

Submission of proposals related to the Further revised draft text of an agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

Template

Please fill out one form for each article which your delegation(s) or group(s) wish(es) to propose, amend or delete.

- 1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) and/or Group(s) making the proposal in the order that they should be listed in any conference room papers or other documents:**

International Union for Conservation of Nature

- 2. Please indicate the relevant part of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5¹) that this proposal relates to, using the drop-down menu below.**

PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3. Please indicate the relevant article of the Further revised draft text (as reflected in A/CONF.232/2022/5¹) that this proposal relates to (if applicable) or indicate if this is a proposal for an additional article**

Article 1, para. 17

- 4. Kindly provide the amendments to the article that are being proposed in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the article that are being amended or deleted - examples are attached for reference.**

~~[17. “Sustainable use” means the use of components of biological diversity in a way and at a rate that does not lead to long term decline of biological diversity, thereby maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations.]~~

¹ Currently available as an advance, unedited, version on the website of the IGC: [Fifth substantive session \(un.org\)](https://www.un.org/development/desa/ia/igc/)

5. Rationale for the proposal, if any.

Sustainable use is already defined in many instruments and practices relevant to the BBNJ Agreement. These definitions are not easily reconciled. Sustainable use in IUCN category VI MPAs is defined as: where low-level non-industrial natural resource use is compatible with nature conservation.” This is quite different from how “sustainable use” is defined in the CBD. See IUCN Guidelines for applying the IUCN protected area management categories to marine protected areas.²

² [Guidelines for applying the IUCN protected area management categories to marine protected areas | IUCN Library System](#)