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**RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> EU Blue Parks Community Workshop**

**7 March 2024**



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## **‘Effective management of marine protected areas**

*(and the land-sea interface including coastal zones)’*

*This workshop, part of the **EU Blue Parks Initiative** under **the EU Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030"**, aims to foster a comprehensive understanding of the effective management of EU Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), including the crucial coastal zones and the dynamic land-sea interfaces. The workshop will bring together experts and stakeholders to discuss and share insights on the challenges and opportunities in marine and coastal biodiversity protection and restoration. Through presentations, case studies, and interactive discussions, the workshop will highlight key EU funded projects and research innovations in effective marine management, delve into policy development needs, and explore participatory approaches from EU Member States, regional, and local stakeholders.*

**Why join:** *Be a part of this insightful event to contribute to and learn from discussions on research and policy developments focused on effectiveness of marine protection across Europe. This is the second event of the series of workshops of the EU Blue Parks Community, and **we invite you to become an active member of this Community.***

**7 March 09:00-16:30 CET – physical attendance in *The Square (Mont des Arts), Brussels***

*(Moderators: Eduardo Carquejeiro DG RTD B.4 and Marcin Sadowski DG MARE A.1)*

**08:30-09:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee**

### **AGENDA**

**09:00 Opening statement** by *Andreea Strachinescu-Olteanu DG MARE HEAD of Unit A1*

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Session – Exploring EU funded projects and R&I on effective marine management**

**09:15 EU Blue Parks Community:** 1<sup>st</sup> event recap, Community membership & support services

*Gregory Fuchs, Researcher, Ecologic Institute / MIP Ocean*

**09:25 Overview of EU funded projects on MPAs and Marine Ecosystems (LIFE and Horizon Europe)**

*Alberto Zocchi, CINEA C.C1.2*

## 09:40 EU Research & Innovation on effective marine management:

Horizon Europe Mission Ocean Work Programme – EU Blue Parks projects

- BLUE4ALL, facilitating the Blue Parks Community  
*Steven Degraer, Project Coordinator, Institute of Natural Sciences*
- EFFECTIVE - Enhancing social well-being and economic prosperity by reinforcing the eFFECTIVENess of protection and restoration management in Mediterranean MPAs  
*Iván Felis, Head of the R&D department, CTN-Marine Technology Centre, Spain*
- PROTECT BALTIC - Ensuring sufficient protection and restoration in the Baltic Sea's marine environment  
*Jannica Haldin, Project Coordinator, HELCOM*
- OCEAN CITIZEN - A multidisciplinary approach integrating science and society in Marine Forests regeneration for ocean management and protection  
*Lorenzo Bramanti, Researcher, LECOB-CNRS*

## 10:40 Coffee Break | In the venue room - projection of Life DELFI: A Conflict to Resolve

Synopsis: In the Mediterranean, fish stocks are generally declining, dolphins are increasingly in conflict with different fishing activities. Concerns arise from unintentional catches during fishing operations, known as "bycatch," as well as depredation, where dolphins remove fish from nets. This documentary highlights the challenges posed by these interactions and underscores the innovative solutions implemented by the Life DELFI project.

## 11:10 LIFE projects on effective marine management

- LIFE Delfi and LIFE TartaLife: On the coexistence between professional fishing and protected species within MPAs  
*Alessandro Lucchetti, Project Coordinator, National Research Council Italy (CNR-IRBIM)*
- LIFE MareNatura on enlarging the Greek MPA network to adequately protect marine megafauna  
*Panagiotis Kasapidis, Project Coordinator, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)*

## 11:40 Q&A of the 1<sup>st</sup> session

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Session - Pledging towards 30x30, state of play and next steps

### 11:55 Biodiversity strategy targets for a coherent and effectively managed EU MPA network

*Vedran Nikolić, Team leader, Nature Conservation Unit, DG Environment*

### 12:10 Member State testimonies

- Situation, challenges and solutions for the network of marine protected areas in Portugal  
*Nuno Banza, President of the Board, ICNF, National Authority for Nature Conservation and Biodiversity*

- Marine Protected Areas in Belgium: status, challenges, and case studies  
*Gizem Poffyn, Marine Policy Officer, FPS Public Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment*

#### **12:40 Q&A of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session**

#### **13:00-14:00 Lunch Break & Networking**

### **3rd Session - Sharing case studies and good practices**

#### **14:00 Governance & community-led initiatives**

- IUCN green list and effective management of MPAs  
*Jean-François Sys, Marine Biodiversity Project Leader, IUCN French Committee*
- The Living Baltic Sea: towards community-led conservation  
*Ville Wahlberg, Managing Director, Baltic Sea Action Group (BSAG)*
- From government leadership to community-based approaches: case studies for effective marine protection  
*Emanuel Gonçalves, Chief Scientist, Executive member of the Board, Oceano Azul Foundation*
- Marine nature restoration in Vejle Fjord. Restoration of degraded coastal habitats: the Vejle Fjord case study  
*Rune Christian Husted Steinfurth, Postdoc, University of Southern Denmark (SDU)*

#### **15:00 Q&A**

#### **15:15 Innovation and good practices**

- CLIMAREST. Coastal restoration in the Atlantic and Arctic Lighthouse: case studies from Svalbard to Madeira  
*Ida Beathe Øverjordet, Project Leader, SINTEF*
- SUBMON's Collaborative Regional Approach to Marine Conservation  
*Tecla Maggioni, Project Technician, and Juanita Zorrilla, Project Manager, SUBMON*
- Artificial fish nurseries. Rehabilitation and restoration of marine habitats: the added value of artificial structures.  
*Etienne Abadie, Project Manager, and Alexandre Belly, Ecological Engineering Apprentice, Ecocean*

#### **16:00 Q&A**

#### **16:20 Closing statement by *Elisabetta Balzi, HEAD of Unit Ocean and Waters, DG RTD***