

Overview of other challenges, gaps in understanding and cooperation

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The main purpose of the presentation will be to identify some of the key issues not addressed in the presentations of other panellist that are relevant for the ICP to develop practical, effective and clear recommendations regarding the use of Marine Genetic Resources (MGR). The questions are drawn from the previous meetings of the ICP, the experience of managing genetic resource use elsewhere and the outlines of the panellist. The presentation will outline some of the important dimensions of these issues and questions for policy makers and the ICP. The presentation will not attempt to answer the questions. Nevertheless, identification of the question will assist the process to develop a strategy for addressing the use of MGRs in the future.

Key other issues include:-

- Definitions of “MGR”, “bioprospecting”, biopiracy” and “Marine Scientific Research”
- Knowledge about existing and planned use of MGRs
- Potential value of MGRs
- Lessons from other fora of relevance for the ICP
- Mechanisms for effective cooperation with other relevant processes
- Legal issues relating to the ownership of MGRs
- Scientific, commercial and ethical impacts of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) on the use of MGRs
- Equitable sharing of the benefits of the use of MGR