

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS FOR THE 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 [council2022@isa.org.jm](mailto:council2022@isa.org.jm).

**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 7 (a). 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 7. The Authority’s strategic Environmental Objectives are to:

(a) ~~Prevent loss of~~Maintain genetic diversity, species richness, habitat or community types, and structural complexity on a regional scale;

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

Rather than “prevent loss”, we would prefer to turn it around into a positive – e.g. “Maintain”.

It is also important to add the words “on a regional scale” at the end of the sentence. Loss of habitat will occur where mining directly occurs. Habitat will be lost locally, but it needs to exist / be maintained regionally.