



# SIDE EVENT AGENDA

**Community led innovations for the establishment of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Fisheries Restricted Areas (FRAs) and the role of small-scale fishers: two examples in the heart of the Aegean Sea, Amorgos and Santorini, Greece**

Monday 15/ 4/2024 | 10.00-10.50 am| Book Castle, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Centre

Lead: **Cyclades Preservation Fund (CPF)**



Co-organizers: **Blue Marine Foundation | Professional Fishing Association of Amorgos | The Theriac Sea | Agricultural University of Athens | Ministry of Rural Development and Food -Hellenic Republic**





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The livelihoods and survival of millions of fishers and their communities around the world are directly dependent on healthy oceans. They are the ones experiencing first-hand the degradation of the marine environment, while the quality of their lives is subsequently deteriorating. This dire fact has led to an increasing number of fishing communities taking initiatives for the protection of the marine environment for safeguarding their future. From east to west in the Mediterranean Sea, small-scale fishers are becoming more and more vocal striving for protection and a better future.

What characterises the two innovative examples, in the heart of the Aegean Sea, Amorgos and Santorini, to be presented in our side event and can be the key to successful management, is the collaborative bottom-up approach that brings together all the stakeholders involved - from conservation, fisheries, marine users, government, research and local communities to work together towards common goals.

Panellists will present these two exemplary Greek cases, including the key elements and the challenges in each area, present their experiences from other areas of neighbouring countries, such as Italy and Turkey, and discuss how this collaborative approach can become a model to be replicated across the Mediterranean Sea. The aim is that the panel will trigger a wider discussion amongst the attendants and will inspire governments and stakeholders to support and implement such initiatives in their countries.



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**Moderator: Anni Mitropoulou, Executive Director, Cyclades Preservation Fund (CPF)**

<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Welcome.</b>  Ms. Anni Mitropoulou, Executive Director Cyclades Preservation Fund (CPF)
<b>10.05am</b>	<b>Amorgorama - an exemplary initiative aligned with Mediterranean and European priorities for clean shores, more fish, healthy environment, and empowered fishing communities.</b>  Mr. Michalis Krosman, President, Professional Fishing Association of Amorgos "Hozoviotissa"
<b>10.10am</b>	<b>Scientific justification for the establishment of fisheries regulations in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and fisheries measures for sustainable and climate resilient fisheries.</b>  Mr. Stefanos Kalogirou, As. Professor, University of Agricultural University of Athens
<b>10.15am</b>	<b>A bottom-up initiative for the establishment of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) and the sustainable development for the seas of Santorini Island that will mitigate destructive human activities and effectively protect the valuable but vulnerable marine natural environment.</b>  Mr. Vangelis Paravas, President, The Theraic Sea Association





<b>10.20am</b>	Participatory and local input and partnerships as requirements for the effective creation, co-management, guarding and scientific monitoring of no take zones in the Mediterranean.  Ms. Angela Lazou Dean, Greece Project Manager, Blue Marine Foundation
<b>10.25am</b>	Guest of Honour  Mr. Lefteris Avgenakis, Minister of Rural Development and Food, Hellenic Republic
<b>10.35am</b>	Announcing commitments from the panellists  Questions & Discussion with the audience.
<b>10.45am</b>	Final Remarks.
<b>10.50am</b>	Closure.