

Science Briefing & Discussion

“Global Ocean Biodiversity Governance The contribution of science”

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Welcoming remarks

Ms **Gesine MEISSNER**, MEP, President of the Searica-Intergroup

Mr **Marco AFFRONTE**, MEP, Member of the Intergroup

Opening presentation: A perspective on current BBNJ negotiations

Ms **Kristina GJERDE**, High Seas Policy Advisor, IUCN and Observer, First Preparatory Committee Meeting on BBNJ

Science Keynote Presentations:

Mr **Hugh POSSINGHAM**, Professor in Mathematics and Ecology, University of Queensland

Mer **Helmut HILLEBRAND**, Director, Institute for Chemistry and Biology of the Sea, University of Oldenburg and Chair, German Marine Science Strategy Group on Marine Biodiversity

Mr **Kevin GASTON**, Director, Environment and Sustainability Institute, University of Exeter

Reflection & Reaction:

Mr **Stefaan DEPYPERE**, Director, International Affairs and Markets, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Discussion with Speakers and Participating Experts:

Moderation: Mr **Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS**, MEP, Vice-President of the Intergroup, Professor of Marine Biology, University of the Azores

Conclusion:

Ms **Gesine MEISSNER**, President Intergroup