

# Oceans Biodiversity Collective

A POLICY RESEARCH GROUP ON THE BIODIVERSITY BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION (BBNJ) TREATY

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On March 5th 2023 State Parties agreed the text of a new treaty governing biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) concluding 15 years of preparatory and intergovernmental negotiations. The Treaty will enable equitable governance of Ocean biodiversity in this, the UN designated Ocean Decade.

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