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RULES FOR CONFERRING THE STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION PARTNER OF THE ABIDJAN CONVENTION
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1. International organizations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, formally recognized as Partners of the Abidjan Convention by its Conference of the Contracting Parties will be expected to contribute on a regular basis and to the best of their abilities to the further development of the policies and technical and scientific tools of the Convention and to their application.

2. Partners shall be invited to participate in an observer capacity and as advisors in all activities of the Convention, including the meetings of the Conference of Contracting Parties, the Bureau, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Science and Technology, as well as regional and subregional meetings.

3. Partners may also be invited, if required, to contribute to the evaluation of project proposals, project implementation, and the evaluation of project results, as well as to participate in the development of policy and technical and/or scientific instruments for the application of the Convention.

4. Thus, the status of Partner shall be conferred to international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations taking into account the following characteristics:

4.1. Have a programme of activities that is regional or subregional or at least covers many countries of the Convention’s area.

4.2. Have a statement of purpose that explicitly, or by clear implication, includes the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources.

4.3. Have a track record of experience in providing support to and/or implementing on-the-ground projects that contribute to marine and coastal resources conservation and sustainable use.

4.4. Have demonstrated experience in implementing partnership ventures such as training and education, technical and/or scientific expertise, policy development, and/or evaluation and assessment, particularly where such ventures would bring new and additional benefits to the functioning of the Abidjan Convention partnership.

4.5. Have a positive reputation for being willing and able to cooperate with national and international bodies, including both governmental and non-governmental ones.

4.6. Have stated their readiness to actively contribute on a regular basis to the further development of the policies and tools of the Abidjan Convention and their application on the ground, particularly by assisting Contracting Parties to meet their obligations under the Convention.

4.7. Are prepared to sign a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Convention, where the partnership agreement should be spelt out fully.