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Management Tools Based on the Ecosystem Approach

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1. EVENT DETAILS

Workshop on the transfer of achievements and challenges between the "MED Community for the Protection of Biodiversity" and State actors

TIPO: Panacea Event -Knowledge Sharing Event

Date: 25/10/2017

Location: BARCELONA, SPAIN

Audience:

- 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: DG MARE, DG Environment, UNEP MAP CU, MCSD, UfM, Horizon 2020, GFCM, LIFE+, UN SDSN, among others.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

PANACeA is a pan-Mediterranean initiative aiming at streamlining management efforts in Protected Areas for enhanced Nature Conservation & Protection in the Mediterranean Sea. The Project has led to the articulation of an **EU Interreg Med Community** focusing on **Biodiversity Protection** (the "**MED Biodiversity Protection Community**"), bringing together a comprehensive network of experts from public & private institutions actively working to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems in **Mediterranean Protected Areas**. Filling the current gap between **Science, Management and Policy** is one of the priority targets of this **EU MED Biodiversity Protection Community**.

During the kick off meeting of the **EU MED Biodiversity Protection Community** in Marseille (15-16 March, 2017), participating public administrations, research institutions and conservationists in the region stressed the need to effectively link the efforts of applied **research** on biodiversity monitoring and protection with **management practices** in protected areas - wetlands, rivers and coastal areas alike - and together influence **Policy Making** at various levels to achieve more coordinated and integrated management of ecosystems. **Based on this need, PANACeA is devoting this upcoming "Knowledge Sharing Event" in Barcelona (Catalonia, Spain) towards** linking the needs of regional practitioners to researchers and to facilitate evidence-based policy making.

Objectives

The Event 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 was 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 were:

- 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 gap and to foster a debate geared at enhancing these key Interfaces, in support of biodiversity management and protection in Protected Areas and beyond.

3. RELEVANCE FOR THE WETNET PROJECT AND THE MED TERRITORY

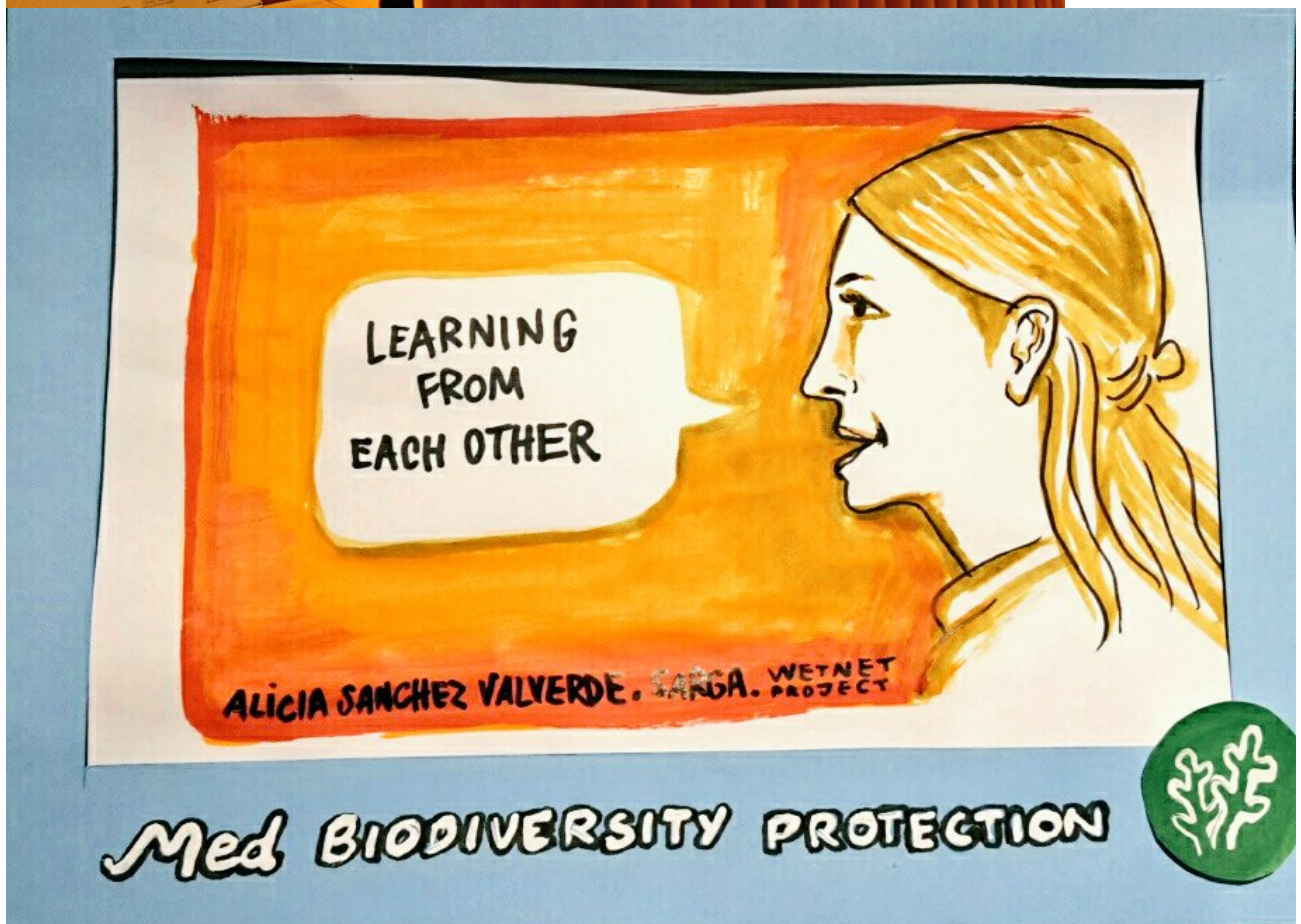
We are within the horizontal PANACEA project. As a result of the discussions, a Report was produced outlining the identified Recommendations on “Strategies and Tools for Bridging the Science-Practice-Policy Gaps for Biodiversity Protection in the Mediterranean”.

4. PHOTO GALLERY

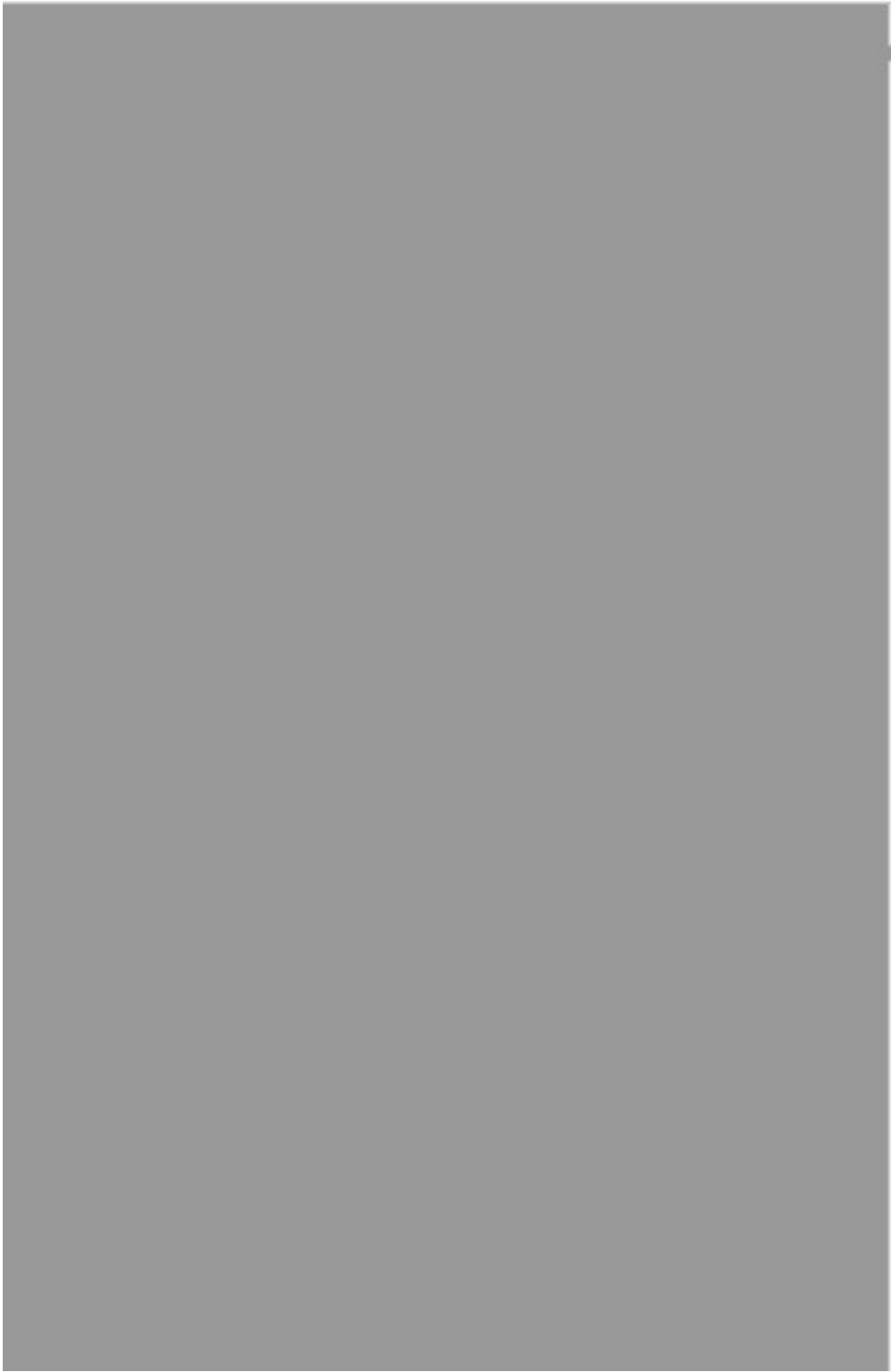






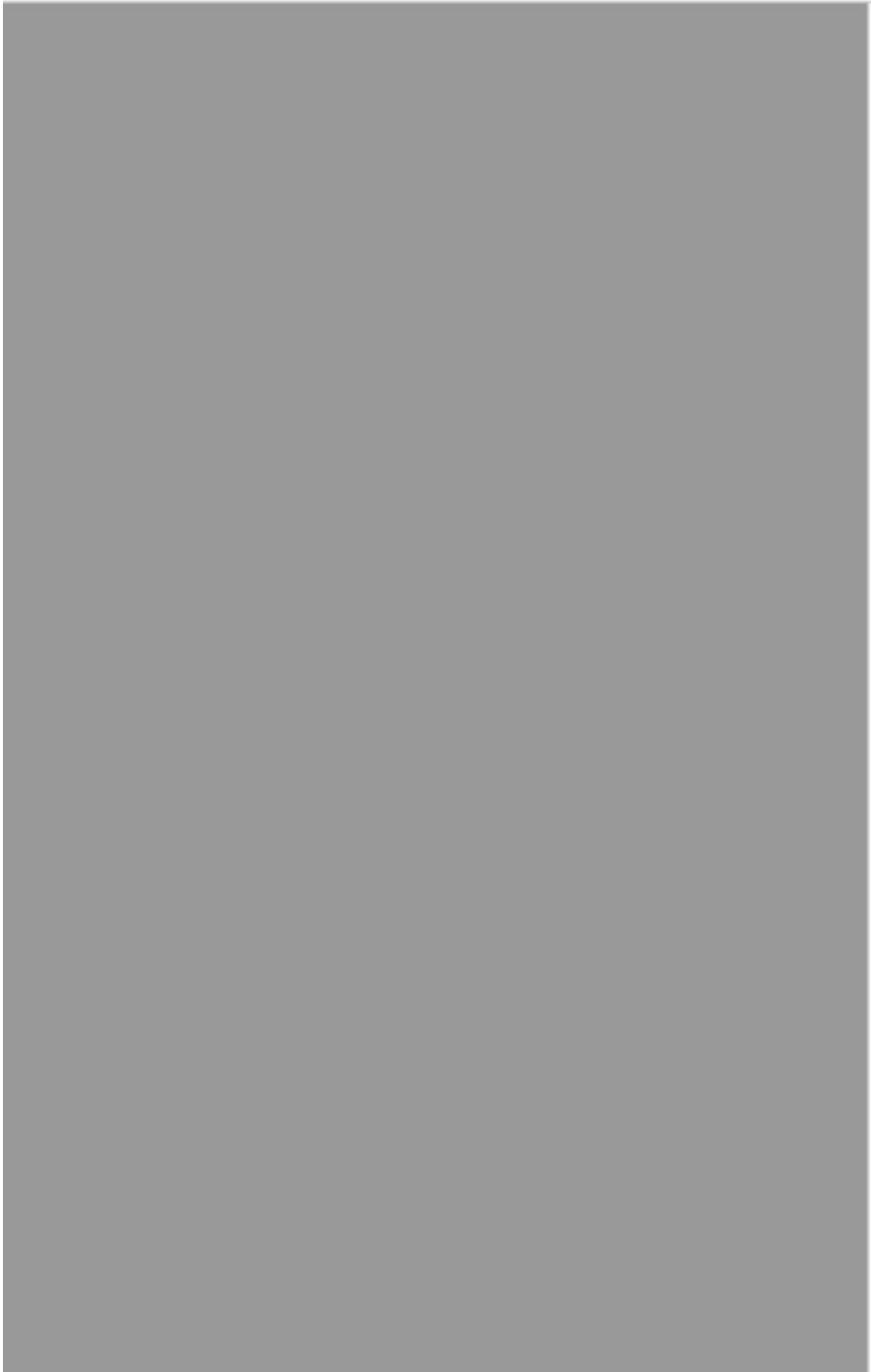


APPENDIX 1-FINAL PROGRAMME



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