

PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR SOUTH PACIFIC

PROJECT INTEGRATED REGIONAL OCEAN POLICY - IROP



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OBJECTIVE

To explore options to design an Integrated Regional Ocean Policy for the Permanent Commission for South Pacific, including areas beyond national jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND

As initiative from the region, CPPS held a workshop in Bogotá, Colombia, from 28th to 30 th of October, 2015, counting with the participation of at least 4 experts per Member State, and some other 40 international experts in ocean policy that included knowledge areas such as law, oceanography, dimplomacy, naval authorities, shipping, deep ocean engineer, marine geophysics, marine ecology, maritime autorities, marine biology, hydrography and others. To explore the possibility to design a regional integrated ocean policy for the region.



OTHER INVITED ORGANIZATIONS

PNUMA, IOC (UNESCO), FAO, DOALOS (UN), WCMC (World Conservation Monitoring Center - UNEP), **IASS** (Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies - Alemania), **IDDRI** (Institute for International Development and International Relations - Francia), **KIOST** (Korean Institute of Ocean Science and Technology - Corea), GEF - ABNJ, International Seabed Authority (ISA), NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - EEUU), PIFS (Pacific Island Forum Secretariat), civil society (Ocean Conservancy, Conservación Internacional, GRID Arendal, IUCN, WWF).



METHODOLOGY

The meeting briefing is as follows:

1.- Workshop's objectives presentation. The region was analyzed from the maritime point of view and accounting for the regional coordination organism which already exists. Two questions were proposed:

- 1.1 Is it relevant to develop an integrated regional policy for the CPPS region?
- 1.2. If your answer was YES, what common guidelines could be suggested for such policy?.

2.- CPPS was introduced along with its mission, vision and the XXIth Century Galapagos Commitment

3.- Chief Delegates representing the CPPS members (plus Panama) presented their countries' experiences regarding oceanic policies.

4.- A total of 22 international scientific, economic, technical, environmental, legal and social presentations were exposed, focusing in the many aspects of marine activities which could be of national interest

5.- The audience was divided in a scientific group and a juridical group

6.- Both groups were reunited in order to present a joint document and issue the recommendation criteria for the CPPS Assembly

RESULTS

1.- Suggestion from the members of the Legal (including socio-economic issues) Work Group

The Assembly should consider the design and eventual adoption of an integrated Regional Ocean Policy. Accordingly, it is suggested that, if this initiative is approved, a working group of experts with the representation of the four countries should be established to draw up a proposal.

The terms of reference of the working groups should include as general basis for the development of this policy, the values, principles and standards of sustainable development, as well as the Law of the Sea, International Maritime Law and the Environment, and Consider the participation of legal, scientific and technical experts, and civil society.

(It is recommended that the CPPS General Secretariat should evaluate and propose the number of suggested work groups for the next Assembly)

2.- Suggestions from the members of the Scientific (including socio-economic issues) Work Group

The General Assembly of the CPPS should consider an Integrated Regional Ocean Policy that guides member countries on the implementation of policies related to the sea, according to the competencies of each country, whose general guidelines should be on: promoting the generation of knowledge of the sea in scientific, technological and innovation research topics that support decision making; Incorporate methodologies on integrated marine spatial planning; amongst others.

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XIIth CPPS Assembly Resolution

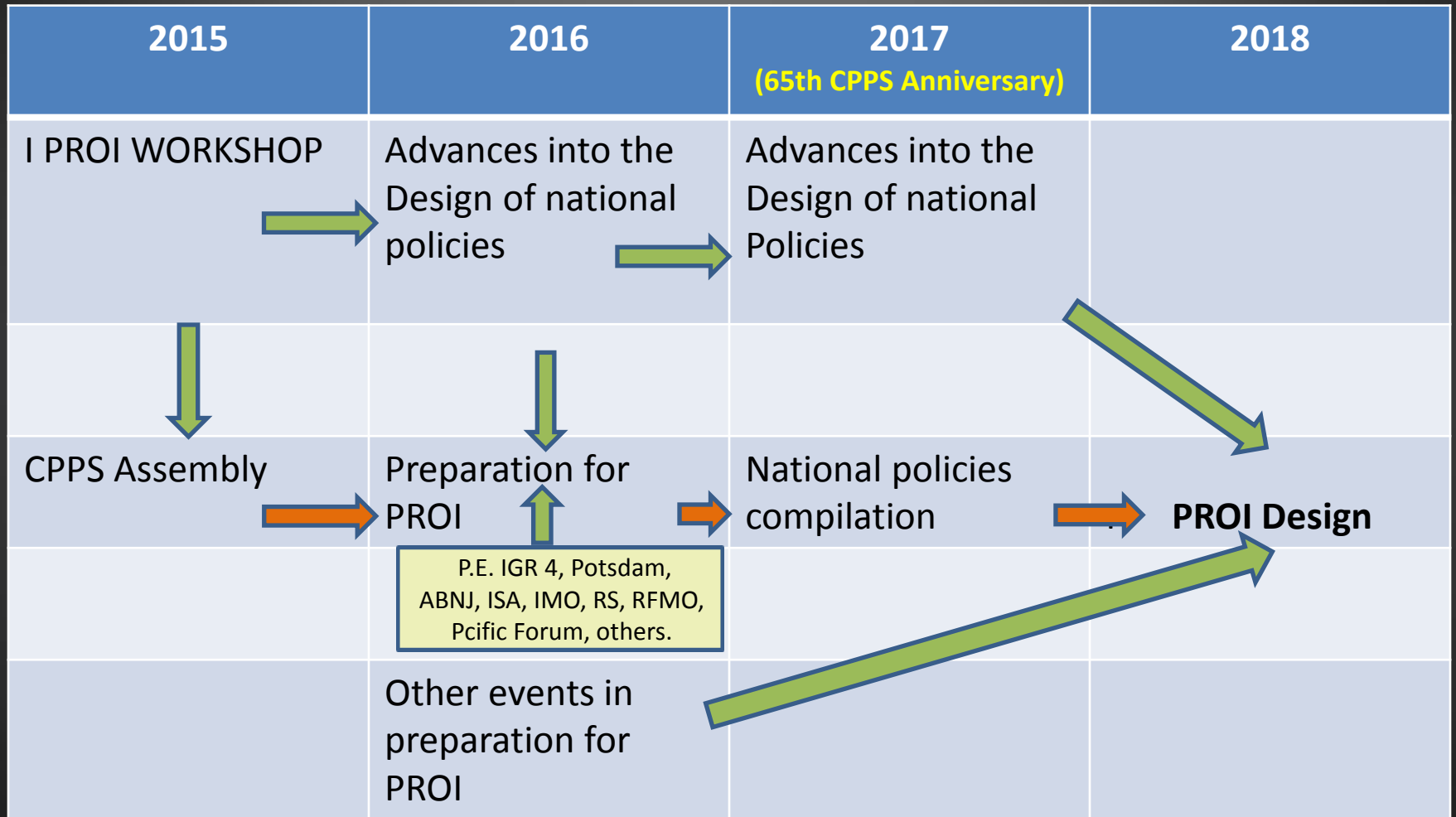
(Oct 20th, 2015 – GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS, ECUADOR)

The Assembly recognized the importance of the project IROP for the region, however determined that all the countries of the CPPS should first advance in the process of elaborating their own national ocean policies, since two of them are in the design process, and another is reviewing it.

Once this national process has concluded in the CPPS States, the topic should be resumed by the Secretary general to search the design of an integrating document of the oceanic policies in the region.

Currently, there are two countries that prepare their national documents and it is expected that in a period of approximately one year, they finalize the internal process, so CPPS could resume the initiative to propose the Integrated Regional Ocean Policy (IROP).

EXPECTED RESULTS



-  Ruta crítica
-  Ruta auxiliar

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