

Marine Research Strategy Workshop

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PROPOSED PROCESS and WORKSHOP EXPECTATIONS

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Overview

- Proposed Process
 - Activities
 - Timelines
 - Working Groups v Task Teams
- Workshop Expectations
 - Research Themes
 - Nomination of group members
- The Final Product

Proposed Process

- Consultative Workshop = Project Initiation
- Interrogate proposed research themes
- Elect theme-specific working groups
- Theme-specific working documents
- Draft consolidation
- DST internal review and refinement
- Stakeholder feedback meeting
- Final submission

Timelines

- First draft to DST:
 - **13 December 2013**
- Final marine research plan to DST:
 - **7 March 2014**

Workshop Expectations



- Discuss pre-selected multi-disciplinary research themes
 - Relevance / appropriateness of themes
 - Inventory of disciplines required per theme (including social sciences)
 - *Marine Science and Biodiversity*
 - *Marine Science and Society & Development*
 - *Marine Science and Ecosystems*

Breakaway Groups

- Breakaway group per research theme
- Scribe for group report-back
- Elect theme-specific working group members
 - 1 x group convener
 - 1 x writer
 - Approx. 8 members (ensure institutional / discipline /age / gender representivity)
 - Consider nominations in absentia
- Plan first working group meeting
 - **2nd week October**

Working Groups - Roles



- Group member:
 - Attend and actively participate in working group meetings (anticipate 2 meetings);
 - Submit written, specialised individual inputs as per agreed formats and deadlines

Working Groups - Roles



- Group writer:
 - Attend and actively participate in working group meetings (anticipate 2 meetings);
 - Consolidate individual submissions as per agreed formats and deadlines;
 - Attend and actively participate in task team meetings (possibly 2 meetings)

Working Groups - Roles



- Group convener:
 - Attend and actively participate in working group meetings (anticipate 2 meetings);
 - Arrange working group meetings in consultation with group members and NRF;
 - Facilitate working group discussions and submissions as per agreed deadlines;
 - Attend and actively participate in task team meetings (possibly 2)

Working Groups – Responsibilities



- Submit a consolidated, theme-specific working document
- Working document to include a detailed, theme-specific analysis of:
 - Short, medium and long-term strategic objectives;
 - Existing strengths / opportunities and weaknesses / gaps;
 - The actual or required policy context

Task Team members



- DST
- NRF
- Working Group Conveners
- Working Group Writers
- Lead Writer (to be appointed by DST/NRF)

Task Team roles

- Working interface between DST, NRF and working groups;
- Meetings to ensure a common understanding through information sharing and feedback processes;
- First task team meeting before first working group meeting;
- Task team meetings arranged by NRF in consultation with task team members

Envisioned Process

- Task Team meeting 1
 - 2nd week 2 October 2013 (before WG1)
 - Outline expectations; discuss concerns; etc.
- Working Group meeting 1
 - 2nd week October 2013
 - Discuss input requirements, set deadlines
- Working Group submission 1
 - End October 2013
 - First consolidated working group submission
 - Internal group submission deadlines will apply

Envisioned Process (cont.)



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- Task Team meeting 2 (if necessary)
 - Week 2 November 2013 (pre WG2)
 - Discuss submissions, feedback, suggested refinements, lead writer inputs
- Working Group meeting 2
 - Week 2 November 2013
 - Direct resubmissions, share feedback, etc.
- Working Group submission 2
 - End November 2013
 - Final consolidated working group submission
 - Internal group submission deadlines will apply

Lead Writer

- Consolidate working group inputs
- Draft document to NRF:
10th December 2013
- Stakeholder feedback meeting?
- Final draft document to DST:
13th December 2013

Process closure

- Final marine research plan to DST:
 - **7 March 2014**
- Stakeholder Feedback Meeting:
 - **2nd Week March 2014**

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