

Expert workshop

**Strengthening MCS through a future international  
instrument on high seas biodiversity**

Tuesday 16 April 2019, Sciences Po, Paris



## 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 workshop builds on a first workshop on technological tools held in July 2018 ([summary available here](#)). This workshop will focus primarily on possible options for strengthening MCS through a new international instrument on high seas biodiversity, currently under negotiation at the United Nations. This workshop will provide an opportunity to take stock of existing legal and policy frameworks, highlight ongoing initiatives and technological developments, and develop options for the future treaty.

## Format

The workshop is intended to provide a space for informal discussion and exchange between experts from a range of fields and perspectives. Each session will begin with a short presentation intended to stimulate discussion (10 mins), followed by a brief initial reflection from a discussant (5 mins) and a Chatham House discussion. Following the workshop, a policy brief will be published to disseminate key conclusions.

## Agenda

<b>9h30</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Julien Rochette, IDDRI Presentation of IKI STRONG High Seas project <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carole Durussel, IASS</li></ul> Summary of first workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glen Wright, IDDRI</li></ul>
<b>10h</b>	<b>Session 1: Improving transparency at sea</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Samantha Emmert, Global Fishing Watch</li><li>• Discussant: Peter Horn, Pew</li></ul>
<b>11h15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11h30</b>	<b>Session 2: Lessons learnt from national experiences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barbara Hutniczak, OECD</li><li>• Discussant: TBD</li></ul>
<b>12h45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14h</b>	<b>Session 3: Lessons learnt from RFMOs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adriana Fabra, Tuna Compliance Network</li><li>• Hrannar Már Ásgeirsson, NEAFC</li><li>• Discussant: TBD, FAO</li></ul>
<b>15h15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15h30</b>	<b>Session 4: Options for strengthening MCS through a high seas treaty</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Klaudija Cremers, IDDRI</li><li>• Discussant: Duncan Currie, Globe Law</li></ul>
<b>17h30</b>	<b>Closure of the workshop</b>

## List of participants

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