

Dear UN Environment colleagues

New Zealand would like to submit a written comment in relation to the Subprogramme on Healthy and Productive Ecosystems:

- New Zealand supports the objective of increasing public understanding of the importance of Antarctica, and of UN Environment keeping itself informed on global trends with respect to Antarctica.
- However, New Zealand does not support UN Environment taking on work associated with Antarctica. Instead, UN Environment should be engaging with forums that have competency for Antarctic matters including the Committee for Environmental Protection, the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, in order to avoid duplication with the work of these forums.

Kind regards

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