

# Ecosystem-Based Adaptation

“A pulse for transformative changes  
in the Mediterranean Sea”

14-16 October 2019  
Malaga, Spain



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## DRAFT AGENDA

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Venue: tbc

## BACKGROUND

The Interreg Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community featured by the PANACeA project is organising a three-day encounter to share and celebrate the three years of collaborative work achieved by this community to safeguard mechanisms and tools that support a more effective management of biodiversity and ensure proper ecosystem function across the Mediterranean.

The event will contain various activities related to the latest achievements on collaborative science, management and policy and will demonstrate the work done by over 200 institutions engaged in cooperation for conservation related actions. It will also shed light on its major future steps and planned actions for the upcoming years and will inform on their alignment with post 2020 regional and global targets.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The agenda will include official acts involving protected area managers, international, Mediterranean, national, regional and local public authorities, research institutions and all those people and organisations interested in biodiversity protection and sustainable natural resource management in the Mediterranean region.

## WHAT TOPICS WILL BE ADDRESSED

**“The diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems, as well as many fundamental contributions we derive from nature, are declining fast, although we still have the means to ensure a sustainable future for people and the planet”** (IPBES report, 2019).

The global and regional goals for conserving and sustainably using nature and achieving sustainability are far from being met, specially in the Mediterranean region, with demonstrated consequences from trajectories and trends of overexploitation of biodiversity and natural resources. It is most likely that globally and in the Mediterranean, most of the Aichi Targets set for 2020 (3 months from the event!), will be missed and that goals set for 2030 and beyond may only be achieved through “transformative changes across economic, social, political, and technological factors”. **Loss of biological diversity is shown to be, not only an environmental issue, but also a developmental, economic, security, social and moral issue as well.**

The Interreg Med Biodiversity Protection Community featured by PANACeA is using these fundamental messages raised by the recent IPBES report outcomes, that are applicable to the Mediterranean region, to raise the main topics of this expected conference.

As we failed to make an effective change in policies and management to conserve Mediterranean biodiversity and ecosystems to 2020, the debate and solutions found by the Community to the questions below could help effective upscaling and feeding the regional management and policy agendas for 2013 and beyond:

- How to adapt and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change on our ecosystems?
- What to do to tackle transboundary pollution like plastic and litter?
- Which are the key ecological areas that need to be protected and managed to maintain healthy Mediterranean habitats?
- What is the role of the various society actors in better preserving our natural capital and source of livelihoods?
- How to foster blue growth and limit damage to our ecosystems?
- Which models of participatory decision making are effective for an integrated management of natural resources including local livelihoods?

## Monday 14 October - Morning

09:30 - 12:30 Side-events: SOPHIE project workshop on Ocean and human health in the Mediterranean + PlasticBusters (Biodiversity and health) + side event with MedPAN

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## 14th October 2019 – Afternoon : Official opening

Master of ceremony: **Ms Julia Vera**

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13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

15:00 – 15.30 *Welcome and registration of participants*

15: 30 – 16.30 **Opening ceremony**

#### **Welcome speech from high level officials**

Provincial council  
Mayor of Malaga  
Interreg Med programme Joint Secretariat  
President of the University of Malaga  
Spanish Government representative  
European Commission, DG MARE  
UNEP/MAP

16.30 – 17:15 **Keynote speech – The State of Mediterranean Biodiversity**

17:15 – 17:45 *Coffee-break*

17:45 – 19:00 **Declaration Signature Ceremony**

#### **- Main achievements of MED Biodiversity Community**

The story of the MED Biodiversity Protection community: from individual projects and stakeholders to a strong community with concrete impacts

- *The declaration on Ecosystem-based approaches for biodiversity protection and management*

- Signature process

19:00 – 20:00 *Institutional Cocktail with live music / show*

# 15th October 2019

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Master of ceremony: **Ms Julia Vera**

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**08:30 - 09:00**      **Welcome and registration of participants**

**09:00 - 10:30**      **Technical session 1 : State & Trends of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in the Mediterranean Region**

Debate addressing following key questions: what are the state, the evolution and the trends of the environment and development in the Mediterranean region, What are their driving forces and root causes? What are the current and required policy and societal responses to the situation? It also identifies priority areas for action, based on available scientific data and reliable information.

**Setting the stage**

**Roundtable**

**Q&A**

*10:30 - 11:00*      *Coffee break*

**11:00 – 12:30**      **Technical session 2 : Biodiversity and socio-economic development**

Debate on how the sectoral activities and unsustainable development models are affecting ecosystem function in the Mediterranean, and what should be changed to reduce pressures so more sustainable development is reached.

**Setting the stage**

**Roundtable**

**Q&A**

**12:30 – 13:30**      **Technical session 3 : Solutions in hand for healthier Mediterranean ecosystems**

Debate on the knowledge and tools generated by different Interreg Med communities with that have proven to be viable solutions achieved to reduce pressures in the Mediterranean. Clear result-based cases will be used to demonstrate viable models to be promoted in the future to reach more sustainable development.

**Setting the stage**

**Roundtable**

**Q&A**

*13:30 – 15:00*      *Lunch break*

**15:00 – 18:00**      **Interactive session : The Biodiversity Protection toolkit in action**

*18:00 – 20:00*      *Cinema session : ocean and people - Dinner*

# 16th October 2019

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Master of ceremony: **Ms Julia Vera**

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<b>08:30 – 09:00</b>	<b>Welcome and registration of participants</b>	
<b>09:00 - 10:00</b>	<b>Policy uptake session 1 : Priority actions inside MPAs and solutions to improve it</b>	
	<b>Description :</b> Presentations of reports on the situation of MPAs in the Mediterranean , including results and tools/ solutions from the Biodiversity Protection Community and questions on what has worked and what did not and what solutions are to be prioritised for the future / post 2020 period.	
	<b>Setting the stage</b>	
	<b>Roundtable</b>	
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Policy uptake session 2: Priority actions in sensitive hotspot areas in the Mediterranean Sea (transboundary efforts - EBM approaches,..)</b>	
	Debate focusing on tools available, solutions and recommendations for priority action to manage cumulative impacts in sensitive transboundary areas in the Mediterranean. Ready-made solutions are show-cased as effective measures available for policy uptake.	
	<b>Setting the stage</b>	
	<b>Roundtable</b>	
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
<i>11:00 - 11:30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>11:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Policy uptake session 3: Solutions achieved on these two fronts to reduce pressures on Mediterranean biodiversity</b>	
	Integrated solutions achieved on these two fronts to reduce pressures on Mediterranean biodiversity that are transferable to support post 2020 targets including Mediterranean, European, and SDGs.	
	<b>Setting the stage</b>	
	<b>Roundtable</b>	
	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>13:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>	
<i>13:30 - 14:30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
<b>14:30 – 19:00</b>	<b>Site Visit</b>	<b>Side events (tbc)</b>
<i>19:00 – 21:00</i>	<i>Mediterranean dinner + Flamenco performance show</i>	