

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 (b). 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.**

(b) ~~Maintain~~ Mitigate impacts to the ability of populations to replace themselves, including ensuring population connectivity and the preservation-conservation of suitable habitat;

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

While we agree this is important, we believe this will be demonstrated by establishing representative set aside areas.

It will likely be difficult to PROVE population connectivity (all eastern CCZ contractors and scientists are struggling with connectivity studies for baseline), but a number of efforts can be made to allow for / promote connectivity to the extent practicable – i.e., by establishing representative set aside areas.