

Financing Coastal & Marine Based Nature Based Solutions

17th of April, 11am-11.50am Lighthouse Room- SNFCC

Lead: Xenia zu Hohenlohe- Sustainable Markets Initiative

The side event aims to

1. Present the [report](#) published by the SMI's Financial Task Force on how to mobilise the commercial capital for the protection of coastal and marine ecosystems, showcasing how some of the companies who co-authored the reports are converting intent to action.
2. Discuss the objectives of the SMI's Nature Accelerator Fund, which has the mandate to develop five land-based and five water-based initiatives per year until 2030.
3. Elaborate on the definition of Nature Based Solutions, their importance to meeting our global climate goals, the different project types addressing the various eco-systems in the blue economy as well as some of the key risk facing investments in this space.
4. Talk about specific impacts of projects that have already been achieved, to showcase real-life examples funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and the positive effects these can have, and talk about challenges, opportunities and learnings.



SIDE EVENT AGENDA

Xenia zu Hohenlohe- Chief Engagement & Strategy Officer for the Sustainable Markets Initiative (SMI)

Time (from-to)	Panelists
11.00-11.50	
	Marine de Bezalaire Group Advisor on Natural Capital HSBC Bank
	Chris Gorell Barnes Founding Partner Ocean14 Capital
	Dimitris Sakipis Director ESG Advisory PwC Greece
	Konstantina Toli Project Coordinator IOC/UNESCO