

WETNET PROJECT
Coordinated management and networking of Mediterranean wetlands

WP 2 - Communication

Activity 2.5 – Horizontal project event report

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Panacea community meeting

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1 Event Details

Title:

Empowering the Mediterranean community: tools for ecosystem-based management

Type:

Seminar

Date:

16/05/2018

Location:

Podgorica (Montenegro)

Programme:

See link below and annex 1.

Link:

<https://biodiversity-protection.interreg-med.eu/media-calendar/events/detail/actualites/empowering-the-mediterranean-community-tools-for-ecosystem-based-management/>

Audience:

Regional Administration of Protected Areas, Shkodër, Albania

Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania

Université d'Abdelhamid Ibn Badis, Mostaganem et Laboratoire EGEAT, Oran, Algeria

Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, Confish project, Croatia

Public Institution, Brjuni National park, Croatia

RGO Communications Ltd, Croatia

WWF Adria, FishMPABlue2, Croatia

PAP RAC, Croatia

Plan Bleu, France

JS INTERREG MED, France

CRPM, France

Architecture and marine engineering, InnoBlueGrowth project, Greece

University of Padua, Italy

Italian Centre for River Restoration, Italy

Mediterranean (GFCM) of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the UN, Italy

University of Siena, Italy

UNIMED, Italy

University IUAV of Venice, Italy

European MSP Platform, Thetis, Italy

Management consortium of Porto Cesareo, Italy

ISPRA, Italy

Consorzio di Gestione di Torre Guaceto, Italy

CNR -ISMAR Institute of Marine Sciences, Italy

Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro

Ministry of European Affairs, Montenegro

Institute of Marine Biology, University of Montenegro, Montenegro

Javno preduzece za upravljanje morskim dobrom Crne Gore, Montenegro

NGO Green Home, Montenegro

Head of Cross border and cooperation programmes, Montenegro

REC, Montenegro

Mediterranean Center for Environmental Monitoring (MedCEM), Montenegro

Institute for marine biology, Montenegro

JP Morsko Doro, ICZM, Montenegro

FLC, Montenegro

IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation, Spain

ETC-UMA, university of Malaga, Spain

MedCities, Spain

Generalitat de Catalonia, Spain

Travelecology, Spain

SEO, Birdlife, Spain

WCPA, Spain

WetNet participation:

- Giancarlo Gusmaroli (Italian Centre for River Restoration)

2 Description of the Event

This Open Seminar is a step forward to showcase practical solutions developed and/or tested by the Biodiversity Protection Community in the Mediterranean through research projects, cooperation initiatives, environmental institutions and government programmes. Key players will have the opportunity to present and to learn from each other on best practices under way to protect Mediterranean ecosystems and biodiversity, with a special focus on the Adriatic region. The seminar will build on the recommendations by participants in the “Bridging the Science, practice and policy gap in the Mediterranean” discussions held in Barcelona in October 2017.

The scope of topics to be debated in Montenegro refers in particular to assessing and addressing the challenges of climate change and marine litter impacts on biodiversity and the communities in and nearby protected areas; testing participatory governance mechanisms for a sustainable management of natural resources and its services related particularly to wetlands and small scale fisheries; and the meta-analysis of land and sea interactions and economic activities towards integrated ecosystem monitoring and management approaches. Ways to transfer innovative management tools and integrate different data platforms/interfaces in the region will be discussed to strengthen the efforts of this Mediterranean community of projects and institutions to regionally tackle emerging and identified common cross-cutting issues.

3 Relevance for the WetNet Project and the MED territory

WetNet project delegate participated as speaker at session 3 on “INNOVATIVE TOOLS TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION”. Specific topics of the session are:

- New management models for natural resource management.
- Multi-user and participatory approaches to better conserve ecosystem services.
- Funding tools supporting Biodiversity and sustainable natural resource management in the Mediterranean.

This session helped identify best practices and new tools to foster participatory processes in governance models around natural resource (co)management including fisheries and wetland related resources in terms of sustainable use in the Mediterranean, linking with possible implementation in the Adriatic region to support an integrated ecosystem monitoring and management.

4 Concluding Remarks

The developments and tools produced by Panacea community during the seminar will be assessed against the needs for regional environmental and sectoral policies including the EU MSP, the EU Habitat Directive and the effective management and support to identify priority areas for the enlargement of its Natura 2000 network, the Barcelona Convention and its protocols including the ICZM and the initiative on the de-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea.

5 Photo Gallery



ANNEX 1 - Event Programme

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2018

09h00 Arrival of participants: Registration

09h20 Welcome address

Master of Ceremony:

Srna Sudar, Regional Environment Centre (REC) – Montenegro

- [Mr. Saša Radulović, State Secretary for Environment, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro](#)
- Mr. Miodrag Raceta, Head of CBC body (Crossborder and Transnational Cooperation Programmes)

10h00 SETTING THE FRAMEWORK: ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT TO SUPPORT MEDITERRANEAN AND ADRIATIC PROCESSES - Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation science and practice into policy

- *Making management applicable: best practices and innovative tools bridging Science - Practice - Policy gaps.*
- *Recent management developments and gaps in biodiversity protection in the Eastern Mediterranean / Adriatic: establishment and management of a coherent MPA network.*
- *A look into instruments for biodiversity protection in the region*

Speakers:

- ✓ [Dania Abdul Malak, Director European Topic Centre – University of Malaga \(ETC-UMA\)](#)
- ✓ [Dusan Varda, Mediterranean Center for Environmental Monitoring \(MedCEM\) - Mediterranean Protected Areas Network \(MedPAN\)](#)
- ✓ Dragan Marković, Deputy Director, Institute for Coastal Zone Management of Montenegro

10h30 Greening our practices - Exhibition and coffee break

11h00 SESSION 1 - REGIONAL NETWORKS AND ACTIONS TO FOSTER ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT AND EVIDENCE-BASED POLICIES

This session will look at current efforts towards a multi-scale assessment, monitoring, and management of transboundary and cumulative impacts on biodiversity, with a focus on the importance of coherent and collaborative networks and an integrated approach to tackle common impacts at Mediterranean, basin, ecosystem and Protected Area level.

Chair: [Ameer Abdulla, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas/University of Queensland](#)

- *Towards ecosystem-based assessments of cumulative threats and identification of hot and cold spot areas at various scales.*
- *Supporting the prioritization of actions and the involvement of different stakeholders for an ecosystem-based management approach to the Mediterranean and Adriatic Sea – where, when, why and how.*

Speakers and panelists:

- ✓ Milena Batakovic, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism (previously Agency for Nature and Environment Protection), Montenegro
- ✓ Carlo Franzosini, Torre Guaceto Protected Area, AMARE project
- ✓ Elisabetta Manea, University of Venice
- ✓ Emiliano Ramieri, European Maritime Spatial Planning platform, Thetis SpA
- ✓ Ivana Stojanovic, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Directorate General of Climate Change and Mediterranean Affairs, Division of Mediterranean Affairs, Montenegro

13h30 Mediterranean flavours cocktail lunch

15h00 FIELD VISIT: National Park Skadar Lake and Ramsar site

A bus will take participants to the National Park Skadar lake, where a 2 hour boat tour around the lake will be organized to have an overview on the current co-management of the National Park, Ramsar site and wetland area across two countries and aspects related to mitigation of climate change and sustainable development.

Speaker: Mr. Nenad Ivanovic, Public Enterprise National Parks of Montenegro/National Park Skadar lake

09h00 WELCOME TO DAY 2 AND CONCLUSIONS DAY 1

09H10

SESSION 2: NEW DATA, STRENGTHENED INSTRUMENTS FOR AN ECOSYSTEM-BASED APPROACH

This session will highlight latest research findings concerning the necessary knowledge and data to foster a sustainable use of natural resources at different scales, in particular concerning an ecosystem-based management approach (EBM) with a focus on the Land-Sea interface (i.e. freshwater, coastal, marine continuum) and the relevant systems in place to support these efforts, with a focus on the Adriatic.

Chair: [Ms Alyssa Clavreul, UN Environment, Mediterranean Action Plan, Plan Bleu](#)

- *Monitoring data and actions for cumulative and cross-cutting stressors: marine litter and climate change and its impact in the Mediterranean*
- *A Mediterranean digital repository for biodiversity protection knowledge: what's on offer for protected area managers and policy-makers; geoportals and spatial data in the Mediterranean and the Adriatic*

Speakers and panelists:

- ✓ [Stefano Menegon, Italian National Research Council - ISMAR Institute of Marine Sciences, ADRIPLAN, PHAROS4MPAs](#)
- ✓ [Nataša Štrok, RGO Communication, ECOSUSTAIN](#)
- ✓ [Bijana Ajinovic, IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation, POSBEMED](#) and [MPA-ADAPT](#)
- ✓ [Age Martini, NAPA Albania, DESTIMED](#)
- ✓ [Mirka Čerņi/Andrea Blaškovič, Brijuni National Park, MPA-ADAPT](#)

11h00 Greening our practices - Exhibition and coffee break

11H30

SESSION 3: INNOVATIVE TOOLS TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

This session will help identify best practices and new tools to foster participatory processes in governance models around natural resource (co)management including fisheries and wetland related resources in terms of sustainable use in the Mediterranean, linking with possible implementation in the Adriatic region to support an integrated ecosystem monitoring and management.

Chair: [Sergi Tudela, Director General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs, Government of Catalonia - Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food](#)

- *New management models for natural resource management*
- *Multi-user and participatory approaches to better conserve ecosystem services*
- *Funding tools supporting Biodiversity and sustainable natural resource management in the Mediterranean*

Speakers and panelists:

- ✓ [Anna Carlson, FAO General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean \(GFCM\)](#)
- ✓ [Slavica Pavlovic, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Montenegro](#)
- ✓ [Giancarlo Gusmaroli, CIRF, WETNET](#)
- ✓ [Patrik Krstinić, WWF Adria, FISHMPABLUE2](#)
- ✓ [Anamaria Stambuk, University of Zagreb, CONFISH](#)
- ✓ [Stevan Maric, Public Enterprise National Parks of Montenegro/National Park Skadar lake](#)
- ✓ [Barbara di Piazza, ADRION programme Joint Secretariat \(video conference\)](#)

13h30 CONCLUSIONS FROM THE SESSIONS

13h45 A synthesis of ecosystem-based management practices and tools by the MED Biodiversity Community – reaching to practitioners and policy makers.

CLOSURE OF THE OPEN SEMINAR and OPENING OF WORKSHOPS

INSTRUCTIONS MED INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

* MED Ecosystem based Management Tools workshop - 17 May 2018 from 15:00 to 18:00 hrs

* Hands-on session for Interreg Med Biodiversity project partners on PANACEA Action Plans - 18 May 2018 from 8:30 to 12:30 hrs (*separate agenda, limited participation*)

DAY 2: THURSDAY 17 MAY 2018

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP SESSION ON MED ECOSYSTEM BASED MANAGEMENT TOOLS

Practical workshop with PANACeA partners, Interreg MED projects and other interest groups

15h00 : Welcome & introduction to PANACeA's Community Building Event

- Dania Abdul Malak, PANACeA Project Coordinator, Director ETC-UMA
- [Francesca Marcato, Interreg Med project officer](#)
- Snapshot of new members:
 - PHAROS4MPAs by Sylvain Petit, PAP RAC
 - PlasticBusters MPAs by Ilaria Caliani, University of Siena
- [Julia Vera Prieto, PANACeA's Event facilitator](#)

15h30: [Tools for ecosystem based management under development by the Biodiversity Protection Community by Alyssa Clavreul, Plan Bleu](#)

15h40: World Café on Selected tools featuring: *(facilitated by Julia Vera Prieto)*

- Monitoring tools and protocols:
 - [Freshwater quality \(EcoSustain\) - Natasha Stork, RGO Communications](#)
 - [Floating and ingested marine litter \(MedSeaLitter\) - Roberto Crosti, ISPRA](#)
 - [Sustainable fish stocks \(FishMPABlue2\) - Patrik Krstinic, WWF Adria](#)
 - [Climate change impacts \(MPA-Adapt\) - Stefania Chiesa, ISPRA; Andrea Blaskovic & Cerni Mirka, Brijuni National Park](#)
- GeoSpatial tools:
 - [AMARe WebGis - Valentina Grande, CNR](#)
 - Case study AMARe - [Carlo Franzosini, Torre Guaceto](#), and [Andrea Picciolo, Porto Cesareo Protected Areas](#)

17:30 [PANACeA's Biodiversity Protection Knowledge Platform: status and challenges towards shared data by Emanuele Mancosu / Sansoles San Roman, ETC-UMA](#)

- Practical examples:
 - T-MedNet data for climate change
 - Marine litter data integration (by Carlos Guitart, ETC-UMA)
 - Interreg Med Biodiversity protection partners and pilot sites

17: 50 Wrap-up of Meeting results & next steps for the PANACeA Community

- Dania Abdul Malak, PANACeA Project Coordinator, Director ETC-UMA

19:30 [Biodiversity Protection Cinema](#) and Dinner Cocktail