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# LIFE BaHAR for N2K

Conference



4 day Programme

## Day 1

### *Science as a basis for designation - Introduction to Natura 2000, LIFE BaHAR for N2K Project and Results*

09:30	Registration
10:15	Introductory speech by Prof. Victor Axiak, ERA Chairman
10:20	Video message from EU Commissioner Mr Karmenu Vella
10:30	Introduction on Natura 2000 and marine SCIs in Malta - Mr Christopher Cousin, ERA
10:45	Introduction to LIFE BaHAR for N2K Project - Ms Christina Mallia, ERA
11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30	Status of knowledge at start of the project - Ms Romina Sciberras, MESDC-DFA
11:45	LIFE BaHAR marine surveys - Fieldwork Methodology – Ms Silvia Garcia, Fundación Oceana
12:15	Interpretation of data and results - Dr Julian Evans, University of Malta
12:45	Q&A
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	Marine Natura 2000: from designation to effective management - Dr Vedran Nikolic, European Commission - Nature Protection
14:30	Designation and next steps in the policy decision-making process - Ms Margaret Cassar, MESDC
14:45	Site designation and related projects in Mediterranean context, including MedKeyHabitats and MedMPANet - Mr Atef Ouerghi, RAC/SPA
15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:45	Habitats/species of interest and relevance in Mediterranean context – Prof. Carlo Nike Bianchi, University of Genoa, Italy
16:15	Questions/Discussion
16:30	Close

## Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean

*Sharing expertise for effective conservation*





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## Day 2

### ***Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean – What are the issues and how to manage?***

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- 09:15 Introductory speech by Dr Louise Spiteri, ERA Acting CEO
- 09:25 Existing Marine SCIs in Malta: Overview of Issues - Mr Brian Christie, ERA
- 09:45 Focus on pSCIs on seagrass meadows, turtles and dolphins - proposed management measures - Mr Christopher Cousin, ERA
- 10:15 Focus on Marine SPAs: LIFE Malta Seabirds After-LIFE - Mr Paulo Lago Barreiro, BirdLife Malta
- 10:45 Q&A
- 11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 Focus on new sites for Caves and Reefs - Issues identified - Dr Leyla Knittweis-Mifsud, University of Malta
- 12:00 Synergies and opportunities in policy implementation - Ms Miraine Rizzo, ERA
- 12:15 Q&A
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 Management of MPAs in the Mediterranean - Mr Bruno Meola, MedPAN
- 14:00 Experience with management of MPAs in Northern Mediterranean - Ms Valentina Cappanera, Portofino MPA/SPAMI, Italy
- 14:30 *Coffee Break*
- 15:00 Experience with management of MPAs in the Southern Mediterranean - Mr Ziad Samaha, Ministry of Environment, Lebanon
- 15:30 Regional and Spatial Patterns in Marine Biodiversity and Human Impacts in the Mediterranean: Implications for Management and Policy - Dr Ameer Abdulla, PANACeA, European Topic Centre, University of Malaga, Spain
- 16:00 Questions/discussion on synergies and work to be done
- 16:30 Close

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## Day 3

### Monitoring Marine Protected Areas

- 09:15 Introductory speech by Perit Michelle Piccinino, ERA Director Environment & Resources
- 09:20 Speech by Hon. Dr José Herrera, Minister for the Environment, Sustainable Development & Climate Change
- 09:30 National Marine Monitoring program - Ms Tamara Micallef, ERA
- 09:45 Marine Monitoring - ecosystems approach - Dr Daniel Cebrian, UNEP EcAp
- 10:15 Development and Monitoring of Conservation Objectives for marine Natura 2000 sites - Mr Bruno Meola, MedPAN
- 10:45 Q&A
- 11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 Monitoring techniques for reefs - Dr Enric Ballesteros, Spanish National Research Council, Spain
- 11:45 Monitoring techniques for caves - Dr Vasilis Gerovasileiou, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Greece
- 12:00 Monitoring techniques for seagrass meadows – Prof. Gerard Pergent, University of Corsica, France
- 12:15 Q&A - Discussion on synergies
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 Parallel break-out sessions on management and monitoring
- 15:00 *Coffee Break*
- 15:30 Reporting back and wrap up from breakout sessions
- 16:00 Concluding plenary
- 16:30 Close
- 20:00 *Evening Reception*
- Venue: Bacchus Restaurant, 1 Inguanez Alley, Mdina*

## Day 4

### Field Trip

09:00 – 12:00 Guided boat trip around the Maltese Islands visiting Marine Protected Areas

Meeting Point: Buġibba Jetty at 8:45 a.m.



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