



Support to the Ratification and Early Implementation of the High Seas Treaty

Years of Project: 2024 - On-going

Client: Landell Mills

Region: Global

Key Topics: Area-based Management Tools, Marine Protected Areas, The High Seas



Blue Pangolin Consulting is co-lead with LM in a consortium implementing the four-year [Single Framework Contract for the provision of technical, legal, scientific and logistical support for the ratification and early implementation of the High Seas Treaty \(Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction \(BBNJ\) Agreement\)](#). The main objective of the contract is to support the work of the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) and the European Commission (in particular the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)) to:

1. Ensure a smooth and rapid ratification of the BBNJ Agreement, and
2. Prepare for the first phase of implementation of the BBNJ Agreement through the Preparatory Committee and Conference of the Parties.

The work supports legal and policy analysis, scientific and technical inputs, event logistics, and the design of communication strategies. It includes targeted efforts to **assist the BBNJ High Ambition Coalition (HAC)**, supported by a secretariat hosted by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), **provide preparatory support for the BBNJ Conference of the Parties**, and **contribute to studies and pilot activities linked to area-based management tools (ABMTs)**, environmental impact assessments (EIAs), and benefit-sharing frameworks for marine genetic resources (MGRs).

Francis holds the role as **Technical (Quality) Director** for the awarded contract and will provide technical oversight of the project.



Under this Single Framework contract, Blue Pangolin Consulting implements a [Specific Contract - Setting up an Informal International Expert Group to Support the Early Ratification and Implementation of the BBNJ Agreement](#) - that focuses on establishing and coordinating an informal international expert group to provide independent scientific, legal and policy advice to the BBNJ Preparatory Committee and the first Conference of the Parties.

As part of this Specific Contract, Blue Pangolin Consulting Francis and Tom are the **Expert Group Leads**, supported by Margaux, where we will bring together a group of **50–85 experts** across all four pillars of the Agreement. Through a structured programme of online and in person workshops, supported by discussion papers, policy briefs and side events, the assignment will facilitate technical dialogue, consensus building and knowledge exchange to inform global decision making on the high seas.

Our team roles



Francis

Expert Group Lead &
Technical (Quality) Director



Tom

Expert Group Lead



Margaux

Project support

 hello@blue-pangolin.co.uk

 London, SW14 8JN, United Kingdom

 www.blue-pangolin.co.uk

 Blue Pangolin Consulting

 **BluePangolin**

