

## DOSI WG5 marine genetic resources workshop

**Title:**

Accessing and Sharing Benefits from Marine Genetic Resources Beyond National Jurisdiction: What Role for the Scientific Community?

**Abstract:**

Deep-sea marine genetic resources in areas beyond national jurisdiction have generated an intense international debate on access and benefit sharing. The expertise of the marine scientific community is of critical relevance to the resolution of this debate. This is both timely and important as the issue of marine genetic resources is at the core of a process that in 2015 is likely to trigger the start of international negotiations for a new legal instrument for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction.

This workshop aims to invite and discuss scientific perspectives on the legal debate on deep-sea genetic resources, relevant drivers and barriers to conducting deep-sea research and challenges and opportunities at the science-policy interface. All delegates with an interest in ocean governance and deep-sea research are warmly invited to participate in this discussion on how the scientific community might 'reality-check' this international debate and develop ideas for how a new regime could facilitate research and innovation.