

Programme of the 3rd Natura 2000 marine biogeographical seminar for the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions

12-14 March 2024

Palais du Pharo, Marseille, France





Programme

Introduction

The 3rd Natura 2000 marine biogeographical seminar for the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions will be held between 12th – 14th March 2024. It is hosted jointly by the European Commission's DG Environment, French Ministry of Ecological Transition and the French Biodiversity Agency (OFB).

The venue is the [Palais du Pharo](#) (58 Bd Charles Livon, 13007) in Marseille, France.

The latest version of the programme, the background document as well as other useful documents for the seminar can be found online, at the website:

<https://biogeoprocess.net/mediterraneanandblacksea/>

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Day 1: Tuesday 12th March

Time	Activity	Location
8.30 – 9.00	Registration	
9.00 – 09.30	<p>Official welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Célia de Lavergne, Director, Water and Biodiversity Directorate, Ministry of Ecological Transition • Andrea Vettori, Head of Unit, Nature Conservation Unit, DG Environment, European Commission • Biodiversity Strategy for 2030: policy context for the biogeographical process – Vedran Nikolić, DG Environment, Nature Conservation Unit, European Commission • Overview of the seminar programme, housekeeping rules – Luna Milatović (Biogeographical Process) 	La Major Plenary Room
9.30 – 10.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.00 – 13.00	<p>Protected area targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we – overview and distance to target, initial analysis of received pledges - Johnny Reker, European Environment Agency (EEA) • Scientific basis for identification of MPAs – Anna Maria Adamo, Horizon Europe project MPA EUROPE • Pledges and approaches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spain – José María Rodríguez Ochagavia, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge • France – Ilinca Mathieu, Ministry of Ecological Transition • Contribution from other Member States • Q&A • Discussion on way forward in groups • Reporting back to plenary 	La Major Plenary Room
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	Eugenie Room
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Conservation status targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we – overview and distance to target – Anna Cheilari, European Commission, DG Environment, Nature Conservation Unit • Methodology and initial analysis of received pledges – Paul Goriup, (Biogeographical Process) • MarHA: Nature Integrated Project for effective and equitable management of marine habitats in France – Alain Pibot, Office Français de la Biodiversité (OFB) • Pledges and approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spain - Helena Moreno Colera, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge • Cyprus - Yianna Samuel, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment • Contribution from other Member States • Q&A 	La Major Plenary Room
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00 – 17.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on way forward in groups • Reporting back to plenary 	La Major Plenary Room
18.30 – 21.30	Gala dinner	Restaurant La Nautique



Day 2: Wednesday 13th March

Time	Activity	Location
8.30 – 9.00	Registration	
9.00 – 9.15	Opening plenary	
9.15 – 11.15	<p>Session 1 - Role of Natura 2000 sites and other MPAs in marine restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Nature Restoration Law and MPAs – Vedran Nikolić, European Commission, DG Environment, Nature Conservation Unit • REEForest - Restoration of <i>Cystoseira</i> macroalgal FORESTs to enhance biodiversity along Mediterranean rocky REEFs – Annalisa Falace, University of Trieste • LIFE ECOREST - Ecological restoration of human-impacted benthic marine ecosystems through active strategies and participatory approach - Jordi Grinyo, Institut de Ciències del Mar (ICM-CSIC) • Q&A • Moderated discussion • Reporting back to the plenary 	La Major Plenary Room
11.15 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.30 – 13.30	<p>Session 2 - Strict protection in the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strict protection in the context of Biodiversity strategy targets – Anna Cheilari, European Commission, DG Environment, Nature Conservation Unit • Ecological and socio-economic benefits of strictly protected MPAs and scientific principles for their establishment - Charles Loiseau, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) • Strict protection in Aire Marine Protégée de la Côte Agathoise – Sylvain Blouet, AMP Côte Agathoise • Q&A • Moderated discussion • Reporting back to the plenary 	La Major Plenary Room
13.30 – 14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	Eugenie Room
14.30 – 16.30	<p>Session 3 – Renewable energy and marine conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving renewable energy targets while protecting and restoring biodiversity – Vedran Nikolić, European Commission, DG Environment, Nature Conservation Unit • National guide on measures to reduce the risk of environmental impact from offshore wind farms and the example of the Leucate-Barbares wind farm - Golfe du Lion- Laetitia Miquerol, Office Français de la Biodiversité (OFB) and Thomas Bordron, OCEANWINDS • Q&A • Moderated discussion • Reporting back to the plenary 	La Major Plenary Room
16.30 – 17.00	Next steps for the pledge process and summary of discussions	
17.00 – 18.30	Knowledge market	
20.00	Dinner	Restaurant Le Lacydon

Day 3: Thursday 14th March

Time	Activity	Location
9.00 – 14.00	Calanques National Park (optional, organised by the host)	Meeting point: Vieux Port