

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT: TOWARDS AN ISA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR THE AREA

A workshop on the International Seabed Authority's (ISA) Environmental Management Strategy for the Area will be held in Berlin, Germany from 19-24 March 2017.

The workshop is jointly organized by the German Environment Agency (UBA) on behalf of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR) on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) and the Secretariat of the ISA and supported by the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies Potsdam e.V. (IASS).

The workshop aims to assist the ISA in developing a long-term Environmental Management Strategy for the Area. It will deal mainly with governance issues such as overarching principles, regional planning and adaptive management. The outcome of the workshop should provide a first structured and interdisciplinary input on the draft Environmental Regulations taking into account the deliberations by the Legal and Technical Committee in February 2017.

The expected outcome of the workshop will be a draft plan designed for the ISA to achieve its long-term environmental objectives as administrator of the common heritage of mankind. The strategy needs to have as its objective the implementation of the environmental regulations governing exploitation.

A preliminary program together with registration information will be distributed in due course.

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