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Budget of the International Seabed Authority

Proposed budget for the International Seabed Authority for the financial period 2027–2028

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

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Proposed budgetary requirements for the International Seabed Authority for the financial period 2027 -2028

(United States dollars)

Section	*Budget line*	*Approved for 2025–2026*	*Proposed 2027*	*Proposed 2028*	*Total, 2027–2028*
Section 1	**Administrative expenditures of the secretariat**				
	Established posts	9,123,000	5,616,000	5,668,000	11,284,000
	Common staff costs	5,089,000	3,071,000	3,185,000	6,256,000
	General temporary assistance	46,000	25,000	25,000	50,000
	Overtime	31,000	16,000	17,000	33,000
	Consultants (non-programme)	39,000	19,000	20,000	39,000
	Training	145,000	75,000	80,000	155,000
	Official travel (non-programme)	200,000	125,000	125,000	250,000
	Communications technology	191,000	98,000	102,000	200,000
	Library books and supplies	140,000	60,000	60,000	120,000
	External printing	14,000	-	-	-
	Supplies and materials	148,000	78,000	78,000	156,000
	Official hospitality	17,000	9,000	10,000	19,000
	Information technology	125,000	39,000	34,000	73,000
	Acquisition of equipment and furniture and others	133,000	37,000	37,000	74,000
	Rental & maintenance of equipment and furniture	47,000	55,000	26,000	81,000
	United Nations common system	255,000	130,000	135,000	265,000
	Miscellaneous services and costs	198,000	119,000	124,000	243,000
	Audit fees	42,000	24,000	24,000	48,000
	Building management	961,000	636,000	502,000	1,138,000
	IPSAS / SAP	85,000	65,000	65,000	130,000
	Software licenses and subscriptions	164,000	104,000	104,000	208,000
	Total, section 1	**17,193,000**	**10,401,000**	**10,421,000**	**20,822,000**
Section 2	**Conference services**				
	Printing and supplies	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000
	Miscellaneous conference service costs	184,000	92,000	92,000	184,000
	Rental of Jamaica Conference Centre	174,000	167,000	172,000	339,000
	Temporary assistance (meetings)	130,000	65,000	65,000	130,000
	Rental of equipment	57,000	15,000	15,000	30,000
	Local transportation	14,000	10,000	10,000	20,000
	Interpretation services	1,460,000	938,000	938,000	1,876,000
	Documentation	1,360,000	528,000	572,000	1,100,000
	Reception	26,000	13,000	13,000	26,000
	Total section 2	**3,407,000**	**1,829,000**	**1,878,000**	**3,707,000**

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Section 3	**Programme expenditure**				
Programme 3.1	**Development of the regulatory framework for activities in the Area**				
	Consultants	326,000	413,000	213,000	626,000
	External printing	10,000	-	-	-
	Travel	60,000	31,500	38,500	70,000
	Workshops	154,000	66,000	99,000	165,000
	Subtotal: Programme 3.1	**550,000**	**510,500**	**350,500**	**861,000**
Programme 3.2	**Protection of the marine environment**				
	Consultants	326,000	223,000	143,000	366,000
	External printing	22,000	-	-	-
	Travel	114,000	57,000	57,000	114,000
	Workshops	271,000	160,000	290,000	450,000
	Subtotal: Programme 3.2	**733,000**	**440,000**	**490,000**	**930,000**
Programme 3.4	**Data management (resources and environment)**				
	Consultants	163,000	95,000	71,000	166,000
	External printing	10,000	-	-	-
	Travel	49,000	24,000	25,000	49,000
	Workshops	147,000	36,000	51,000	87,000
	Information technology	32,000	102,000	117,000	219,000
	Maintenance and support	163,000	88,000	114,000	202,000
	Subtotal: Programme 3.4	**564,000**	**345,000**	**378,000**	**723,000**
Programme 3.5	**Promotion and encouragement of marine scientific research in the Area**				
	Consultants	152,000	34,000	4,000	38,000
	External printing	17,500	-	-	-
	Travel	82,000	52,000	62,000	114,000
	Workshops	163,000	138,500	124,000	262,500
	Subtotal: Programme 3.5	**414,500**	**224,500**	**190,000**	**414,500**

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Programme 3.6	**Strategic communications and global stakeholder engagement**				
	Consultants	135,000	94,000	97,000	191,000
	External printing	56,000	-	-	-
	Travel	70,000	35,000	35,000	70,000
	Workshops	6,000	15,000	15,000	30,000
	MSR and Capacity-Building amplification		35,000	35,000	70,000
	Equipment	17,500	2,500	2,500	5,000
	Training	10,000	-	-	-
	Subtotal: Programme 3.6	**294,500**	**181,500**	**184,500**	**366,000**
Programme 3.7	**Capacity development and technical cooperation**				
	Consultants	38,000	35,000	37,500	72,500
	External printing	38,000	-	-	-
	Travel	125,000	75,000	77,000	152,000
	Workshops	190,000	129,000	153,000	282,000
	Subtotal: Programme 3.7	**391,000**	**239,000**	**267,500**	**506,500**
Programme 3.8	**Mineral resources and mining technologies**				
	Consultants	141,000	112,000	12,000	124,000
	External printing	10,000	-	-	-
	Travel	60,000	33,000	33,000	66,000
	Workshops	207,000	61,000	129,000	190,000
	Subtotal: Programme 3.8	**418,000**	**206,000**	**174,000**	**380,000**
Programme 3.9	**2025 United Nations Ocean Conference**				
		100,000	-	-	-
	Subtotal: Programme 3.9	**100,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**

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Programme 3.10	**Data Transformation and Cyber Security**				
	Consultants	-	78,000	108,000	186,000
	Travel	-	24,000	17,000	41,000
	Workshops	-	26,000	27,000	53,000
	Information Technology	-	70,000	70,000	140,000
	Maintenance and support	-	62,000	54,000	116,000
	Subtotal: Programme 3.10	-	**260,000**	**276,000**	**536,000**
	Total section 3	**3,465,000**	**2,406,500**	**2,310,500**	**4,717,000**
Section 4	**Contract Management**				
	Salaries	1,000,000	-	-	-
	Common staff costs	473,000	-	-	-
	Travel	69,000	90,000	96,500	186,500
	Workshops	56,000	77,000	70,500	147,500
	Consultants	136,000	286,000	11,000	297,000
	Equipment and printing	24,000	15,000	15,000	30,000
	Total section 4	**1,758,000**	**468,000**	**193,000**	**661,000**
	Total sections 1 to 4	**25,823,000**	**15,104,500**	**14,802,500**	**29,907,000**
	The Enterprise				
	Salaries & Common staff costs	546,000	309,000	315,000	624,000
	Information and communication technology	13,000	7,000	7,000	14,000
	Travel	45,000	30,000	30,000	60,000
	Training	-	2,500	2,500	5,000
	Indirect support cost (13%)	-	45,500	46,000	91,500
	Total: Enterprise	**604,000**	**394,000**	**400,500**	**794,500**
		26,427,000	**15,498,500**	**15,203,000**	**30,701,500**

Staffing table

Functional title	*Professional and higher*	*National Professional Officer*	*General Service*
Executive Office of the Secretary-General			
Secretary-General	1 (USG)		
Deputy to the Secretary-General/Chef de Cabinet	1 (D-2)		
Communications Specialist	1 (P-4)		
Associate Copy Editor	1 (P-2)		
Office Manager	1 (P-2)		
Senior Liaison Assistant, Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Seabed Authority to the United Nations in New York			1
Senior Communications Assistant			1
Administrative Assistant			1
Staff Assistant			1
Office of Contract Management and Capacity-Building			
Director	1 (D-1)		
Chief, Compliance Assurance and Regulatory Management Unit	1 (P-5)		
Quality Assurance and Compliance Officer	1 (P-4)		
Environmental Audit Officer	1 (P-4)		
Contract Management Officer	1 (P-3)		
Programme Management Officer (Capacity-Building)	1 (P-3)		
Training Coordinator	1 (P-2)		
Administrative Assistant			1
Office of Legal Affairs			
Director/Legal Counsel	1 (D-1)		
Senior Legal Officer	1 (P-5)		
Legal Officer	1 (P-4)		
Legal Officer (Regulatory Affairs)	1 (P-4)		
Legal Officer	1 (P-3)		
Knowledge Management Officer (Legal)	1 (P-3)		
Associate Legal Officer	1 (P-2)		
Documentation and Conference Management Officer		1	
Administrative Assistant			1
Administrative/Library Assistant			1
Office of Stewardship, Environment and Resources			
Director	1 (D-1)		
Scientific Affairs Officer (Marine Geologist)	1 (P-4)		
Environmental Coordinator	1 (P-4)		
Programme Coordinator (Marine Scientific Research)	1 (P-4)		
Programme Manager (Marine Environment)	1 (P-4)		
Scientific Officer (Geographic Information System)	1 (P-3)		
Database Manager	1 (P-3)		
Programme Officer	1 (P-3)		
Senior Information Management Assistant			1

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Administrative Assistant			1
Office of Administrative Services			
Head of Office	1 (P-5)		
Finance Officer	1 (P-4)		
Budget/Internal Oversight Officer	1 (P-4)		
Human Resources Officer	1 (P-4)		
Information and Communications Technology Manager	1 (P-3)		
Associate Procurement Officer	1 (P-2)		
Associate Security and Facilities Officer		1	
Senior Budget and Treasury Assistant			1
Senior Finance Assistant			1
Administrative Assistant			1
Budget Assistant			1
Information and Communications Technology Assistant			1
Travel and Human Resources Assistant			1
Human Resources Assistant			1
Procurement Assistant			1
Finance Assistant			1
Driver/General Services Assistant			1
Driver/General Services Assistant			1
The Enterprise			
Interim Director General	1 (P-5)		
Research Assistant			1
Total	**34**	**2**	**21**

Abbreviation: USG, Under-Secretary-General.