

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

1) OUTCOMES OF THE CONFERENCE ON “MARINE PROTECTED AREA: AN URGENT IMPERATIVE” (ROME, 7-9 MARCH 2016) AND PRIORITY AREAS FOR FOLLOW UP

Presentation by UNEP and the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance of the projects for:

- the creation of a “**MPA TOOL-KIT**” to assist Member States in the identification, design, finance and governance of Marine Protected Areas (MPA) and MPA networks;
- a **mapping** of the regions of the world most in need of protected marine areas.

2) FINANCING OF PROJECTS FOR THE CREATION OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Indications of the **procedures for mobilizing resources** to establish protected marine areas:

- announcement of **Italy’s allocation of funds** for the follow up of the Rome Conference and assistance to Member States;
- presentation by UNDP on **GEF (Global Environment Facility)/UNDP available resources**;
- presentation of **MPA strategy and portfolio of projects** of Oceans 5 (<http://oceans5.org/>) by Mr. **Chuck Fox, Oceans 5 Program Director**.

3) OUTREACH ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGET 5

- Update on preparations for the **First International Conference on Oceans and Seas in Fiji**, June 2017 (by the Permanent Representative of Fiji, **Ambassador Peter Thomson**)
- Development of outreach activities at the national and international levels and illustration of best practices: presentation by **Professor Tymon Zieliński (Poland)** on “The use of visual arts in promoting the 10x20 Initiative in Poland”;
- Feedback on contacts with Oceanographer Sylvie Earle and other testimonials and advocacy entities;
- Organization of a side event during UNGA;
- Promotion of 10X20 Initiative during HLPF and UNGA.

4) STUDY TRIP TO STONY BROOK MARINE STATION IN THE HAMPTONS

Announcement of a study trip on July 9 visit the Stony Brook marine station in the Hamptons, with a boat trip to see the protected marine area (for clam and oyster beds).

