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Marine geospatial information (for discussion and decision)

<i>Statement provided by:</i> Norway	
<i>Statement:</i> Norway welcomes the report. Norway commends the Working Groups inclusion of the marine domain across the entire geospatial ecosystem based on the nine strategic pathways of Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF). The goal and vision of such a framework for the marine domain, should not replicate the IGIF, but extend the integrated geospatial approach to the marine domain. Norway advises the Working Group to further deliberation on how such a framework for the marine domain should be named, having in mind the difficulties to communicate many geospatial concepts, recognizing the marine domain includes both oceans and seas, coastal zones, deltas and tributaries, and inland waterways, but not every hydro element in general. Norway urges the Working Group to support the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development by formulating a Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for the marine domain fit for the goal to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development. In order to do so, the Working Group should investigate ways to reach out to the ocean science community, and present and discuss its findings with those communities before finalizing the framework. Norway takes note of the third expert meeting of the Working Group is expected to be convened in Singapore in April 2022 together with an international seminar, and thanks Singapore for the offer to host the event.	
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