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for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

UNDERWATER NOISE: INTERNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY TREATY CALL FOR INPUT TO DRAFT REPORT

WOC Encourages Ocean Industry Input to Convention on Biological Diversity's Draft Document on Anthropogenic Underwater Noise; Deadline 5 October 2020

30 September 2020

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is circulating for a peer review the draft report on *Anthropogenic Underwater Noise: Impacts on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity and Habitats, and Mitigation and Management Measures*.

<https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2020/cbd-ts-underwater-noise-peer-review-en.pdf>

The World Ocean Council (WOC) encourages ocean industries concerned with the issue of marine sound to submit review and comments to the draft CBD report. The WOC engages regularly with the CBD to ensure the presence of ocean industries in the CBD processes, e.g. the WOC is an accredited participant to the CBD Conference of Parties (COP).

The WOC works proactively to develop dialogue and interaction between the CBD and the ocean business community. For example, the CBD Executive Secretary was a keynote speaker at the WOC 2017 Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS). The WOC has been working to develop an international multi-sectoral forum on addressing anthropogenic marine sound and has had dedicated sessions on the issue at the annual SOS.

To help address the impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity and habitat, the CBD draft document will be revised in response to input received prior to publishing it in the CBD Technical Series (<https://www.cbd.int/ts/>) for informing CBD Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations.

A template for providing review comments is available at

<https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2020/cbd-ts-underwater-noise-template-for-comments-en.doc>

Comments (making use of the review template) should be sent by email to secretariat@cbd.int no later than 5 October 2020.

[Blue Economy by the Numbers](#)

Number of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity: [196 \(195 States and the EU\)](#)

Source: <https://www.cbd.int/information/parties.shtml>

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[Reuters Offshore and Floating Wind Europe](#) (Speaker)

6-8 October, Rotterdam/Online Conference

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