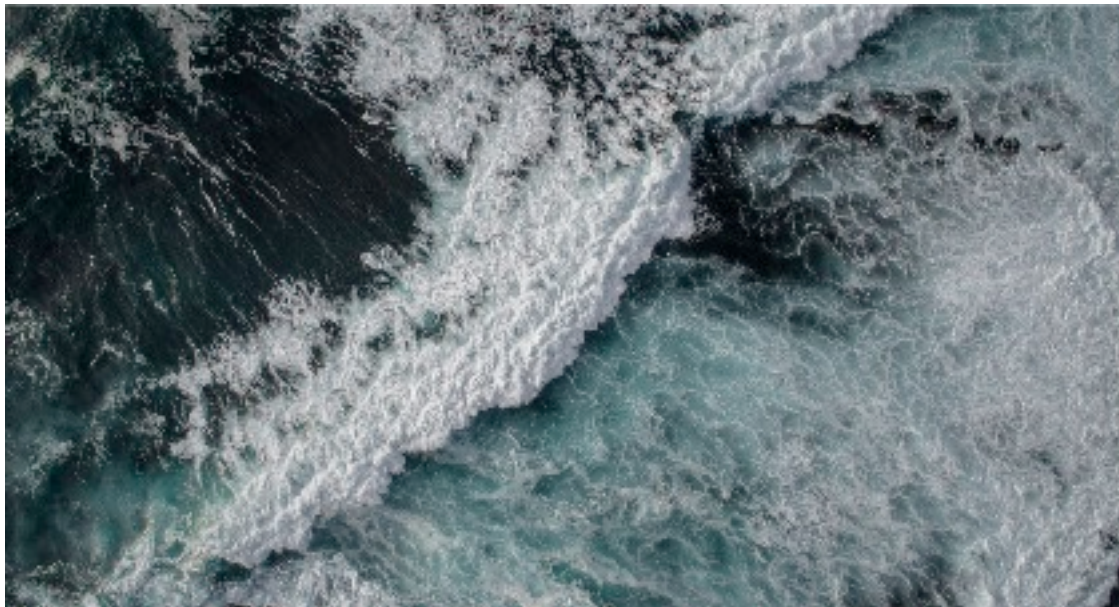


Workshop summary

Strengthening Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through an international instrument on high seas biodiversity

16 April 2019

Reid Hall, 4 Rue de Chevreuse, Paris



Background

Effective monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) is critical for the success of marine conservation and management. Whereas States have the right to manage the marine resources within their national jurisdiction, the high seas are subject to a complex patchwork of international rules and regulations. As States begin to negotiate a new international agreement concerning areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ), there is growing interest in how MCS tools and policies can be applied to this vast global commons.

The STRONG High Seas project (Strengthening Regional Ocean Governance for the High Seas) aims to strengthen regional ocean governance for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ, including through enhanced MCS tools and policies. This five-year project is working together with key science and policy actors in the Southeast Pacific and Southeast Atlantic regions to improve regional coordination and provide new lessons and approaches for high seas governance.

Workshop summary

On Wednesday 16 April 2019, partner institute [IDDRI](#) organised the second STRONG High Seas expert workshop on monitoring, control and surveillance on “Strengthening Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) through an international instrument on high seas biodiversity” in Paris. This workshop built on the [MCS workshop on technological tools](#) held in July 2018.

The workshop covered four different themes: improving transparency at sea, lessons learnt from national experiences, lessons learnt from regional experiences and future policy options. During the workshop, all sixteen participants engaged in active discussions on possible approaches to strengthen MCS through a new international instrument on high seas biodiversity, currently under negotiation at the United Nations. This workshop provided an opportunity to take stock of existing legal and policy frameworks, highlight ongoing initiatives and technological developments, and develop options for the future treaty.

The key conclusions of both MCS expert workshops will be used in a report that will discuss the ways MCS might be able to play a role in the ongoing discussions on the new treaty. This report is due to be published in July 2019 so that it can feed into the next round of UN negotiations that will take place at the end of August this year.

Annex I: Agenda

- 9h30** **Welcome**
- Glen Wright, IDDRI
- Presentation of IKI STRONG High Seas project
- Ben Boteler, IASS
- Meeting objectives
- Klaudija Cremers, IDDRI
- 10h** **Session 1: Improving transparency at sea**
- Samantha Emmert, Global Fishing Watch
 - Discussant: Peter Horn, Pew
- 11h15** **Coffee break**
- 11h30** **Session 2: Lessons learnt from national experiences**
- Claire Delepeuch & Barbara Hutniczak, OECD
 - Discussant: Klaudija Cremers, IDDRI
- 12h45** **Lunch**
- 14h** **Session 3: Lessons learnt from regional experiences**
- Adriana Fabra, Tuna Compliance Network & International MCS Network
 - Hrannar Már Ásgeirsson, NEAFC
 - Discussant: Alejandro Anganuzzi, FAO
- 15h15** **Coffee break**
- 15h30** **Session 4: Options for strengthening MCS through a high seas treaty**
- Duncan Currie, Globe Law
 - Discussant: Catherine Redgwell, Oxford University
- 17h30** **Closure of the workshop**

Annex II: Participants

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About the STRONG High Seas Project

The STRONG High Seas project is a five-year project that aims to strengthen regional ocean governance for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction. It is coordinated by the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) and implemented together with the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), BirdLife International, the International Ocean Institute (IOI) – Southern Africa, the Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN), WWF Colombia, and WWF Germany. Working with the Secretariat of the Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS; Permanent Commission for the South Pacific) and the Secretariat of the West and Central Africa Regional Seas Programme (Abidjan Convention), the project will develop and propose targeted measures to support the coordinated development of integrated and ecosystem-based management approaches for ocean governance in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

The STRONG High Seas project has the following overarching objectives:

1. Facilitate the development of improved management approaches for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction in the Southeast Pacific and Southeast Atlantic regions;
2. Identify best practices and provide support to regional institutions and national authorities for implementing existing regional instruments;
3. Develop options for regional governance in a future international instrument under UNCLOS and transfer regional lessons learned to the global level to promote ocean governance.

For more information about the STRONG High Seas project, please visit: <https://www.prog-ocean.org/our-work/strong-high-seas/> or contact: stronghighseas@iass-potsdam.de.

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