



Workshop on the development of the regional environmental management plan for the Area of the Northwest Pacific Ocean, with a focus on management assessment

18-21 May, 2026

Busan, Republic of Korea

Submission of nomination of experts to participate in the workshop

Member States, contractors, representatives of regional and international organizations, observers and other stakeholders are encouraged to submit nominations for representatives to participate in this workshop. Representatives from Sponsoring States and other States in the northwest Pacific region are particularly encouraged to participate. A description of the workshop background, objectives and expected outputs can be found in the Terms of Reference available on the ISA website.

The number of nominated participants for the workshop will be limited to 30 in view of meeting facilities and to enable detailed discussion within small groups. In line with the standardized procedure for the development, establishment and review of REMPs (ISBA/30/C/21), the criteria for selecting participants are:

- a) Experience and expertise relating to spatial planning and scientific design of area-based management tools (such as marine protected areas), as well as nonspatial management measures; environmental knowledge of the region concerned, ideally with authorship of peer-reviewed reports and publications;
- b) Understanding of the Authority's rules, regulations and procedures related to environmental management;
- c) Expertise in competent bodies and in rules, regulations and procedures related to environmental management. This should include representatives of relevant intergovernmental bodies, where feasible;
- d) Expertise in cumulative/in combination impacts and regional-scale environmental assessment; and
- e) Stakeholders and persons with expertise in/knowledge of the region concerned, including traditional knowledge, and representatives of other resource users and coastal member States.

To make efficient use of time during the workshop, all participants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the mandate of ISA under the United Nations Convention on the

Law of the Sea and its 1994 Agreement, as well as the rules, regulations and procedures with respect to environmental management in the Area before attending the workshop.

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 Stewardship, Environment and 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 28 February 2026**, via e-mail to oemmr-secretariat@isa.org.jm.

The results of selection of the experts will be made available on the ISA webpage for this workshop by **31 March, 2026**. Only selected participants will be notified. Documents and information materials related to the workshop will also be made available at the ISA webpage in due course.

Limited funding will be available to support selected participants from developing countries.

Submission of information to support the objectives of the workshop

Member States, contractors, representatives of regional and international organizations, observers and other stakeholders are invited to provide relevant information in support of the objectives of the workshop. 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 input for this workshop, information should be submitted to the ISA Secretariat as soon as possible, **but no later than 15 April 2026**, via an email addressed to oemmr-secretariat@isa.org.jm.