

Consultation on “ A Collaborative Programme to Assess and Monitor Climate-related changes in Marine Ecosystems in Tropical/Sub-tropical Regions and in the High Seas using the Research Vessel “Dr Fridtjof Nansen”
IOC/UNESCO, Paris, France
5 – 6 September, 2012

Provisional Annotated Agenda

DAY 1 (Wednesday, 5 September 2012)		
09.00	Opening	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opening remarks by Gabriella Bianchi and Wendy Watson-Wright and ○ Self-Introduction ○ Election of Chair/Moderator and Rapporteurs ○ Adoption of the Agenda ○ Background and Objectives of the consultation (Kwame Koranteng) ○ Global climate change and regional impacts on marine ecosystem (Svein Sundby) 	<p><i>Meeting will be called to order by Justin Ahanhanzo (IOC/UNESCO) after which opening remarks will be made by Gabriella Bianchi (FAO) and Wendy Watson-Wright (IOC/UNESCO).</i></p> <p><i>After a brief introduction to the background and objectives of the consultation, a background paper will be presented to set the stage on present knowledge related to climate change impacts on marine ecosystems</i></p>
10.30	<i>Morning Tea / Coffee</i>	
10.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussions ○ Brief presentations by partners on ongoing climate change work relevant to marine ecosystems ○ Discussions 	<p><i>All partners at the consultation are expected to make brief presentations (5-10 minutes) on their institution’s work on climate change and related impacts (FAO, IOC, UNEP, UNDP, GESAMP, Regular Process, IMR, NRSC, IAEA, BCC)</i></p>
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction to the survey programme being carried out by the R/V Dr. Fridtjof Nansen as part of the EAF Nansen project (Tore Stromme) ○ Discussions 	<p><i>An overview of the FAO/IMR fisheries and ecosystem survey work carried out with the R/V Dr Fridtjof Nansen will be given. Key components of the programme and key findings will be presented</i></p>

15.00	<i>Afternoon Tea / Coffee</i>	
15.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of research vessels to monitor ecosystem status and biodiversity ○ A framework for biodiversity and marine ecosystems research priorities that can be addressed by ecosystem surveys 	<i>FAO has been working on indicators for ecosystem surveys in support of EAF (ecosystem approach to fisheries). Some options for monitoring the impacts of fishing on aquatic ecosystems and for monitoring aquatic ecosystems have been proposed. Participants will be asked to discuss the options and to consider same for inclusion in a possible monitoring programme.</i>
17.00	○ Close of Day 1 session	
DAY 2 (Thursday, 6 September 2012)		
09.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exploring the merits of a UN-wide marine ecosystem monitoring programme, especially in the light of the relevant outcomes of RIO+20, including the use of a research vessel and the possible nature of such a programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Programme objectives (including problems to be addressed) ○ Stakeholders/beneficiaries and partners ○ Proposed strategy ○ Main programme components and expected results ○ Possible sources of funding 	<p><i>Participants will be reminded about relevant outcomes of RIO+20, to be followed by discussions on existing (and proposed) UN-wide global and regional initiatives on climate-related changes in the marine environment.</i></p> <p><i>The discussions will focus on the merits of a monitoring programme involving the use of research vessels and in particular the R/V Dr Fridtjof Nansen as UN-wide platform to establish baselines and increase knowledge on climate-related changes in the oceans (especially around developing countries).</i></p>
10.30	<i>Morning Tea / Coffee</i>	
10.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exploring the merits (Cont.) 	
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Way Forward (roadmap for concept note and programme formulation) ○ Outstanding issues <p>Closing</p>	<i>Participants will discuss the necessary steps and timelines for developing the agreed monitoring programme</i>
15.30	<i>Afternoon Tea / Coffee</i>	