



Strengthening stewardship through cooperation in an economically and biologically significant high seas area – the Sargasso Sea

**20th October, 2021
10am EDT
Via zoom**

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THE PROJECT VALIDATION WORKSHOP

The purpose of this Validation workshop is to ensure that all of the Project Partners and Stakeholders are in agreement with the content of the Project Document, its Objectives, intended Outcomes, Outputs, Activities and Work Plan before final adoption by UNDP for submission to GEF for endorsement and funding approval.

THE SARGASSO SEA PROJECT VALIDATION WORKSHOP AGENDA

	Agenda Item	Nature of Discussion	Presenter & Time
1	Welcome to participants and explanation of the purposes of the meeting	Explanation of the core business for the meeting	Chair (UNDP) (5)
2	Background	History of the Sargasso Sea Commission & the role of IOC-UNESCO	David Freestone Julian Barbière (15)
3	Brief Summary of the Project Development process to date Concept through Child Project to final draft	A brief description of how the Project got from Concept to Validation and Submission	David Vousden (10-15)

4	Partners and Stakeholders	Introduction of Project Partners and their inputs	David Freestone (10-15)
5	Summary Presentation of the Draft Project Document for Submission to GEF	Project Components Outcomes and Outputs	David Vousden (25 – 30)
6	Meeting Discussion	Feedback on the Draft Project Document and the way forward	Plenary (30)
7	UNDP Perspectives	Next Steps for the Project going forward and how the Project is reported to GEF (UNDP role)	UNDP (10)
8	Final Discussion and validation of Project Document for submission	Review of any matters arising from discussions and perspectives on validating the Project and associated endorsement	Plenary (20 – 30)
9	Any Other business	N.B. A validation Report will be circulated to all attendees	Chair (UNDP)