

Workshop on the Development of a 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

Organization of Work (version dated 13 May, 2026)¹

Day 1. Monday 18 May

Time	Workshop activities
9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 10.30	<p>Agenda item 1. Opening of the workshop (Plenary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Se-Jong Ju and Mr. Erasmo Lara Cabrera, members of the Legal and Technical Commission (LTC), International Seabed Authority (ISA) • Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jose Dallo, Director, Office of Stewardship, Environment and Resources, ISA secretariat • Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Minseok Lee, Director, Marine Policy Office, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea • Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Dong-Jin Kang, Vice President, Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST) • Featured presentation: From Exploration to Sustainability: Korea and KIOST’s Deep-Sea Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Youngtak Ko, Principal Research Scientist and Director, Ocean Georesources Research Department, KIOST
10.30 – 11.00	Group photo and coffee break
11.00 – 13:00	<p>Agenda item 2. Workshop background, scope and expected outputs (Plenary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policy, geological and environmental context for the development of the Regional Environmental Management Plan (REMP) for the Area in the Northwest Pacific Ocean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Michelle Walker, Mr. Tomohiko Fukushima, and Ms. Becky Hitchin, members of the LTC, ISA • Introduction to the draft REMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Malcolm Clark, member of the LTC, ISA • The WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures and the REMP Area in the Northwest Pacific Ocean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. SungKwon Soh, Science Manager, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission <p>Q & A</p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break

¹ This programme may be subject to minor updates prior to the workshop.

14.00 – 15.30	<p>Agenda item 3. Proposed management measures under the draft REMP (Plenary and group discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to agenda item 3, guiding questions and expected outputs (Co-chairs from the LTC) • Small-group discussion will focus on the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed boundary and management space of the draft REMP, in relation to the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and extended continental shelf (ECS) - Considerations for the design of the network of Areas of Particular Environmental Interest (APEIs) as a management tool in the context of ISA’s mandate as a regulator - Effective management and adequacy of individual APEIs as a management tool to meet REMP goal and objectives - Potential for collaboration with other organizations in managing the proposed APEIs by ISA <p>More detailed questions under each theme may be provided to guide the group discussions.</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee and tea break
16.00 – 17:30	<p>Agenda item 3. Continued (group discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group discussion
Evening	Reception hosted by KIOST

Day 2. Tuesday 19 May

Time	Workshop Activities
9.30 – 11.00	<p>Agenda items 3. Continued (Plenary and group discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of Day 1 discussions (plenary) • Small group discussion
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee and tea break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Agenda items 3. Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group discussion
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Agenda item 3. Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Format and discussion topics to be confirmed

Day 3. Wednesday 20 May

Time	Workshop Activities
9.30 – 11.00	<p>Agenda item 4. Proposed non-spatial measures, and, where appropriate, regional objectives, in support of the overarching goal and objectives as outlined in the Standardised Procedure (ISBA/30/C/21) (Plenary and group discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-cap of discussions under agenda item 3 (Co-chairs from the LTC) • Introduction to agenda item 4, guiding questions and expected outputs (Co-chairs from the LTC) • Small-group discussion will focus on the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-spatial measures proposed under the draft REMP - Region-specific objectives, where appropriate, beyond the overarching goal and objectives as outlined in the Standardised Procedure (ISBA/30/C/21) <p>More detailed questions under each theme may be provided to guide the group discussions.</p>
11.00 – 11.30	<p>Coffee and tea break</p>
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Agenda items 4. Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group discussion
13.00 – 14.00	<p>Lunch break</p>
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Agenda item 5. Priorities for environmental research and regional assessment to inform future review of the REMP (Plenary and group discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to agenda item 5, guiding questions and expected outputs (Co-chairs from the LTC) • Small group discussion will focus on the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge gaps and priority actions as identified under the draft REMP, and means and resources for addressing them, in order to support effective implementation of the REMP and its future review - Opportunities for collaboration in addressing the knowledge gaps and supporting monitoring and other activities - Priorities for capacity development to support effective implementation of the REMP <p>More detailed questions under each theme may be provided to guide the group discussions.</p>
15.30 – 16.00	<p>Coffee and tea break</p>
16.00 – 17.30	<p>Agenda item 5. Continued (Plenary and group discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group discussion • Plenary wrap up of discussions (Co-chairs from the LTC)

Day 4. Thursday 21 May

Time	Workshop Activities
9.30 – 11.00	To be confirmed
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
11.30 – 13.00	<i>Agenda item 6. Review of the draft workshop report</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plenary discussion
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00 – 15.30	<i>Agenda item 6. Continued</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plenary discussion
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
16.00 – 17.00	<i>Agenda item 6. Continued</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plenary discussion
17.00 – 17.30	<i>Agenda item 7. Closure of the workshop</i>