

**WETNET PROJECT**  
**Coordinated management and networking of Mediterranean wetlands**

WP 2 - Communication

Activity 2.5 – Horizontal project event report

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Deliverable 2.5.1 - Event Report

**Panacea community building and capitalization event**

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## 1 Event Details

**Title:**

Ecosystem based responses to Mediterranean biodiversity challenges

**Type:**

Community building and capitalization event

**Date:**

6-7/05/2019

**Location:**

Rome (Italy)

**Programme:**

See link below and annex 1.

**Link:**

<https://biodiversity-protection.interreg-med.eu/media-calendar/events/detail/actualites/ecosystem-based-responses-to-mediterranean-biodiversity-challenges/>

**Audience:**

All project partners from the Biodiversity Protection Community, Advisory Board members, Protected Area (PA) managers

**WetNet participation:**

- Giancarlo Gusmaroli (Italian Centre for River Restoration)
- Pablo Vera (Seo – Birdlife)

## 2 Description of the Event

### DAY 1 – Community building event

The Community Building event will build upon the results of the Biodiversity Community “Interactive Session” in Podgorica (May 2018) which had as tangible result the report Tools for Ecosystem-based Management. The event will consist of a hands-on workshop on the latest tools developed by the Biodiversity Protection Community.

Main objectives have been:

- Share the latest developments and results from testing tools which have not been yet experienced with the Community
- Explore the transfer capacity of those tools to other actors or PAs within or outside the community
- Agree on the approach and next steps to showcase the tools at key upcoming events as the PANACeA Final Event (October 2019) and the MedPAN MPA Forum 2020.

### DAY 2 – Capitalization event

While the previous events featured by PANACeA, aimed at transferring the lessons learnt by the community to policy stakeholders, the open Seminar of the MED Biodiversity Protection Community of May 2019, has enlarged the scope of the debate by integrating to the discussions a key player for biodiversity conservation: the private sector. Indeed, the findings of more than two years of project work have already proved their efficiency and relevance, for a renewed vision of biodiversity protection policy. It seemed essential to confront those outputs with the challenges brought by the growth of economic activities and to benefit from the views of some of its significant representatives. Enhancing discussions and improving significant collaboration among all concerned stakeholders is key to guaranty the implementation of an ecosystem-based approach in a transboundary context and to achieve effective protection and a good environmental status for the whole Mediterranean region. Therefore, the open Seminar has welcomed various stakeholders acting at different scales to protect the Mediterranean biodiversity.

Throughout the spectrum of cooperation and collaboration with the private sector, the event has been an opportunity to share best practices and in-depth knowledge on land sea interface and coastal risks on the one hand, and co-management and governance on the other hand. The Interreg Med Biodiversity Community experiences demonstrated different ways and tools to gather targeted information from field surveys to assessments to support generating reliable knowledge. Then, local, regional and public agencies authorities from many Mediterranean countries had the opportunity to debate during constructive roundtables with Non-governmental organizations, research institutes and private companies about ecosystem-based responses to Mediterranean biodiversity challenges.

Finally, the event had a focus on giving visibility to the capitalisation tool of PANACeA, the «Mediterranean biodiversity knowledge platform».

### 3 Relevance for the WetNet Project and the MED territory

A Wetnet project delegate contributed to session 2 titled “PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES AND GOVERNANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES”. This session has been built on the results of a prior workshop “Promoting co-management as an innovative tool for the sustainable use of marine natural resources” that took place during the GFCM Fishforum in December 2018, and on a technical paper on co-management consisting of a collection and analysis of best practices and models coming from the Med Biodiversity protection community and external organisations.

The objective of the session has been to acknowledge results of regional projects focusing on “sustainable use of natural resources”, to demonstrate the effectiveness of their actions and transferability potentials of their best practices to a wider Mediterranean scale. Looking beyond effective community-based models that use participatory approaches, the governance aspect, its challenges and processes will be addressed during the session. There seem not to be in the Mediterranean a model that fits all, so how to shape the transferability potential of participatory models focusing on natural resource management? Which kind of practical, technical, financial tools are needed? What is the scope for exploring innovative solutions in terms of financing? Is involving private funding an adequate solution to support ensuring more sustainable practices? Do theoretical or practical innovative schemes / financing tools already exist, and can they be assessed or replicated? What are the missing or necessary steps towards developing a concrete and supportive network of stakeholders in using participatory approaches for natural resource management? Would successful previous experience from other regions fit the Mediterranean context (here we might focus on one/ few successful examples (going to concrete actions!) from the speakers on the available knowledge and the transferability potentials to the Mediterranean?

Another WetNet project delegate has facilitated the implementation of a role game on day 1 (role game to simulate and engagement process to agree on a Wetlands contract), by actively engaging all participants. The role game has been previously tested in WetNet project amongst project partners during the Ljubljana (Slovenia) technical meeting.

### 4 Concluding Remarks

The main conclusions and recommendations drawn from session 2 has been used as a basis for the development of a policy paper. Based on concrete case-studies developed in the technical paper, the recommendations have targeted EU, Mediterranean and regional administrative levels to support the development of participatory approaches including co-management models and as a comprehensive mechanism to support a better biodiversity protection and conservation in the whole Mediterranean Sea. The WetNet role game has been tested as a tool for Ecosystem-based Management of Wetlands.

Event report:

[https://biodiversity-protection.interreg-med.eu/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Sites/Biodiversity\\_Protection/horizontal\\_project/News\\_events/4th\\_cap-event\\_Rome\\_minutes\\_final\\_UMA\\_CPMR.pdf](https://biodiversity-protection.interreg-med.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/Sites/Biodiversity_Protection/horizontal_project/News_events/4th_cap-event_Rome_minutes_final_UMA_CPMR.pdf)

## 5 Photo Gallery

















## ANNEX 1 - Event Programme

### DAY 1

#### PROGRAMME

09:00-09:30 Registration

#### 09:30-10:00 INTRODUCTION TO THE OBJECTIVES AND DYNAMICS OF THE SESSION

- Welcome and introduction to the objectives of the session by [Dania Abdul Malak](#), ETC-UMA
- Transfer and capitalisation opportunities for the tools of the Community across Mediterranean MPAs by [Magali Mabari](#), MedPAN Communications officer

#### 10:00-16:30 UNDERSTANDING MONITORING & MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR PAs. CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES OF ADVANCING THEIR WIDESPREAD USE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

- Introduction to the aim and dynamics of the session by [Julia Vera](#)

#### 10:15 11:15 Tools Marketplace. Round 1: Monitoring tools & protocols

- Enhanced protocol to monitor floating and ingested marine litter, [MEDSEALITTER](#)
- Implementing protocols to measure temperature and upload and use through T-MedNet Platform, MPA-Adapt
- Long term solution to monitor freshwater quality ECOSUSTAIN

11:15 to 11:45 Coffee break

#### 11:45-12:30 Panel Discussion: [Advancing monitoring tools & protocols in MED MPAs](#)

- **MEDSEALITTER**: Francesca Frau, MPA Capo Carbonara
- **PlasticBustersMPA**: Cristina Panti, University of Siena
- **MPA Adapt**: Joaquim Garrabou, CSIC ICM
- Representative, ECOSUSTAIN

#### 12:30-13:30 Tools Marketplace. Round 2: WETNET Role game

- **WETNET Role game**

All participants become stakeholders around a water body for around one hour with the challenge to reach consensus on the signature of a Wetland Contract

13:30 to 14:30 Lunch break

#### 14:30-15:30 Tools Marketplace. Round 3: Tools to enhance management & governance

- Small Scale Fishery (SSF) Governance Toolkit, FISHMPABLUE2
- Gather key information on empirical knowledge about fishery systems, CONFISH
- Participatory approach to design Marine Litter management plans, ACT4LITTER
- Shared model of management plan for handling human uses, AMARe

#### 15:30-16:30 Panel Discussion: [Advancing management & governance tools in MED PAs](#)

- **FISHMPABLUE2**: Luca Santarossa, Federparchi - Europarc Italy
- **CONFISH**: Margarida Monteiro, University of Lisbon
- **ACT4LITTER**: Xavier Abril, Ebre Delta Natural Park
- **AMARe**: Carlo Franzosini, Shoreline / Miramare MPA

#### 16:30 - 17:30 CAPITALISING RESULTS THROUGH ONE SINGLE ENTRY DOOR: THE BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM

- [Introduction to the Platform and the showcasing of project results](#), by Sonsoles San Román (ETC-UMA)
- The technical insights by (Emanuele Mancosu – ETC-UMA): Practical example on how to add your own GIS data to the platform + Practical example on creating a new combined map with external sources
- Interactive exercise

#### 17:30 - 18:00 WRAP UP AND FOLLOW UP

Closing remarks and community debate moderated by Dania Abdul Malak, ETC-UMA, around the following topics:

- Concrete transfer and capitalization actions ahead through MedPAN. Uptake of tools and results and the roadmap to the MPA Forum 2020
- Preparing for the final event of PANACeA

19.00 Networking Cocktail

## DAY 2

7 MAY 2019 – OPEN SEMINAR	
09:00 - 09:30	Registration
09:30 - 10:30	<b>INTRODUCTION AND KEYNOTE SPEECHES</b>  Welcome speech by <a href="#">Lorenza Bonaccorsi</a> , Regional Minister in charge of Tourism, Lazio Region Introduction by <a href="#">Dania Abdul Malak</a> , ETC-UMA and <a href="#">Nelly Bourlion</a> , Plan Bleu Keynote speech by <a href="#">John E. Scanlon AM</a> , Special Envoy at African Parks Network
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 13:00	<b>SESSION 1: NEED FOR WELL INFORMED SECTORAL DIALOGUE TO TACKLE LAND-SEA INTERACTIONS AND COASTAL RISKS</b>  FACILITATOR: <a href="#">Andrea Barbanti</a> , Italian Institute of Marine Science (ISMAR) SPEAKERS _/ Challenges and threats of economic activities for land-sea interface: <a href="#">Chris Smith</a> , Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) _/ Benefiting from the results of the community: <a href="#">Alessio Satta</a> , MedSea Foundation ROUNDTABLE Roundtable facilitated by <a href="#">Andrea Barbanti</a> , ISMAR CNR _/ <a href="#">Francesca Marcato</a> , JS Interreg MED _/ <a href="#">Jolanda Piedra</a> , Balearic Maritime Cluster _/ <a href="#">John E. Scanlon AM</a> , Special Envoy at African Parks Network _/ <a href="#">Nadia Papadopoulou</a> , Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) Q&A SESSION 1 conclusions
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch and Guided Tour around The Orto Botanico <a href="#">(see)</a>
14:30 - 16:30	<b>SESSION 2: PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES AND GOVERNANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>  FACILITATOR: <a href="#">Alessandro Buzzi</a> , WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative SPEAKERS _/ Challenges and threats: <a href="#">Arthur Rigaud</a> , FARNET _/ Benefiting from the results of the community: <a href="#">Jorge Ventocilla</a> , PANACEA Consultant ROUNDTABLE Roundtable facilitated by <a href="#">Alessandro Buzzi</a> , WWF Mediterranean Marine Initiative _/ <a href="#">Giampaolo Buonfiglio</a> , Mediterranean Advisory Council, MEDAC _/ <a href="#">Pietro La Porta</a> , Italian FLAG "Isole di Sicilia" _/ <a href="#">Pablo Vera</a> , SEO Birdlife _/ <a href="#">Margaux Favret</a> , Fisheries Senior Manager, Marine stewardship council Q&A SESSION 2 conclusions : <a href="#">Alessandro Buzzi</a>
16.30 16.45	Coffee Break
16:45 - 17:45	<b>SESSION 3: PANACEA'S CAPITALISATION TOOL – THE BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM</b>  FACILITATOR: <a href="#">Sonsolos San Román and Emanuele Mancosi</a> , ETC-UMA, University of Malaga _/ <a href="#">Carlo Franzosini</a> , Shoreline / Miramare MPA _/ <a href="#">Valentina Grande</a> , CNR-ISMAR Q&A SESSION 3 conclusions
17:45 -18.00	TAKE HOME MESSAGES