



SIDE EVENT AGENDA

30*30 challenge: Science evidence for effective marine protected areas

April 15th 13.30 – 14.30 multi-functional room 1

Lead: MEDASSET & The Green Tank

Co-organizers: HCMR, ISRPA, NECCA, UAegean, UoC, NOA, HOS, MOM, ARCHELON, NCC, Waterproof

This side event will explore opportunities and challenges that arise from the designation of the new marine protected areas, in line with the national, EU and global 2030 target of designating 30% of the marine areas as protected. Through a structured and interactive dialogue, leading technical and policy experts will engage in an exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices. The side event is hosted by the LIFE MareNatura project which will contribute significantly to the scientific documentation of the ecological value of the marine areas, Greece intends to declare as Marine Protected Areas, to achieve the "30 * 30" goal.



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Ms. Nadia Andreanidou, Programmes & Policy Officer MEDASSET/ Ms. Ioli Christopoulou, Partner & Policy Director The Green Tank

Time (from-to)	Title of intervention/presentation Name, Affiliation
13.30 – 13.35	Nadia Andreanidou, Project and Policy officer for LIFE project: Welcome, LIFE MareNatura project & side-event scope
13.35 – 14.20	Ioli Christopoulou, Policy expert for LIFE project (moderator) Structured dialogue based on the following questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What new science and technology approaches, tools and methodologies will need to be applied for the identification and designation of marine protected areas? - How can the tools for the conservation of vulnerable marine species (as those noted above) support the designation of marine protected areas? - What challenges can we anticipate in the designation of the marine protected areas and how can they be addressed? - What kind of institutional framework is needed to ensure that the new protected areas are effectively managed?



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Considering the short timeframe left until 2030, identify the top opportunity and top challenge to reach the 2030 biodiversity target <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Petros Varelidis, General Secretary for Natural Environment and Water, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Greece (TBC)</p> <p>Anis ZARROUK, Biodiversity Programme Coordinator, SPA/RAC</p> <p>Mercedes Muñoz Cañas, Programme coordinator, IUCN</p> <p>Oliver Yates Head, International Marine Programme, BirdLife International</p>
14.20 – 14.30	<p>Announcement of commitment #1</p> <p>Panagiotis Kasapidis, Senior Researcher & LIFE Project Coordinator, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR):</p> <p>Announcement of commitment #2</p> <p>Ministry of Environment & Energy (TBC)</p>