

INFORMATION SESSION: MARINE SPATIAL BIODIVERSITY PRIORITIES AS AN INPUT INTO MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING

22 October 2020; 13h00 – 16h00

Microsoft Teams

13h00 Introduction and background:

- Meeting opening – *SP Kirkman (meeting Chair)*
- Welcome – *J Beaumont*
- Marine Spatial Planning: Operation Phakisa Oceans economy – *M Ramakulukusha*
- The need for a clear set of marine spatial biodiversity priorities for inclusion into MSP, and options for securing spatial priorities through place-based measures – *SP Kirkman*
- Lessons from the Offshore Environment Forum and the Phakisa MPA consultations the value of a robust, inclusive and iterative stakeholder engagement process – *K Sink*
- Q&A session

14h05 Break

14h20 Marine Spatial Biodiversity Priorities:

- Building a coherent set of marine spatial biodiversity priorities for inclusion into MSP – *S Holness*
 - The underlying science and approach :
 - Overview of the science underpinning the approach, with a focus on relevant components of the National Biodiversity Assessment 2018 – *P Majiedt*
 - Recap: EBSA identification and updates – *SP Kirkman*
 - An overview of the underlying concepts of systematic planning: irreplaceability, best design, conflict avoidance – *L Harris*
 - Spatial priorities and management recommendations:
 - The EBSA zoning and management recommendations, process to date and feedback on initial engagements on the EBSA zoning and CBAs – *S Holness*
 - Launch of the process for the National Coastal and Marine Spatial Biodiversity Plan: Map of Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBA Map) and Sea-Use Guidelines V.1 – *J Manuel / L Harris*

15h30 Break

15h40 Final session:

- Q&A session
- Wrap up and way forward