DAY 1

Registration and refreshments 9.00 – 9.30 am

9.30 – 12.30 Understanding government

Effective management of marine resources at a national scale must be underpinned by effective government. The aim of this session is to provide a fundamental understanding of how government is structured, how policy is made, explore the relationships between government departments and look at how decisions are made in the real world. It includes exercises on the importance of different government departments and policy making.

12.30 – 13.15 Lunch

13.15 – 15.00 Understanding Integrated Marine Management

The delivery of marine policy across relevant areas of government often results in such complexity in both government structure and behaviour that a system based framework is useful in understanding how delivery can be made as effective as possible. This session explores some of the key facets that drive behaviour in government decision making (money, law, science, politics and values) and an overview of how a system of Integrated Marine Management can help understand this in the context of marine delivery. It includes exercises in the role of law and science in government decision making.

15.00 – 15.20 Coffee

15.20 – 16.45 Introduction to Marine Spatial Planning

Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is a mechanism that can be used by government for the effective delivery of Integrated Marine Management. This session explores different styles of MSP and approaches to plan making, from national to regional and voluntary to statutory.
DAY 2

Registration and refreshments 9.00 – 9.30 am

9.30 – 11.30 Marine Spatial Planning in action

The style of MSP that an administration chooses to deliver will reflect the style of the government system that administration comes from, with money, law, science, politics and values all contributing factors. This session explores the different ways that MSP has been delivered around the world and provides an overview of the common delivery requirements that make up the MSP cycle. This includes an exercise in exploring the pros and cons for management of prescriptive vs non-prescriptive planning.

11.30 – 12.45 Plan led management

A marine plan is only as effective as the management that underpins it. This session explores the relationship between a marine plan and plan led decision making. We demonstrate how using a system of Integrated Marine Management can help understand the behaviour of how different activities are managed, and how the MSP process can make this more effective. Some of the challenges of managing co-located activities through different management regimes are explored. It includes an exercise on different management styles from national to local, and statutory to non-statutory.

12.45 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 16.00 Scenario Exercise

This session looks at management of multiple, competing activities following a marine spatial planning exercise. Using role playing, the group will explore how different behaviours can drive different outcomes; the value of science and law in decision making; managing co-existence through different management regimes; accountability in a complex management system; and the value of MSP in promoting cooperation, reducing uncertainty and increasing effectiveness in an Integrated Marine Management System.