i> o <i>Sharing experiences in the VME or EBSA processes by selected participants</i> o <i>Has your country/organization been more involved in one or the other process and why? (e.g. UNGA, CBD or FAO including the associated workshops or in regional processes)</i>
10 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	<p>2. Fisheries and Biodiversity (Guided discussion)</p> <p>This will be a guided discussion mapping the relevant actors in each community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Who is influencing the main decisions in fisheries?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>What are the main processes, institutions, organizations or other stakeholders?</i> - <i>Who is influencing the main decisions in biodiversity conservation?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>What are the main processes, institutions, organizations or other stakeholders?</i> - <i>How can we enhance the collaboration between two groups?</i>
10.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11.15 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	<p>3. VMEs in the context of fisheries management in the deep seas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>General overview of biodiversity conservation in fisheries:</i> Looking at the protection of target and non-target species from a fisheries standpoint - <i>Discussion: How does fisheries management address biodiversity conservation off the coast of Western Africa</i> - <i>Who are the main Actors and what is being done by these groups? [Fishing, Closed areas (including VMEs and all others), Regional or national measures and resolutions protecting target and non-target species]</i>



11.45 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.	4. The EBSA process in South-eastern Atlantic <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Data compilation for the EBSA process: regional data gaps and strengths</i>- <i>An overview of EBSA workshop discussions and outputs from the CBD Workshop (8 - 12 April)</i> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o <i>Share experiences prior to and during the EBSA workshop</i>o <i>How do you like to use the scientific information on EBSAs in your own countries/organizations?</i>
12.15 p.m.- 12.45 p.m.	5. Plenary discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>How can knowledge and lessons learned from VME and EBSA processes be shared?</i>- <i>Potential use of scientific information on EBSAs by the fishing communities</i>- <i>Need for capacity-building and scientific collaboration</i>
12.45 p.m.- 1 p.m.	Wrap up and close of meeting
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch