

Mediterranean Ecosystems in Danger: Enhancing EU policy response

Towards an integration of ecosystem-based approaches in policies

5 December 2018 - 9.00-12.00

Venue: **European Parliament**

Bât. Altiero Spinelli, Room PHS 5B001 - 60 rue Wiertz, B-1047 Brussels

The objective of this public hearing is to ensure that the key questions identified by the Med Biodiversity Protection Community, comprising around 150 institutions representing local and regional practitioners, policymakers, environmental lobbyists, and researchers and working in the Mediterranean are presented and taken in consideration in the formulation of political proposals.

08.30 Registration - security check

09.00 – 09.15 Opening session

Welcome speech by **Ms Gesine MEISSNER**, MEP, Chair of SEARICA

Presentation of the Interreg Med Biodiversity Protection Community, representative Junta de Andalucía (tbc)

09.15 – 10.00 Roundtable 1

Towards a transboundary and ecoregional approach for a sound biodiversity management and protection

Moderator: Mr **Marco AFFRONTE**, MEP, Member of the Searica

Panelists:

Mr **Abdulla AMEER**, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas WPCA

Representative, Sud Region (tbc)

Ms **Valentina MABILIA**, Policy Officer, Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning, DG Mare, European Commission

Q&A

10.05-10.45 Roundtable 2

A long-term vision for the development of monitoring tools, harmonized methodologies, protocols and data

Moderator: Mr **Davor ŠKRLEC**, MEP, Vice-Chair of Searica

Panelists:

Mr **Sylvain PETIT**, Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC), Croatia

Mr **Khalil ATTIA**, Director, Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA), Tunisia

Ms **Marijana MANCE**, Policy Officer, Unit C2, DG ENV, European Commission

Q&A

10.45 – 11.30 Roundtable 3

Streamlining governance and cooperation to tackle Mediterranean biodiversity challenge

Moderator: Mr **Francesc GAMBUS**, MEP, Member of Searica

Panelists:

Ms **Maria DEL MAR OTERO**, IUCN-Med Marine programme coordinator

Mr **Sergi TUDELA**, Director general de Pesca i Afers Marítims, Generalitat de Catalunya

Mr **Abdellah SROUR**, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, GFCM (tbc)

Q&A

11.30 – 12.00 Conclusion speech by MEP and signature of the Charter for Ecosystem Based Approach

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