PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR SOUTH PACIFIC

PROJECT INTEGRATED REGIONAL OCEAN POLICY - IROP



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OBJECTIVE

To explore options to design an Integrated Regional Ocean Policy for the Permanent Commission for South Pacific, including areas beyond national jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND

As initiative from the region, CPPS held a workshop in Bogotá, Colombia, from 28th to 30 th of October, 2015, counting with the participation of at least 4 experts per Member State, and some other 40 international experts in ocean policy that included knowledge areas such as law, oceanography, dimplomacy, naval authorities, shipping, deep ocean engineer, marine geophysics, marine ecology, maritime autorities, marine biology, hydropgraphy and others. To explore the possibility to design a regional integrated ocean policy for the region.



OTHER INVITED ORGANIZATIONS

PNUMA, IOC (UNESCCO), FAO, DOALOS (UN), WCMC (World Conservation Monitoring Center - UNEP), IASS (Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies - Alemania), IDDRI (Institute for International Development and International Relations - Francia), KIOST (Korean Isntitute of Ocean Science and Technology - Corea), GEF - ABNJ, International Seabeth Authority (ISA), NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - EEUU), PIFS (Pacific Island Forum Secretariat), civil society (Ocean Concervancy, Conservación Internacional, GRID Arendal, IUCN, WWF).

































METHODOLOGY

The meeting briefing is as follows:

- 1.- Workshop's objectives presentation. The region was analized from the maritime point of view and accounting for the regional coordination organism which already exists. Two questions were proposed:
- 1.1 Is it relevant to develop an integrated regional policy for the CPPS region?
- 1.2. If your answer was YES, what common guidelines could be suggested for such policy?.
- 2.- CPPS was introduced along with its mission, vision and the XXIth Century Galapagos Commitment
- 3.- Chief Delegates representing the CPPS members (plus Panama) presented their countries' experiences regarding oceanic policies.
- 4.- A total of 22 international scientific, economic, technical, environmental, legal and social presentations were exposed, focusing in the many aspects of marine activities which could be of national interest
- 5.- The audience was divided in a scientific group and a juridical group
- 6.- Both groups were reunited in order to present a joint document and issue the reccomendation criteria for the CPPS Assembly

RESULTS

1.- Suggestion from the members of the Legal (including socio-economic issues) Work Group

The Assembly should consider the design and eventual adoption of an integrated Regional Ocean Policy. Accordingly, it is suggested that, if this initiative is approved, a working group of experts with the representation of the four countries should be established to draw up a proposal.

The terms of reference of the working groups should include as general basis for the development of this policy, the values, principles and standards of sustainable development, as well as the Law of the Sea, International Maritime Law and the Environment, and Consider the participation of legal, scientific and technical experts, and civil society.

(It is reccomended that the CPPS General Secretariat should evaluate and propose the number of suggested work groups for the next Assembly)

2.- Suggestions from the members of the Scientific (including socio-economic issues) Work Group

The General Assembly of the CPPS should consider an Integrated Regional Ocean Policy that guides

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