



GESAMP

Joint Group of Experts on the
Scientific Aspects of Marine
Environmental Protection

GESAMP 52/1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

52nd session of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of
Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP)

Hosted by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of
UNESCO (IOC/UNESCO)
from 15 to 19 September 2025

- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Report of the Chair of GESAMP
- 3 Report of the Administrative Secretary of GESAMP
- 4 Planning of GESAMP activities:
 - .1 Evaluation of the hazards of harmful substances carried by ships (WG 1: IMO leading)
 - .2 Review of applications for 'active substances' to be used in ballast water management systems (WG 34: IMO leading)
 - .3 Atmospheric input of chemicals to the ocean (WG 38: WMO leading)
 - .4 Sources, fate and effects of micro-plastics in the environment – a global assessment (WG 40: IOC/UNESCO and UNEP co-leading)
 - .5 Ocean interventions for climate change mitigation (WG 41: IMO leading)
 - .6 Impacts of wastes and other matter in the marine environment from mining operations, including marine mineral mining (WG 42: IMO and UNEP co-leading)
 - .7 Sea-based sources of marine litter (WG 43: FAO and IMO co-leading)
 - .8 Biofouling management (WG 44: IOC/UNESCO leading)
 - .9 Climate change and greenhouse gas related impacts on contaminants in the ocean (WG 45: IAEA leading)
 - .10 Life cycle GHG intensity of marine fuels (WG 46: IMO leading)
- 5 Contributions to other UN processes

- 6 Identification of new and emerging issues regarding the degradation of the marine environment of relevance to governments and sponsoring organizations
- 7 Scoping activities (Correspondence Groups and Task Teams)
- 8 Strategic review of GESAMP
- 9 GESAMP side event: [Topic TBD]
- 10 Date and place of GESAMP 53
- 11 Future work programme
- 12 Any other business
- 13 Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs
- 14 Consideration and adoption of the report of GESAMP 52

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE
GESAMP 52
15 to 19 September 2025

Venue: IOC/UNESCO, Paris

Date	Time	Agenda item
Monday 15 September	09.30-12.30	Meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (closed session) Informal meeting of the Members of GESAMP (closed session) Registration
	12.30-14.00	Lunch
	14.00-17.30	Opening of the Session Item 1: Adoption of the agenda Item 2: Report of the Chair of GESAMP Item 3: Report of the Administrative Secretary of GESAMP Item 4: Planning of GESAMP activities
Tuesday 16 September	9.30-12.30	Item 4 continued
	12.30-14.00	Lunch
	14:00-17.30	Item 5: Other UN processes Item 6: Identification of new and emerging issues
Wednesday 17 September	9.30-12.30	Presentations by observers
	12.30-14.00	Lunch
	14.00-17.30	Item 7: Scoping activities Item 8: Strategic review of GESAMP
Thursday 18 September	09.30-12.30	Item 9: GESAMP side event – see separate programme
	12.30-14.00	Lunch
	14.00-17.30	Item 10: Date and place of GESAMP 53 Item 11: Future work programme Item 12: Any other business Item 13: Election of chairpersons
Friday 19 September	09.30-13.00	Item 14: Consideration and adoption of the report of GESAMP 52
	12.30-14.00	Lunch
	14.00-17.30	Meeting of the Executive Committee of GESAMP (closed session)