



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry



ANNEX 1

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS'
BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 (BWM CONVENTION)
AND REGIONAL EXPERT MEETING ON
HARMONIZATION OF PROCEDURES IN THE PACIFIC REGION PURSUANT TO THE BWM
CONVENTION**

Nadi, Fiji, 28 to 31 October 2025

Day 1	Tuesday, 28 October 2025	
09:00-09:30	Arrival and registration of participants	
09:30-10:00	Workshop opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks • Brief introduction of participants and facilitators • BWM status in the countries of the Pacific region 	IMO and MSAF representatives All facilitators and participants
10:00-10:45	Modules 1 and 2: Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to IMO • Introduction to invasive aquatic species • Introduction to ballast water management and the BWM Convention 	Dr T. Karayannis (IMO) Ms S. Gorgula and Mr M. Deveney (DAFF)
10:45-11:15	<i>Tea/coffee break and group photograph</i>	
11:15-12:30	Module 3: Ballast Water Management Convention and Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BWM Convention background, objectives and structure • Articles of the Convention • BWM Convention technical provisions (regulations) • Common options for compliance with the BWM Convention 	Dr T. Karayannis (IMO)
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30-14:15	Module 3 Exercise I	All facilitators and participants
14:15-14:45	Module 3 Exercise II	All facilitators and participants
14:45-15:15	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
15:15-16:15	Module 4: Obligations of Parties under the BWM Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights and obligations of flag, port and coastal States • BWM survey and certification requirements • Additional measures, reception facilities, and communication of information 	Dr T. Karayannis (IMO)
16:15-17:00	Implementation of BWM Convention – Australia's experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific points and examples from Australia's experience in implementing and enforcing the BWM Convention as a flag, port and coastal State • Q&A and discussion 	Ms S. Gorgula (DAFF)
End of Day 1		

Day 2	Wednesday, 29 October 2025	
09:00-09:15	Recap of Day 1	Dr T. Karayannis (IMO)
09:15-10:30	Module 5: Compliance monitoring and enforcement for port State control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port State compliance monitoring and enforcement systems • Port State control inspections under the BWM Convention • Enforcement options, contingency measures and ballast water sampling 	Dr T. Karayannis (IMO)
10:30-11:00	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
11:00-11:45	Module 5 Exercise I	All facilitators and participants
11:45-12:15	Module 5 Exercise II	All facilitators and participants
12:15-13:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:15-15:15	Role-play exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise • Discussion • Q&A 	All facilitators and participants
15:15-15:45	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
15:45-16:30	Modules 6 and 7: Risk management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing hazards, exposure, vulnerability and risk • Risk mitigation • Risk management and the BWM Convention • Risk assessments for exemptions • Role of port biological baseline surveys (PBBS) 	Mr M. Deveney (DAFF)
16:30-17:00	Workshop concluding session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on any points relating to all topics covered at the workshop • Q&A • Recommendations and follow-up actions 	All facilitators and participants
	<i>End of Workshop</i>	

Day 3	Thursday, 30 October 2025	
09:00-09:30	Expert meeting opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to meeting objectives • Scope and purpose of harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region 	IMO and DAFF representatives
09:30-10:30	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of draft harmonized procedures • Overview of shipping, invasive aquatic species and ballast water management in the Pacific region • Initial high-level discussion on draft harmonized procedures 	IMO and DAFF representatives All facilitators and participants
10:30-11:00	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
11:00-11:45	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Exemptions under regulation A-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and decisions for finalization 	All facilitators and participants
11:45-12:30	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Sediment reception facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and decisions for finalization 	All facilitators and participants
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30-14:15	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Ballast water reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and decisions for finalization 	All facilitators and participants
14:15-15:00	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Contingency measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and decisions for finalization 	All facilitators and participants
15:00-15:30	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
15:30-16:15	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Challenging water quality measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and decisions for finalization 	All facilitators and participants
16:15-16:30	Wrap-up of Day 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes, conclusions and look-ahead to Day 4 	All facilitators and participants
	End of Day 3	

Day 4	Friday, 31 October 2025	
09:00-09:45	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Designation of ballast water exchange areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and decisions for finalization 	All facilitators and participants
09:45-10:30	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Additional measures under regulation C-1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and decisions for finalization 	All facilitators and participants
10:30-11:00	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
11:00-11:45	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Warnings under regulation C-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and decisions for finalization 	All facilitators and participants
11:45-12:30	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Appendices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and decisions on inclusion and/or finalization of appendices (e.g. on species identification, risk assessment, etc.) 	All facilitators and participants
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30-14:15	Harmonized procedures for BWM in the Pacific region: Conclusion and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any pending matters relating to the harmonized procedures • Recap of outcomes and conclusions • Recommendations and follow-up actions: identification of regional mechanisms for implementation of the harmonized procedures 	All facilitators and participants
14:15-14:45	Concluding session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of certificates • Closing remarks 	IMO, DAFF & MSAF representatives
	<i>End of Expert Meeting</i>	
