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Subject: GloFouling Partnerships update
Attachments: NTF objective, role, responsibilities and members contact details.docx; Guidance for National Experts Profiles.pdf

Dear All,

We would like to follow up with you since COVID-19 meeting we held on 11 and 13 May 2020. For your records the meeting summary and presentations are available via this [link](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ha9sazwpi1htm8n/AACq8L1jHlHdDaN-rpNYcrva?dl=0) (if the link doesn't work please copy paste the URL in your internet browser: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ha9sazwpi1htm8n/AACq8L1jHlHdDaN-rpNYcrva?dl=0>). Please note that the link will be valid until **30 September** to download the documents.

Please also see below an update on some of the activities involving LPCs and RCOs, together with action points and related deadlines for LPCs.

National Task Forces

National Task Force (NTF) meetings: We are pleased to confirm that Ecuador and Peru have successfully held their National workshops and Task Force meetings virtually in July. This closes a round of first National meetings and development of National Task Forces in all twelve Lead Partnering Countries. To read more about their successes please follow the links to our news items: [Ecuador](#) and [Peru](#). Congratulations to all!

NTFs: With the formation of all NTFs we have prepared a **template** of 'NTF objective, role, responsibilities and members contact details' document (**enclosed**) and would like to ask you to complete it electronically (or change it to your preferred format) in English and send it to us together with any other official documentation related to the formation of the NTF. **Deadline for sending the Template dully filled to us is 30 September 2020.**

Training Activities

General training course on biofouling: The general training course is currently being developed with the aim of having it ready by the end of December 2020. As agreed during the COVID-19 meeting, the general training course will be designed for e-delivery and delivered using virtual tools, such as Zoom. This is planned to take place during the last two months of 2020 and early 2021. To assist the design of the general training course a survey on countries IT capacities will be shared via separate e-mail correspondence. The purpose of the survey is to understand LPCs IT capacity. **The deadline for completion will be 30 September 2020.**

National training institutions: Because of the current travel restrictions, we are moving forward the Train the Trainer activity. The idea is to train staff of a selected national training institution, who will then deliver the trainings, planned under the GloFouling project, virtually via e-delivery until it becomes possible again to deliver on-site. In order to ensure that everything is set in place to conduct Train the Trainer activity, we would like to **ask you to nominate national academies or training institutions with the capacity to deliver the general training course on biofouling management. The deadline to provide us with this information is 15 December 2020.**

National reports

These are the mandatory reports that have to be prepared by the 12 LPCs. The reports will be developed by national experts using the Guidance published for each report by the GloFouling Project.

National Status Assessment: A Guidance for the development of this report will be published this year. We will be also conducting webinars to present and explain the guidance to national experts (around November 2020, date to be confirmed). We would like to ask you to send us by email your nominations for national experts (together with CVs) that will draft this national report. **The deadline to send us the CVs is 15 October 2020.**

National Economic Assessment: Guidance for the development of this report will be published this year. We would like to ask you to send us by email your nominations for national experts (together with CVs) that will draft this national report. **The deadline to send us the CVs is 15 October 2020.**

National Strategy: We will be conducting webinars related to the Guidance for the development of a national strategy in 2021 (around February 2021, date to be confirmed), we would like to ask you to send us by email your nominations of national experts (together with CVs) to attend the webinars and draft national strategy report in question. **The deadline to send us the CVs is 15 December 2020.**

We are enclosing the document titled 'Guidance for National Experts Profiles' which contains a description of the profile required for national experts who will be delivering each of the three national outputs, namely the national status assessment; the national economic assessment; and the national strategy and action plan. Kindly ensure that you send a suitable number of candidates (at least 2 candidates CVs per output).

Information sharing

National and Regional websites: The Project has published and distributed a Guidance document for the design of national & regional websites - it is available [here](https://www.glofouling.imo.org/publications-menu) (if the link doesn't work please copy paste the URL in your internet browser: <https://www.glofouling.imo.org/publications-menu>). Please do not hesitate to contact the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) for any feedback or further assistance. We would like to ask National and Regional Focal Points to provide us with an **update on the status of this output**.

Regional activities

Regional meetings: We had planned to organize a Round Table regional activity towards the end of July 2020 with all 5 Regional organizations (RCOs) to share experience and agree on a common approach to develop regional strategies on biofouling management. Upon review of planning we found that the option to organize this specific activity online is not ideal. Because of the time difference, it is impossible to have all 5 RCOs attending at the same time. With an online option, we have no choice but to host 2 Round Table meetings. This unfortunately would not allow us to achieve a primary goal, which is to share experience among all RCOs on how to proceed with the regional strategy. We have, therefore, decided, **for the time being, to postpone this activity until 2021, when hopefully travel will be back to normal. PCU welcomes your suggestions for alternative solutions.**

Regional workshops: Due to the ever-changing situation related to COVID-19 and the fact that regional meetings are linked to your own regional agendas, we would like to discuss with the RCOs the options for each region regarding postponement until physical meetings are possible or progressing through a videoconference-based meeting. In any case, further planning is postponed to 2021, while waiting to see how the situation develops. **The aim is to review the situation at the end of 2020 and decide which is the best option to go forward with.**

Next LPCs and RCOs virtual meeting

As discussed during our COVID-19 meeting in May 2020, we would like to make these meetings more regular. We found that to arrange them quarterly (as discussed) might not be possible, due to the workload, however we hope that we could arrange the **next meeting in quarter 4 of 2020**. We would like to hold the two meetings in the same two groups as before on the tentative dates and times outlined below. A more official invitation confirming the dates and times will be sent closer to the meetings. If any of the dates do not suit you please let us know at your earliest convenience:

- **Meeting 1: Thursday, 29 October 2020 at 9am (GMT)** with Indonesia, Jordan, Madagascar, Mauritius, Philippines, Sri Lanka, PEMSEA, PERSGA and SACEP;
- **Meeting 2: Tuesday, 3 November 2020 at 7pm (GMT)** with Brazil, Ecuador, Fiji, Mexico, Peru, Tonga, CPPS and SPREP.

Finally, we would like to share with you the GPTF inception report from the meeting that took place in March 2019 for your records. To access this document please follow this [link](#) (if the link doesn't work please copy paste the URL in your browser: <https://www.glofouling.imo.org/publications-menu>).

Should you have any queries about any of the topics please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

GloFouling Team