

North Atlantic EBSAs, VMEs and MPAs in a changing ocean

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Auberge du Vieux Port, Montreal

Session 1: Introduction and context Moderator: Prof. David Johnson, Seascope Consultants Ltd	
09.00	Welcome; aims and objectives of the symposium <i>Prof. David Johnson, Seascope Consultants Ltd / ATLAS lead on Policy Interaction</i>
09.15	ATLAS resume: Blue Growth in a dynamic deep-sea environment <i>Prof. Murray Roberts, University of Edinburgh / ATLAS Project Coordinator</i>
09.30	Progress on biodiversity and biogeography to advance science and add new information - key messages <i>Dr Telmo Morato, IMAR University of Azores</i>
09.45	Selected case study examples: the Tropic Seamount and the Davis Strait <i>Dr Lea-Anne Henry, University of Edinburgh</i> <i>Dr Ellen Kenchington, DFO</i>
10.00	Conserving deep-sea sponge biodiversity: The SponGES project <i>Dr Joana Xavier, University of Bergen</i>
10.15	Discussion
10.45	Coffee break
Session 2: Coverage of VMEs, EBSAs and MPAs: status and future prospects Moderator: Prof. Jake Rice, IPBES / IUCN Fisheries Expert Group	
11.15	VMEs: The role of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations <i>Dr Andrew Kenny, CEFAS / NAFO</i>
11.30	Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas: the CBD process <i>Mr Joseph Appiott, Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity</i>
11.45	Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas: the Canadian national process in the Atlantic <i>Ms Nadine Wells, DFO</i>
12.00	High Seas MPAs: the OSPAR experience <i>Prof. David Johnson, Seascope Consultants Ltd / ATLAS lead on Policy Interaction</i>
12.15	Analysis of VMEs, EBSAs and High Seas MPAs in the context of climate change <i>Dr Ellen Kenchington, DFO</i>
12.30	The conservation of biodiversity in the marine environment: the regulation of deep-sea fisheries and mining <i>Mr Matt Gianni, Deep Sea Conservation Coalition</i>
12.45	Discussion

13.15	Lunch
Session 3: Blue growth scenarios and implications for relevant area-based management tools Moderator: Prof. Murray Roberts, University of Edinburgh	
14.30	Maritime Spatial Planning: Blue Growth opportunities for selected ATLAS case studies <i>Dr Anthony Grehan, National University of Ireland Galway / ATLAS lead on MSP</i>
14.45	Policy priorities for EBSAs, VMEs and MPAs in the Atlantic <i>Prof. David Johnson, Seascope Consultants Ltd / ATLAS lead on Policy Interaction</i>
15.00	Breakout group discussions to consider policy opportunities in detail (including working coffee break)
16.30	Feedback and conclusions Outputs from the symposium
17.00	Meeting close; informal networking reception

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