Colombia country mission agenda

Day 1

Monday 18 September (Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible – MADS)

    Morning: Opening Session with all stakeholders

10:00 – 10:45 Introduction: the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) Monitoring and Reporting Process, UN Environment role, the Global Manual on Ocean Statistics to track progress against SDG 14 (Life below water).

11:00 – 12:30 Mapping exercise: This is to identify priorities, existing/available data and indicators, and gaps. This would also serve to map out, for each indicator, data information flows and responsible/contributing institutions.

    Afternoon: Interviews

14:00 – 16:00 Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible (MADS)

Day 2

Tuesday 19 September (DANE, PNN, Cancilleria)

    Interviews

10:00 – 12:00 Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE)

14:00 – 15:00 Parques Nacionales Naturales de Colombia

16:00 – 17:00 Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

Day 3

Wednesday 20 September (Santa Marta)

    Interviews

14:00 – 16:00 Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas y Costeras (INVEMAR)

Day 4

Thursday 21 September (DIMAR, Colciencias, CCO, IDEAM)

    Interviews

10:00 – 11:00 Dirección General Marítima (DIMAR)

11:30 – 12:30 Colciencias – National department of Science, Technology and Innovation

14:00 – 15:00 Comisión Colombiana del Océano (CCO) [This interview was rescheduled, and took place on Tuesday 10th October 2017 from 10:00-11:00 (Colombia)/16:00-17:00 (UK) via Skype]

What to include on the Global Manual on Ocean Statistics

We asked interviewees to give us their opinion on what they would expect to see in a Global Manual on Ocean Statistics. A summary of the feedback provided by data-producers and data-users in Colombia is provided below:

Data-producers would like to see:

- A compilation/summary of global methodologies, and relevant hyperlinks to resources (like a toolbox)
- Indicator factsheets with step-by-step methodologies
- Guidance of levels of confidence when choosing one method over another
- Definitions of concepts used for the different indicator elements
- Guidance on how to turn relevant data into an indicator

Data-users would expect to find:

- Guidelines on how to standardise the collection and compilations of data, like a recipe book for these three indicators.
- Recommendations on institutional arrangements for effective data flow from collection to reporting

The suggestions provided above focused on the needs of national institutions for the effective implementation of indicators for reporting progress towards SDG targets 14.