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# The High Seas Treaty: Integrating Climate Change into Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)

IUCN and DOSI invite you to a webinar on how we can future proof the BBNJ agreement's EIA provisions for the effects of climate change on the ocean.

*The ocean plays a critical role in controlling climate change and climate change has a major influence on biodiversity in the ocean. Areas beyond national jurisdiction represent an immense contribution to this role, and to the biodiversity of the planet. Human activities affecting ABNJ can either exacerbate or remediate climate change and its impacts on biodiversity. For this reason, it is critical that climate is considered in all aspects of the BBNJ treaty.*

Re-Watch preliminary discussion on Impact Assessments as Tools (EIA/SEA) (Webinar of 18 June 2020): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W7Cg7RnVAmU>

## When

Monday 05 October 2020,  
4pm Central European Summer Time / 10am Eastern Summer Time

## Where

IUCN Global Marine and Polar Programme webinar

## Speakers and discussion leaders

Minna Epps (Director, IUCN Marine and Polar Programme)

*Welcome*

Cymie Payne (Associate Professor at Rutgers University; Chair of WCEL Oceans, Coasts, and Coral Reefs specialist group)

*Introduction & Moderator*

Lisa Levin (Professor of Integrative Oceanography Division at Scripps Institute)

*How climate impacts are changing the ocean, with uncertain future effects?*

Meinhard Doelle (Chair, Marine Environmental Protection, World Maritime University)

*Best practices to incorporate cumulative impacts and uncertainty into the threshold trigger*

Glen Wright (Research Fellow, International Ocean Governance, IDDRI)

*Case study of the mesopelagic zone*

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