

SIDE EVENT AT COP 15

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1:15 - 2:45pm

Danube, Room 510A, CEE

ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS (EBSAs):

*Over 10 years of describing the
special places of the ocean*

More than a decade ago, the CBD community embarked on an epic journey around the world to map and describe those areas that most important to the healthy functioning of the global marine ecosystem – known as “ecologically or biologically significant marine areas”. This journey has included more than 500 experts from 144 countries, and has gained widespread global recognition and enhanced the conservation and sustainable of marine biodiversity, as captured in the [EBSA Impact Study](#).

As we look to the future through the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, this side event will host a conversation among some of the many experts and entities that have been a key part of the EBSA process, eliciting their insights on lessons learned and pathways into the future.

CHAIR: David Johnson, Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI)

Video introduction (4 minutes): [“EBSAs – Science in Pursuit of Special Places in the Ocean”](#)

OPENING STATEMENTS

CBD Secretariat

Ministry of the Environment of Japan

European Commission

BACKGROUND

History and progress of the EBSA process

Joseph Appiott, SCBD

Results of the EBSA Impact Study

David Johnson, GOBI

EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Experiences from the EBSA process

- Staffan Danniellsson, Sweden
- Jake Rice, IUCN-FEG
- Carolina Hazin, The Nature Conservancy

Using EBSA information / EBSA approach

- Peter Davies, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
- Steve Kirkman, South Africa
- Charlotte Salpin, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

GLOBAL CONTEXT AND OUTLOOK

Joseph Appiott, SCBD

Q&A / Discussion



Convention on
Biological Diversity



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