



CLUSTER SUMMARY

Cluster title

GreenList4MMPAs Peer Review Cluster

Setting

GreenList4MMPAs meeting (Online)

Duration

24.02.2026

16-18h
(2h session)

Participants

GREEN LIST 4 MMPAS CONSORTIUM: moderators of the session

International Union for Conservation of Nature - IUCN (ES); Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn Napoli - SZN (IT);

Natural Heritage Mission Governance Projects:

Association of Parks in Bulgaria - APB (BG); Research Centre on Ecology and Forest Applications - CREAM (ES); National Interuniversity Consortium for Marine Sciences - CoNISM (IT); IrRADIARE (PT); Marine Institute - MI (HR).

Reviewers:

Leonardo Tunesi, Member of Mediterranean Marine Expert Assessment Group for the Green List (EAGL) (MPA expert); Prof. Cristian Ruiz Altaba, Mediterranean Member Med Marine EAGL (UIB); Rigiers Bakui, member of Med Marine EAGL (Albanian Centre for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development).

Goals & Objectives

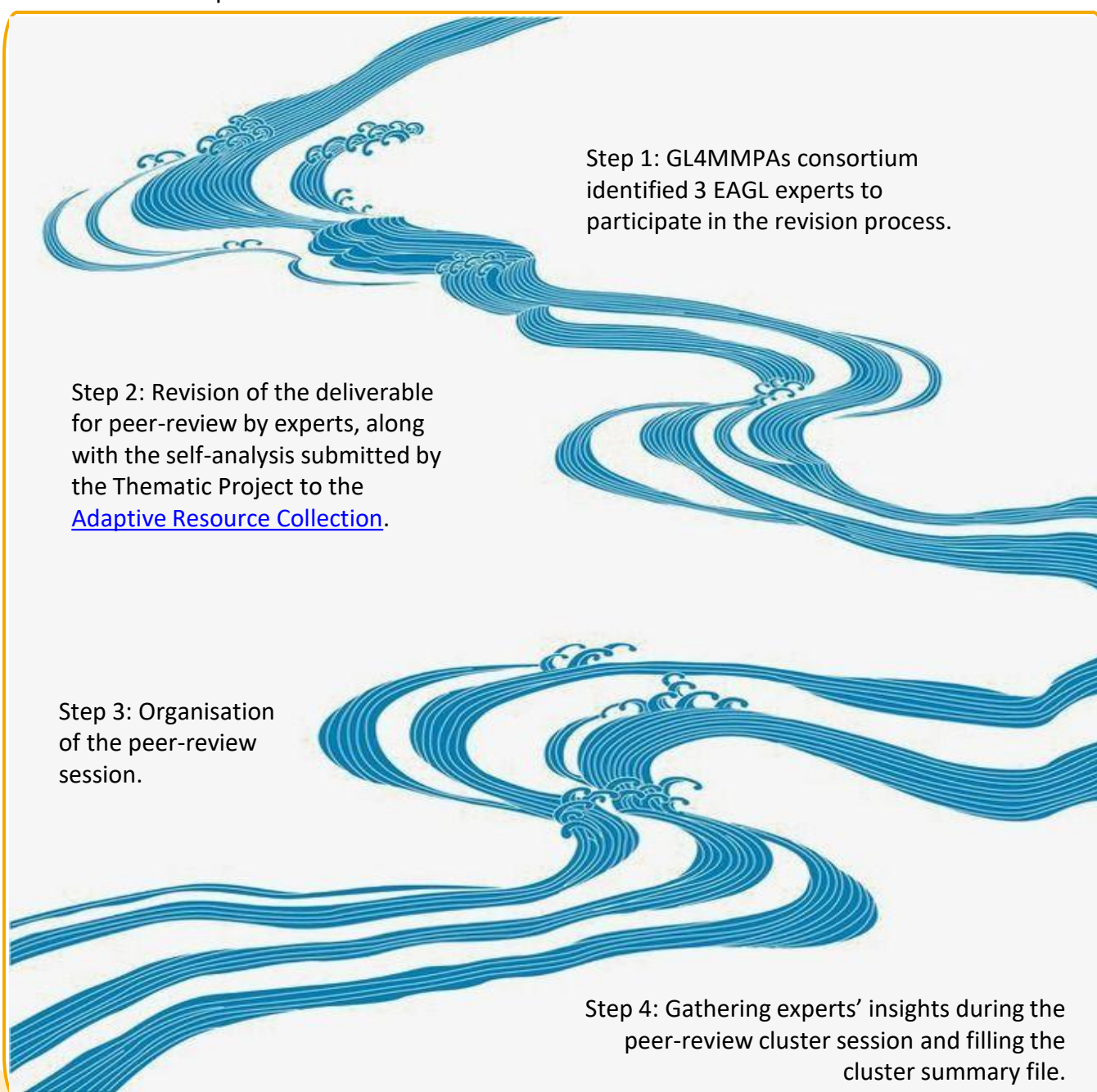
The peer review cluster session aimed to improve the transferability of the GreenList4MMPAs (GL4MMPAs hereafter) final output by discussing the barriers and enablers for transference, the document's format and its wider dissemination opportunities. GL4MMPAs consortium with this session also wanted to engage EAGL experts to gather the critical perspectives needed to improve the information available for performing the peer review, identifying leverage points for boosting transference towards target audiences, fostering adoption and replication, as well as to profile concrete opportunities to strengthen the project's impact.



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Cluster Roadmap





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Main Outcomes

Indicators capturing their outcomes:

- 5 experts identified and linked up with the project
- 3 experts engaged in the peer review session
- 17 participants involved in the revision of results
- 1 deliverable reviewed

The deliverable analysed (D.1.6.1) is a “finalised list of Mediterranean MPAs tailored to the IUCN Green List set of indicators” and has the main objective to improve the adaptability of the IUCN Green List standard to marine protected areas in the Mediterranean context, as these standards were originally created on a worldwide scale for both terrestrial and marine sites. The development of the guidance and notes in the deliverable follow a thorough iterative process of literature review, consultation with MPA managers, and six national-level focus groups with MPA experts and decision-makers. After two rounds of revision, the final version of the MPA guidance was developed. The deliverable was considered of good quality and relevance.

Regarding the guidance format, reviewers made design suggestions to improve the document’s readability and simplify access to its information. These included providing short, real-world examples of how each indicator was applied in practice within the Mediterranean MPAs, and using graphic resources, such as illustrations and infographics, to summarise indicators. Also, the use of different visual layouts for the document’s sections was identified as a useful adaptation to facilitate users’ consultation. Finally, a number of dissemination opportunities were discussed, including conferences (i.e., WCMB, ICMPAER) and platforms (i.e., NHM social media), as well as the NHM CoP event in May 2026 in Lisbon.

Regarding the barriers and enablers for transference, the peer-review cluster members referred to the information provided in the Adaptive Resource Collection form, a self-assessment on the transferability of results to revise and expand it as needed, to strengthen capacity building for the take-up of the promoted tools and techniques. It was recommended that the deliverable be targeted at government agencies to enable broader adoption. Moreover, ways to monitor the effectiveness of the solution were discussed, including tracking the number of people contacting the TP consortia for adopting the tool. An important barrier to transference that emerged is the potential workload for MPA managers to comply with the proposed standards. Also, the product might not be user-friendly and catchy for MPA managers. Moreover, language barriers might hinder the effectiveness of the solution. A proposed general solution is to provide contact information for mentors who have proved very helpful in previous cases to facilitate the adoption of the proposed solution. Also, the use of the Green List as a work-frame to organise the work of MPAs and inform management effectiveness decisions, or promoting the potential GL certification of MPAs might promote its adoption.

Notes and remarks

The session served as a space to share ideas and brainstorm ways to improve the usability and transferability of the GL4MMPAs’ final output, and provided useful feedback from engaged stakeholders.

Next steps

Follow up on the input received to improve the deliverable transferability.

Publication of the peer-reviewed deliverables in the Library of the [Interreg Euro-MED Academy](#) and the Natural Heritage Mission Catalogue of Transferable Solutions.



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