



Workshop on the Development of a Regional Environmental Management Plan for the Area of the Indian Ocean, with a focus on the Mid-Ocean Ridges and Central Indian Ocean Basin

27 April - 1 May 2025

Qingdao, China

Submission of nomination of experts to participate in the workshop

Members of ISA, in particular sponsoring States, ISA contractors, international and regional organizations, projects/programs and initiatives, and academic institutions/scientific groups, are invited to nominate experts to participate in this workshop. A description of the workshop background, objectives and expected outputs can be found in the [Terms of Reference](#) available on the ISA website.

Nomination of experts should recognize the scientific and technical nature of the workshop in which participants will be expected to provide and analyze scientific data and information related to the workshop objectives through collaboration with other workshop participants. In light of this, participants should be experts or individuals able to understand and interpret scientific data, and have experience in collecting or handling relevant environmental data on marine ecosystems, habitats and species, and/or physical/ chemical/geological data of the deep-sea environment in the region concerned.

The number of participants will be limited to 40 in view of the capacity of the meeting facilities. The selection of nominees by the co-chairs is based on the expertise and experience of the nominees as relevant to the workshop objectives, taking into account equitable geographic representation, gender balance and developing states representation.

The selection of experts will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

- a) Good scientific knowledge and research experience in the region concerned, ideally with authorship of peer-reviewed reports and publications relating to deep-sea and/or vent biology, oceanography, geology and environmental impact assessment related to deep-sea mineral resources
- b) Access to relevant unpublished environmental data, including biological, physical and chemical oceanography, and geological data in the region concerned;
- c) Good experience and expertise relating to spatial planning and scientific design of area-based management tools (such as marine protected areas), as well as non-spatial management measures; and
- d) Stakeholders and persons with expertise in, and relevant data for, the area concerned, including traditional knowledge, and representatives of other resource users and coastal States.

Nominations should include the name and full contact details of nominee(s) and should be submitted via an official letter addressed to the Director of Office of Environmental Management and Mineral Resources of ISA, and signed by the heads of the relevant authorities, contractors, organizations/institutions, and programmes/initiatives/scientific groups. All nominations must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae clearly indicating the areas of expertise and experience of the nominee, relating to the above selection criteria.

Nominations should be sent as soon as possible, **but no later than 20 November 2024**, via e-mail to oeemr-secretariat@isa.org.jm.

The results of selection of the experts will be made available by the ISA at: <https://www.isa.org.jm/events/workshop-on-the-development-of-a-remp-for-the-area-of-the-indian-ocean/>. Documents and information materials related to the workshop will also be made available here in due course.

Submission of information to support objectives of the workshop

Members of ISA, in particular sponsoring States, ISA contractors, international and regional organizations, projects/programs and initiatives, academic institutions/scientific groups, and individuals, are also invited to provide relevant recent information in support of the objectives of the workshop.

Such information may focus on one or multiple subjects in the following:

- Bathymetry, geography and geology
- Physical oceanography
- Chemical oceanography
- Pelagic biology and ecology
- Benthic biology and ecology
- Human uses and potential impacts to the marine environment, including cumulative effects
- Socio-cultural significance
- Existing management regimes

Submission can be made in the form of peer-reviewed articles, reports/documents, datasets, maps or any other appropriate forms.

In order to allow the timely preparation of necessary scientific and technical input for this workshop, information should be submitted to the ISA Secretariat as soon as possible, **but no later than 1 March 2025**, via an email addressed to oeemr-secretariat@isa.org.jm. For those who can provide datasets, the Secretariat will arrange a necessary modality of data transfer, upon receiving the indication of data provision via email.