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ABNJ Deep Seas Project Summary

The planned work

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Summary of points for Nairobi Convention Focal Points regarding the *GEF ABNJ Deep Seas Project: Area-based planning component*

Capacity assessment

- Initial capacity assessment based on member country input, Seychelles October 2016
- Draft capacity assessment finalised by member countries at this meeting
- Member countries identified capacity building activities based on the capacity assessment
- **Next steps:**
 - Finalise the capacity assessment and capacity building activities- ABNJ project team and Nairobi Convention Secretariat
 - Submit to focal points meeting (March 2018)
 - Action plan for GEF ABNJ project



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Connectivity Study and Metadata Inventory

- Aims and methodology presented and feedback received
- Recognition of links with related projects made (MASPAWIO)
- **Next Steps:**
 - Study to begin Nov 2017 and progress to be presented to Focal Points mtg in March
 - Present to the FARI meeting in December to identify regional data and expertise
 - Send call through the Nairobi Convention focal points regarding data and experts
 - Coordinate with IUCN to build upon their work
 - Commission experts



Next steps for the Western Indian Ocean pilot region

