TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS FOR THE 29^{TH} SESSION: COUNCIL - PART II

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to <u>council2022@isa.org.jm</u>.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Submitted by the International Marine Minerals Society (IMMS)

2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

DR44ter 6. from the consolidated draft text (ISBA/29/C/CRP.1) dated 16 February 2024.

3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the "track changes" function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.

DR 44 ter 6. The strategic overarching Environmental Goals are to sustain is to maintain ecosystem integrity on a regional scale. marine (benthic and pelagic) ecosystem integrity, including the physical, chemical, geological and biological environment, and contributing to restoring ecosystem integrity.

4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]

The term "ecosystem integrity" encompasses the list provided in the original wording.

We suggest modifying this text to read:

"The overarching Environmental Goal is to maintain biodiversity and ecosystem health and function on a regional scale"

OR

"The overarching Environmental Goal is to maintain ecosystem integrity on a regional scale"

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