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2nd Mission for Natural Heritage Institutional Dialogue

Date and time: 28 and 29 November 2024 | 9:00-18:30 CET

Venue: Centro Oceanográfico de Málaga IEO-CSIC, Málaga (Spain)

Organisers:

- **Organising Partner:** IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation
- **Supporting Partners:** Interreg Euro-Med Natural Heritage Mission
- **Hosting Organisation:** Spanish Institute of Oceanography

In collaboration with the **6th International Marine Science Communication Conference** ([CommOcean](#)). Please note that registrations are independent.

Description:

Organised over a two-day activity every year, the institutional dialogue aims to discuss policy challenges and promote solutions for key thematic issues relevant to the Mediterranean natural heritage. Participants will discuss obstacles, new approaches and opportunities to advocate for nature conservation in the region.

The first day of the event, **November 28**, will focus on **marine and coastal restoration**, with the afternoon session dedicated to the Spanish restoration context. This is a key discussion towards the restoration of at least 20% of the world's land and sea areas by 2030, as identified under Target 2 of the Global Biodiversity Framework. It also supports the target of 30% of terrestrial, coastal, freshwater, and marine ecosystems in good condition by 2030 under the EU Nature Restoration Law.

The second day of the event, **November 29**, will offer a **capacity-building session on the policy-science interface**. The objective is to provide insights for projects and organisations to better navigate the complexities of decision-making for nature conservation. Additionally, the Natural Heritage community of practice will have the chance to **meet, exchange ideas and identify new opportunities for collaboration**.



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AGENDA - November 28

'Marine and Coastal Restoration Policy in the Mediterranean'

8:30 - 9:00

Welcoming and Registration

9:00 - 9:30

Institutional Opening

- *Javier Gutiérrez del Álamo*, Director General of Environment and Sustainability at Málaga City Council
- *Maher Mahjoub*, Director of IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation
- *Christoph Maier*, Project Officer at Interreg Euro-Med Joint Secretariat
- *Alessandra Sensi*, Head of Sector Environment, Green and Blue Economy at the Union for the Mediterranean,

9:30 - 10:30

High-Level Panel: Marine and Coastal Restoration Policy Context

Moderated by *Alberto Arroyo Schnell*, Head of Programme and Policy, IUCN

- *Vedran Nikolić*, Nature Conservation Unit, DG Environment, European Commission
- *Jose Luis García Varas*, Head of Oceans Programme at WWF Spain

10:30 - 11:00

COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:30

Roundtable: Adopting the Restoration Agenda in the Mediterranean

Moderated by *Peter Mackelworth*, Project Manager at the Marine Institute

- *Atef Ouerghi*, Programme Officer Ecosystem Conservation at SPA-RAC
- *Fernando Magdaleno Mas*, Deputy Director General of Terrestrial and Marine Biodiversity at the Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of Spain
- *Arina Maraš*, Head of Division for Protected Areas at the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Northern Region Development of Montenegro



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- *Saida Laouar*, Deputy Director for the Preservation of the Coastline, Marine Environments and Wetlands. Ministry of the Environment and Renewable Energies of Algeria
- *Dimitra Dafnomili*, Deputy Head of Environment Department at the Region of Crete
- *Stefania Manca*, Economic Development and Promotion Area Directorate at Genoa City Council
- *Pedro Juanes Notario*, European Funds Advisor at Málaga City Council

11:00 - 12:30

Roundtable: From Policy to Action

Moderated by *Constantin Tsakas*, Chief Economist at Plan Bleu

- *Arnaud Terrisse* (Plan Bleu) & *David Álvarez García* (ECOACSA), ARTEMIS Project
- *Joaquim Garrabou* (CSIC), MPA4Change Project
- *Popi Pagkou* (HCMR), ABIOMMED Project
- *Flavia Cavaliere*, Senior Consultant at OCEANOGRAMI
- *Orens Pasqueron de Fommervault*, Project Officer at the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission - UNESCO
- *Xavier Bernard-Sans*, Secretary General of Pyrenees Mediterranean EUROREGIO
- *Christoph Maier*, Project Officer at the Interreg Euro-MED Joint Secretariat

14:00 - 15:00

LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING

15:00 - 15:15

Conclusions & Announcements

- Insights from the Union for the Mediterranean, *Alessandra Sensi*
- Natural Heritage Mission Policy Paper on Restoration, *Carolina Pérez* (MedCities) & *Jeremie Fosse* (eco-union)



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PARALLEL ACTIVITIES



RESTAURACIÓN MARINA EN ESPAÑA

15:30 - 15:40 Bienvenida e introducción

Pilar Marín, UICN Med

15:40 - 16:20 La restauración marina en España: Marco de actuación y restauración en áreas Natura 2000

Fernando Magdaleno Mas, Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y el Reto Demográfico.

16:20 - 16:50 PAUSA CAFÉ

16:50 - 17:45 Explorando proyectos sobre restauración marina y costera en España

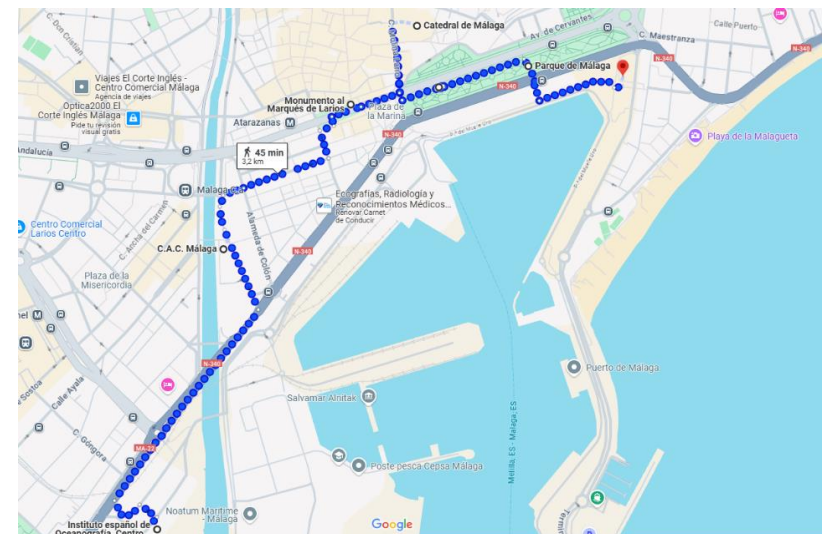
- [REST-COAST](#)- *Carles Ibáñez Martí, Eurecat*
- [RESALAR](#)- *Pedro García Moreno, ANSE*
- Red pan-mediterránea de colectores de larvas de *Pinna nobilis* - *Diego Kersting, IATS-CSIC*
- Posidonia - *Inés Castejón Silvo, IMEDEA (CSIC-UIB)*
- [FOREST](#)- *Emma Cebrián Pujol, CEAB-CSIC*
- [MEDCORAL](#)- *Alexis Terrón Sigler, Hombre y Territorio*
- [DEEP CORE](#) - *Marina Palacios Miñambres, CoralSoul*
- [LIFEECOREST](#)- *Jacopo Aguzzi, ICM-CSIC*
- [REDRESS](#) - *Jacopo Aguzzi, ICM-CSIC*

17:45 - 18:30 Mesa redonda

La restauración marina en España y el Plan Nacional de Restauración: desafíos, avances y perspectivas

15:45 - 18:15 The Climate Journey: Málaga's historical, cultural, and economic connections to the sea *Social Climate*

The aim of this route is to explore the past and present of Málaga, looking at its heritage, traditions, and connection to the marine environment and coasts. The main theme is climate change, and at each stop, we will discuss its causes, impacts, and solutions, especially related to the marine ecosystem. We will also see some of the iconic places in the city, like Calle Larios, the Málaga Cathedral and the Farola among others. In short, this route invites you to discover the history and culture, sustainability, and biodiversity of Málaga through dialogue and walking.



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Icebreaking Activity - Bingo Game

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TRAINING - Improving the Quality of Science for Governance

Mario Giampietro, European Centre for Governance in Complexity

- Epistemological Breakdown & Complexity, Post-Normal Science and Quantitative Storytelling

11:30 - 12:00

COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:30

Working Groups Meeting – Finalising the Policy Paper on Restoration

- Overview of the document & Positioning the policy paper in the Euro-Mediterranean Area

13:30 - 14:30

LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING

14:30 - 17:30

Building the Natural Heritage Community of Practice, Networking and Synergies

- Clustering Activity: Introducing geographic and thematic clustering
- Thematic Projects Marketplace: Identifying challenges, collaboration and synergy opportunities
- Timeline of events: Updating our joint calendar of events

17:30 - 18:00

Closing Remarks



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