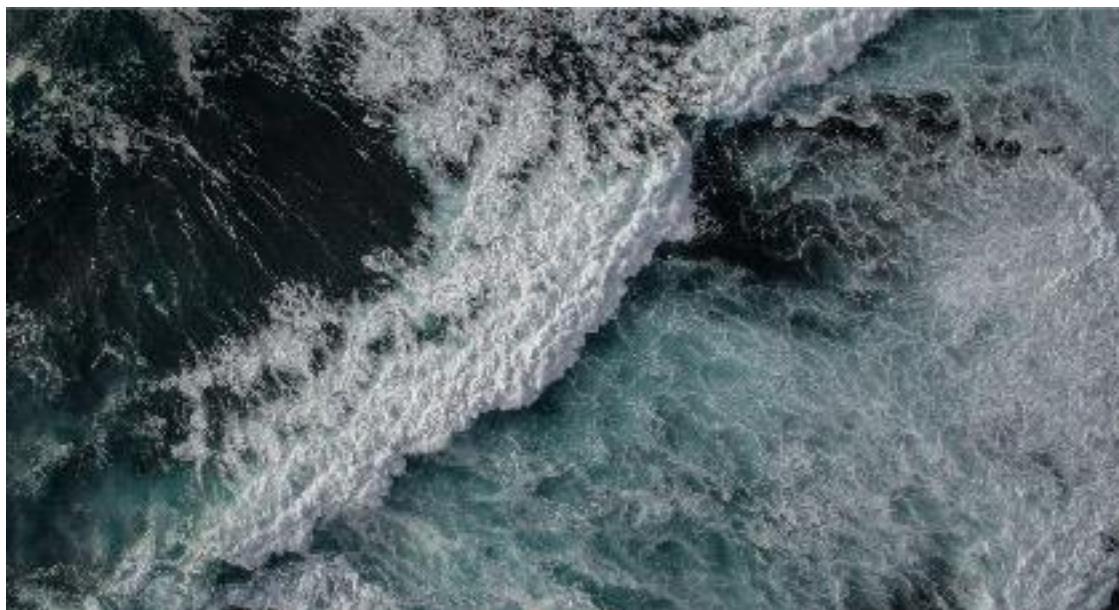


Expert workshop

Strengthening Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) in the Southeast Pacific

14-15 November, 2019

CPPS Headquarters, Guayaquil, Ecuador



Background

Effective monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) is critical for the success of marine conservation and management. Whereas States have the right to manage the marine resources within their national jurisdiction, the high seas are subject to a complex patchwork of international rules and regulations. As States begin to negotiate a new international agreement concerning areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ), there is growing interest in how MCS tools and policies can be applied to this vast global commons.

The STRONG High Seas project (Strengthening Regional Ocean Governance for the High Seas) aims to strengthen regional ocean governance for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ, including through enhanced MCS tools and policies. This five-year project is working together with key science and policy actors in the Southeast Pacific and Southeast Atlantic regions to improve regional coordination and provide new lessons and approaches for high seas governance.

Workshop objectives

This interactive workshop will gather around 20 MCS experts from the Southeast Pacific region. The workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss the potential of MCS in ABNJ in the Southeast Pacific, including the identification of legal, institutional and technological challenges, successes and needs, and will identify proposals for strengthening MCS in ABNJ of the Southeast Pacific. The outcomes of this workshop will contribute to a report that will be published by the STRONG High Seas project. These proposals will also be fed into discussions on a new international legally-binding instrument on high seas biodiversity, currently under negotiation at the United Nations.

Agenda

Day one

9h00 – 9h30 Arrival, registration

9h30 – 10h00 Welcome

- Welcome by Mentor Villagómez, Secretary-General of the CPPS
- Presentation of IKI STRONG High Seas project by Glen Wright
- Presentation of meeting objectives by Klaudija Cremers

10h00 – 11h15 Session 1: Roundtable on Southeast Pacific MCS activities

- Presentations by CPPS Member States on national MCS activities

11h15 – 11h45 Coffee break

11h45 – 12h45 Session 2: State of play

- Presentation of previous MCS expert meetings by Glen Wright & Klaudija Cremers

12h45 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 15h15 Session 3: MCS challenges and lessons learnt from a fisheries perspective

- Presentation on Global Fishing Watch's work on MCS by Eloy Aroni
- Presentation on Conservation International's work on IUU fishing by Marco Quesada

15h15 – 15h45 Coffee break

15h45 – 17h00 Session 4: MCS challenges and lessons learnt from a MPA perspective

- Presentation on Costa Rica por Siempre's/Pacifico's work on MCS by Mónica Gamboa Poveda
- Presentation on Conservation International's work on the Eastern Tropical Pacific Seascape by Xavier Chalen

Day two

9h30 – 11h00 Session 5: UN negotiations

- Update on the status of negotiations for a high seas biodiversity treaty by Guillermo Ortuño Crespo
- Observations of the Latin American perspective on the high seas biodiversity treaty by Mariamalia Rodriguez Chaves
- Presentation of MCS options by Klaudija Cremers

11h00 – 11h30 Coffee

11h30 – 12h45 Session 6: Strengthening MCS

Break-out group discussion

12h45 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 15h15 Session 7: Reflections from participants

Closing statements from rapporteurs/States

15h15 – 15h30: Closure of the meeting

Glen Wright & Klaudija Cremers

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