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### Marine geospatial information (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Norway	
<i>Statement:</i> Norway welcomes the report from the Working Group and take note of the presented white paper. Openly available and accessible marine geospatial information is an important measure to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The ocean is a complex natural system, linked to land-based activities and ecosystems. We must therefore approach ocean management holistically in order to achieve the vision of protection, production and prosperity. In these times of great uncertainty, it is even more important to secure the production and distribution of reliable data, for surveillance and for an updated knowledge base. We positively note that the Working Group is considering an integrated geospatial data management approach. The Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF) may be a viable mechanism for addressing and communicating relevant issues with a coherent approach. The growing utilization of the marine domain demands for a broad stakeholder engagement across geographic regions and sectoral disciplines. Norway will continue our involvement in the Working Group and share our experiences.	
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