

Sintra, **Portugal**

2-4 November 2016

SEMPIA II meeting

Validating the scientific approach



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The meeting should generate:

1.

A report of the meeting including an agreed science case for a strategic management plan for the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in the North Atlantic, including

Part 1: Application of the precautionary approach in the design of APEIs

Part 2: a science case for Areas at Risk of Serious Harm

2.

A plan for the writing of a zero draft management plan for the Mid-Atlantic Ridge in the North Atlantic

The report of the meeting will be sent to the LTC in time for its February meeting. The intention is that a zero draft will be prepared for the July meeting of the LTC.

Day 1

2nd November

The first part of day 1 will be a catch up to bring everyone up to speed on what has happened since the last meeting in Horta. Discussion should be kept to clarification questions with general discussion to follow later.

- 09.10 - 09.20** Introduction **Phil Weaver**
09.20 - 09.40 Design principles overview and lessons from the CCZ EMP **Craig Smith**
09.40 - 10.00 Top-down habitat mapping applied to the MAR **Kerry Howell**
10.00 - 10.20 Connectivity issues on the North Atlantic **MAR Heiko Stuckas/ Ron Etter**
10.20 - 10.40 Discussion

COFFEE

- 11.10 - 11.30** Fracture zone faunas **Andre Gebruk**
11.30 - 11.50 How to include ecosystem services and climate change into the strategic management plan **Lisa Levin**
11.50 - 12.20 Scientifically Based Design Criteria for the North Atlantic MAR - update from the Lisbon workshop July, 2016
Telmo Morato / Cindy Van Dover / Daniel Dunn
12.20 - 12.40 Discussion

LUNCH

- 14.00 - 14.15** Comments on the regional strategic management approach by the ISA **(TBC)**
14.15 - 14.25 Pros and cons of the design options described in the Lisbon workshop **Ron Etter/Craig Smith**
14.25 - 14.45 Results of the workshop on VMES **Matt Gianni**
14.45 - 15.15 Discussion

TEA

- 15.15 - 17.30** Plenary discussions

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Day 2 / Day 3

3rd, 4th November

The discussions will continue on Day 2 and into Day 3 and if there is time they will lead into writing groups for the reports.

The discussions should tackle:

1. Further discussion of banded APEIs based on the Lisbon report aiming to finalise and agree the science case

2. Areas at Risk of Serious Harm (these can be regarded as comparable to VMEs).

We should also tackle how to accommodate existing licence blocks into the management plan.

Breakout groups may be set up if and when suitable topics arise but the initial intention is for all discussion to be held in plenary.

Day 3 (Friday 4th November) will end at **15.00**

