

# **CBD Secretariat Side Event on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) at COP 12**

**Tuesday, 7 October 2014, from 13:15 to 14:45  
LMMC Meeting Room, Hall F, Room 2, COP-12 venue**

During this side event, we will be launching two booklets based on the results of the first two CBD regional workshops to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) (*Volume 1: Western South Pacific* and *Volume 2: Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic*). The booklets provide information on the areas described during the workshops, accompanied by photographs of the unique biodiversity and ecosystems found in these areas.

This event will also explain the CBD EBSA process and provide an update on the results of regional EBSA workshops convened by the CBD Secretariat, in seven regions, in collaboration with many partners, pursuant to paragraph 36 of decision X/29 (*see over for programme*). Lunch will be provided.

Come and find out more about the EBSA process.

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### **Programme**

**Co-chairs: Mr. Jake Rice (Canada) and Mr. Moustafa Fouda (Egypt)**

- ***Opening of the side event by co-chairs (10 min)***
- ***Launch of the EBSA booklets based on the results of the first two CBD regional EBSA workshops (Western South Pacific and Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic) (15 min)***

*Congratulatory remarks by:*

- *Mr. Stuart Chape (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme – SPREP)*
- *Ms. Giovanna Palazzi, (Department of Aquatic Biodiversity, Oceans and Antarctic, Ministry of Environment of Brazil)*

- *Ms. Nicola Breier (BMUB Germany)*
- ***Brief update on CBD regional EBSA workshops by the CBD Secretariat and Mr. Nic Bax (Australia) (15 min)***
- ***Panel discussion on sharing experiences and lessons learned from regional EBSA workshops (moderated by co-chairs) (3-5 minutes each, total: 30 min))***
  - Mr. David Obura (CORDIO East Africa)
  - Mr. Alexander Shestakov (Russian Federation)
  - Mr. Rudolph Cloete (Namibia)
  - Mr. Mallé Diagana (Mauritania)
  - Mr. Tom Barry, (Conservation of Arctic Fauna and Flora – CAFF Secretariat)
  - Ms. Maria Purificacio Canals Ventin (Network of Managers of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean –MedPAN)
  - Mr. David Johnson (Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative)
- ***Open forum (15 min)***
- ***Summary and conclusion by co-chairs (5 min)***