

Bridging the Science-Practice-Policy Gaps in Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection

***A KNOWLEDGE SHARING event organised by PANACeA
Barcelona, 23-24 October 2017***

Objectives

The Event will strive to foster a constructive, productive dialogue between **researchers, practitioners and policy making officials** and to issue a set of recommendations for bridging the **Science-Practice-Policy** gap, in support of enhanced management and conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems in Protected Areas.

The dialogue will be articulated around 3 cross-cutting issues that have been specifically identified as relevant to the Community:

1. **Addressing emergent, transboundary biodiversity protection challenges** in Protected Areas, with a focus on **climate change** and **marine litter**.
2. **Sustainable resource management**, with a focus on fisheries.
3. **Integrated ecosystem monitoring**, focusing on freshwater, coastal, and marine ecosystems.

The **specific objectives** of the event will be:

- To present past and current initiatives gathering scientific knowledge around the above cross-cutting issues and identify gaps in research data that may hinder evidence-based policy making.
- To introduce scientific and technological innovations being addressed by Projects undertaken within the MED Biodiversity Community.
- To highlight effective strategies and tools currently helping to close the Science-Practice-Policy gaps and to foster a debate geared at enhancing these key Interfaces, in support of biodiversity management and protection in Protected Areas and beyond.

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As a result of the discussions, a **report** will be produced outlining the identified **Recommendations on “Strategies and Tools for Bridging the Science-Practice-Policy Gaps for Biodiversity Protection in the Mediterranean”**.

Target Audience and Participants

The following **Target Audience and Participants** are invited to take part in the event:

- Practitioners in the management of protected areas in the MED region.
- Academic institutions, researchers and experts.
- Local, regional and national administrations with a mandate to manage biodiversity and/or protected areas.
- European and International institutions and programmes.

Venue

The **Knowledge Sharing Event** (October 23rd – 24th, 2017) will be hosted by:

[Area Metropolitana de Barcelona \(AMB\)](#)

Calle 62, num. 16, Building A, planta 7^a Sala Polivalent
Zona Franca 08040 Barcelona

The **Community Building Meeting** (October 25th, 2017) will be hosted by:

Institut Cartogràfic i Geològic de Catalunya ([ICGC](#))
Parc de Montjuïc. 08038 Barcelona

Logistic information: [HERE](#)

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Registration

Registration is required. Please kindly [REGISTER HERE](#)



AGENDA

DAY 1: MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2017

13h30 Registration and light lunch

14h30 Welcome note

- Xavier Tiana. Head of International Relations, Barcelona Metropolitan Area. MedCities General Secretary

14h45 Setting the Framework: Enhancing the role and applicability of Science in the management of Protected Areas in the Mediterranean

- **The Barcelona Metropolitan Area territorial Strategy for biodiversity protection.** *Antonio Farrero. Barcelona Metropolitan Area, Coordinator for Infrastructures*
- **Identifying recent scientific developments and gaps in biodiversity protection in the Mediterranean.** *Dania Abdul Malak. Director ETC-UMA*
- **Making science applicable: the Science-Practice-Policy Interface.** *Ruthy Yahel, MedPAN Scientific Committee*

15h45 Bridging Science, Practice and Policy Making in Biodiversity Protection. Introduction to the Panels: Objectives, methodology and expected outputs

- *Julia Vera Prieto. PANACeA facilitator. Managing Director, Travelecoology*

16h00 Panel 1: Emergent and transboundary challenges to Protected Areas: Addressing the effects of climate change and marine litter on biodiversity through evidence-based management practices and policies

Chair: Ameer Abdulla. IUCN WCPA and Associate Professor, Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Science, University of Queensland

Panelists:

- Morgana Vighi, University of Barcelona, Project MedSeaLitter
- Thomais Vlachogianni, MIO-ECSDE Programme/Policy Officer, Project Act4Litter
- Joaquim Garrabou, Institut de Ciències del Mar-CSIC, Project MPA-Adapt
- Rosa Mendoza Castellón, Government of Andalusia. Project LIFE+ Blue Natura
- Camino Liqueste, DG Environment, European Commission



Guest Challengers:

- Silvia Casini, University of Siena-DSFTA, Project Plastic Busters
- Michaël Grelaud, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Project Bluelands
- Ziad Samaha, Programme Manager Marine and Coastal Zones, IUCN ROWA

18h00 Wrap up and closing

- Ameer Abdulla. IUCN WCPA and University of Queensland

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2017

8h30 Bridging Science, Practice and Policy in Biodiversity Protection
(continue from Day 1)

08h30 Panel 2: Sustainable use of natural resources in Protected Areas: Artisanal and small-scale fisheries

Chair: Giuseppe Sciacca, Executive Secretary, CPMR Islands Commission

Panelists:

- Gilles van de Walle, FARNET-The European Fisheries Areas Network
- Oscar Esparza, WWF Spain, FishMPABlue2
- Ana Maria Stambuk, University of Zagreb, Project CONFISH
- Sergi Tudela, Director General for Fisheries and Marine Affairs, Government of Catalonia

Guest Challengers:

- Mauro Randone, Marine Project Officer, WWF Mediterranean
- Alicia Sánchez-Valverde, SARGA, Project WETNET

10h30 Interactive visual session and coffee break

11h30 Panel 3: Integrated ecosystem monitoring & management: Addressing key challenges for the Mediterranean

Chair: Sylvain Petit, Programme Officer, UNEP MAP PAP/RAC



Panelists:

- Antoine Lafitte, Programme Officer, UNEP MAP Plan Bleu
- Simona Simoncelli, EMODnet Med Sea Checkpoint
- Daniel Palacios, Coordinator of Conservation and Promotion Services AMB. OPERAs Barcelona's Hybrid Dunes Project
- Simona Frascchetti, Università del Salento, Project AMAre
- Alicia Sánchez-Valverde, SARGA, Project WETNET

Guest Challengers (to trigger an open debate with all panelists and participants):

- Emiliano Ramieri, Thetis - EU MSP Platform
- Hugues Heurtefeux, EID Méditerranée; Project POSBEMED
- Samir Jodanovic, Development Agency of the Una-Sana canton, Project ECOSustain
- Christian Perennou, Tour du Valat

**13h30 Bridging Science, Practice and Policy in Biodiversity Protection:
Conclusions from the Panels**

- Ameer Abdulla, IUCN WCPA and University of Queensland
- Giuseppe Sciacca, Executive Secretary, CPMR Islands Commission
- Sylvain Petit, Programme Officer, UNEP MAP PAP/RAC

13h45 The future steps for the MED Biodiversity Community. Closure of the meeting

- Dania Abdul Malak, PANACeA Project Coordinator, Director ETC-UMA

14h00 Light Cocktail & Field Visit

- **14h00: Light lunch**
- **15h00: Field visit:** Bike Tour through the Delta Llobregat Natural Area and bus visit to the Hybrid dunes: Metropolitan coastal management in a scenario of climate change. Participants will be then brought back by bus to Barcelona city Centre

