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: Dr Ameer Abdulla, IUCN WCPA, 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 Andalucia, Project LIFE+ Blue Natura
• Camino Liquete, DG Environment, European Commission

Guest challengers:
• Silvia Casini, University of Siena-DSFTA, Project Plastic Busters
• Michaël Grelaud, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Project BlueIslands
• Ziad Samaha, Programme Manager Marine and Coastal Zones, IUCN
PANEL 2
Sustainable use of natural resources in Protected Areas: Artisanal and small-scale fisheries

Chair: Giuseppe Sciacca, Executive Secretary, CPMR Island Commission

Panelists:
- Gilles van de Walle, FARNET-The European Fisheries Areas Network
- Oscar Esparza, Marine Protected Areas Coordinator, WWF Spain, Project 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
PANEL 3
Integrated ecosystem monitoring & management: Addressing key challenges for the Mediterranean

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

Panelists:
• Antoine Lafitte, Programme Officer, UNEP MAP Plan Bleu
• Simona Simoncelli, EMODnet Med Sea Checkpoint
• Daniel Palacios, AMB, OPERAs Barcelona’s Hybrid Dunes Project
• Simona Fraschetti, Università del Salento, Project AMARe
• Alicia Sánchez-Valverde, SARGA, Project WETNET

Guest challengers:
• 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
Thank you!

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