

**ECOSYSTEM BASED MANAGEMENT (EBM) WORKSHOP –
“BEYOND BIODIVERSITY – SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND
CONSERVATION OF THE OCEANS USING EBM”**

**RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL, CAIRNS, AUSTRALIA
20 JUNE 2003**

Australia is hosting a one-day workshop on Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) to identify the solutions to the challenges facing an Ecosystem-Based approach to managing ocean activities at the domestic, regional and global levels. This EBM workshop comprises the final day of the Cairns Workshop on the Governance of High Seas Biodiversity Conservation.

The EBM workshop supports the United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans' vision to achieve “an integrated, interdisciplinary, intersectoral and ecosystem-based approach to oceans management”¹. The workshop is also consistent with the legal framework provided by the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea, the goals of Chapter 17 of Agenda 21, and the Plan of Implementation of the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development.

The EBM workshop will specifically build on undertakings expressed in the APEC Seoul Ocean Declaration, where Ministers representing 21 economies bordering the world's largest ocean resolved to develop “a shared understanding of the concepts and practice underpinning the ecosystem-based approach to management”² at both the domestic and regional levels. Other international fora with an interest in the implementation of EBM for ocean activities include the Food and Agriculture Organisation, the Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

This workshop is aimed at Senior Government Officials, Senior Scientists, Resource Managers and Ocean Industry Managers with an interest in sustainable management and conservation of domestic, regional and global oceans.

The outcomes from the workshop will contribute to a separate report on *An Ecosystem Based Approach to Management of Ocean Activities*. The report will focus on the regional and domestic principles and practices underpinning the EBM approach to the use of oceans, and will explore solutions to the challenges facing the global delivery of EBM for ocean activities.

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<http://www.oceans.gov.au/ebm/index.jsp>

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¹ Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process (UNICP) at its 3rd meeting, May 2002, New York, A/57/80. (The UNICP was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/33 in order to facilitate the annual review by the Assembly of developments in oceans affairs)

² APEC Oceans Declaration – May 2002

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9:00am – 4:30pm

AGENDA

- 9:00 am Meeting logistics – High Seas Biodiversity Chair (Donna Petrachenko)
- Review of the previous 3 days
 - Set the Scene and introduce EBM Chair
- 9:15 am Welcome (Professor Russell Reichelt)
- Broad Aims for the Day
 - Introduce Panel Members
- 9:30 am Ecosystem Based Management in the Asia-Pacific Region
- History of EBM in APEC (Tom Laughlin)
 - Institutional framework for EBM in the Asia Pacific Region (AmbassadorDjalal)
 - Case Study of CCAMLR Institutional Framework (Dr Steve Nicol)
- 10:15 am Morning Tea
- 10:45 am The EBM Approach - Case Studies
- Australia
 - Regional Marine Planning (Sean Sullivan)
 - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (John Tanzer)
 - Pacific (Tim Adams)
 - Philippines (Ambassador Encomienda)
- 12 noon Break into Discussion Groups – Challenges for EBM
- 1:00 pm Working Lunch in Groups
- 2:00 pm Group Leaders' Report to Plenary
- 3:00 pm Panel Discussion facilitated by EBM Chair
- Responses to Challenges for an Ecosystem Based approach to managing human activities in the oceans
- 3:30 pm Afternoon Tea
- Secretariat to collate summary from panel discussion
- 4:00 pm Summary of Outcomes & Workshop Report (Professor Russell Reichelt)
- 4:20 pm Close – High Seas Biodiversity Chair (Donna Petrachenko)
- 4:30 pm End of Workshop Drinks at the Radisson – Poolside
- Sponsored by the National Oceans Office and Environment Australia