

Short report on the Arctic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in Helsinki, Finland

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CBD scientific criteria for ecologically or biologically significant areas (EBSAs) (annex I, decision IX/20) in open-ocean waters and deep-sea habitats



1. Uniqueness or Rarity
2. Special importance for life history stages of species
3. Importance for threatened, endangered or declining species and/or habitats
4. Vulnerability, Fragility, Sensitivity, or Slow recovery
5. Biological Productivity
6. Biological Diversity
7. Naturalness

Further information on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) is available online at www.cbd.int ; <http://www.cbd.int/marine/doc/ebsa-brochure-2012-en.pdf>

Participants in the workshop agreed on the description of 11 areas meeting the EBSA criteria



1 The marginal ice zone and the seasonal ice-cover over the deep Arctic Ocean

2 Multi-year ice of the Central Arctic Ocean

High Seas

3 Murman Coast and Varanger Fjord

4 White Sea

5 The south-eastern Barents Sea (the Pechora Sea)

6 The coast of Western and Northern Novaya Zemlya

7 North-eastern Barents–Kara Sea

8 Ob-Enisei River Mouth Area

9 Great Siberian Polynya

10 Wrangel and Gerald Shallows and Ratmanov Gyre

11 Coastal Waters of Western and Northern Chukotka

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Thank you!

