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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8262]

Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction; Notice of Public Meeting

### ACTION

Notice of Public Meeting.

### SUMMARY

The Department of State will hold an information session regarding issues related to marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

### DATE

The public meeting will be held on April 23, 2013, 10:30am – 12:00pm in Main State, Room 1105, Washington, DC. For the agenda, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

### ADDRESS

The meeting will be held at the Harry S. Truman Main State Building, Room 1105, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, CONTACT

If you would like to participate in this meeting, please send your (1) name, (2) organization/affiliation, and (3) email address and phone number, as well as any requests for reasonable accommodation, to [BBNJ-Information-Session@state.gov](mailto:BBNJ-Information-Session@state.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

In May 2013, the United States will participate in two workshops of the United Nations General Assembly Working Group on conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction. The first workshop will focus on marine genetic resources; the second will focus on conservation and management tools. These workshops are intended to inform the discussion of delegates at the August meeting of the Working Group, in which the United States will also participate. Additional information on the Working Group can be found at this United Nations website:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.  
htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.htm)

We would like to invite interested stakeholders to share comments, concerns, and questions about these issues. We, in turn, will provide an overview of past

discussions in the Working Group and our approach to the May workshops.

The information obtained from this session and any subsequent related meetings will be used to help us prepare for U.S. participation in international meetings and negotiations on marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction, such as the meeting of the UN BBNJ working group August 19-23, 2013.

#### Reasonable Accommodation

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation should be directed to (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. Requests received after that date will be considered, but might not be possible to fulfill.

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Notice (State-36) at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/103419.pdf> for additional information.

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