

Comments submitted by IAEA Marine Environment Laboratories

Please accept our apologies for the slight delay in the submission of our written comments on the draft ISA Capacity Development Strategy.

Overall, the document is complete, clear, very well structured and the Key Results appear achievable.

A few specific comments:

Under para 16., the word “Entreprise” should be defined;

Under para 20., the Authority could consider not only to “continue its dialogue with Member States and interested Organizations” but also “to seek the interest of UN and international Organizations” to develop such network of regional and national training centers.

The IAEA Marine Environment Laboratories based in Monaco are very much interested in strengthening their collaboration with the ISA through possible projects including the production of certified reference materials for deep sea mineral deposits, ecotoxicological and contamination studies, and through its capacity building mandate.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should further information or clarification be required.