



PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF SIDE-EVENTS

Monday, 15 April 2024

- 09:00-09:50 | Multifunctional Room 2 Round Table Events

Aegean Archipelago Potential

Lead: University of the Aegean

Other organizers: UNESCO Chair on Geoparks and the Sustainable Development of Insular and Coastal Areas

- 09:00-09:50 | Multifunctional Room 1

Alternative Monitoring and Managing Approaches of the 2nd biggest MPA in Africa

Lead: Namibia Nature Foundation

Other organizers: Blue Action Fund, Blue Marine Foundation, The Namibian Foundation for the Conservation of Seabirds, Oceans 5, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Namibia

- 9:00-09:50 | Book Castle

Increasing conservation impact through collective efforts by public aquariums

Lead: Aquarium Conservation Partnership

Other organizers: Seattle Aquarium, National Aquarium, New England Aquarium, Georgia Aquarium

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Unlocking Ocean Potential: Tackling the ghost-farms problem and imaging a more sustainable fish farming industry

Lead: Healthy Seas Foundation

Other organizers: Dutch Embassy in Greece

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Ocean Allies: Shaping our Future Together

Lead: RISE UP

Other organizers: Oceano Azul Foundation, Fauna & Flora, CAOPA - African Confederation of Professional Organizations of Artisanal Fisheries, EarthEcho International, Supported by the Government of France (tbc) Costa Rica (tbc), IUCN Brazil

- 10:00-10:50 | Book Castle

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

Lead: Cyclades Preservation Fund (member of The Conservation Collective)

Other organizers: Blue Marine Foundation, The Professional Fishing Association of Amorgos, The Theraic Sea, Agricultural University of Athens, Ministry of Rural Development and Food-Hellenic Republic

- 11:00-12:50 | Book Castle

Round Table: Ocean Literacy – Blue Skills – Youth Engagement and Empowerment

Lead: MIO-ECSDE / UNESCO Chair & Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean of UoA

Other organizers: MEDASSET, The American College of Greece, University of the Aegean, IDEC SA, Hellenic Centre for Maritime Research (HCMR), Peace Boat, ECOP Programme Canada node, Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA), Leadership Development Association International, Minderoo Foundation, Parley TV, UNESCO IOC

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Navigating Waves: Essential Skills for Youth to Thrive in the Blue Economy

Lead: UNESCO Chair on Climate Diplomacy & ELIAMEP

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The future of ocean science studies

Lead: University of Athens (UOA)

Other organizers: Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Hellenic Oceanographers Association

- 13:00-13:50 | Book Castle

Ocean reporting in support of the ocean and climate nexus

Lead: Mercator Ocean International

Other organizer: EC DEFIS

- 13:30-14:30 | Multifunctional Room 1

30x30 challenge: Science evidence for effective marine protected areas

Lead: MEDASSET & The Green Tank

- 14:00-14:50 | Book Castle

Our Ocean 2024: Technology for Good

Lead: Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation

Other organizers: Global Fishing Watch, Government of Greece

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Lead: Navigating Maritime Geopolitics: Insights from the Red Sea and Beyond

Other organizers: Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Institute for Security Studies, University of Pretoria

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Green Shipping: Recent Advances, Digital Twins for Ocean Health and Maritime Connectivity

Lead: National Technical University of Athens, Democritus University of Thrace

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Ocean Innovators Start-up pitch

Lead: Oceans Arena

Other organizers: Sustainable Ocean Alliance - Lloyds Register/M-ERC

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Revive Our Oceans Where It Matters Most: Directing our Earthshot for Coastal Waters and Communities

Lead: Rare

Other organizers: The Earthshot Prize, WildAid Marine Program, Abalobi

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Emerging impacts of regional cooperation in the Mediterranean Sea: a special focus on green shipping and sustainable coastal tourism

Lead: WestMED Initiative

Other organizers: Direção-Geral de Política do Mar (Portugal)

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Food Security: The Role of Sustainable Aquatic/Blue Foods in The Green Transition

Lead: European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD)

Other organizers: FAO, Norway, ICFA, FEAP / Hellenic Aquaculture Producers Organization (HAPO), UN Aquatic Blue Foods Coalition

- 11:00 - 11:50 | Alternative Stage

Enhancing the sustainability of the Mediterranean Sea environment by means of political mobilization and financial instruments

Lead: Government of France – Barcelona Convention / MEDET by PAMEX Local Invest Finance Facility (PLIFF), Hellenic Spanish Chamber of Commerce supported by Spanish Embassy

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Pioneering Steps for The Sustainability of Our Oceans

Lead: Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change

Other organizers: Turkish Marine Environment Protection Association/ TURMEPA, Turkish Shipbuilders' Association (GISBIR), Turkish Shipbuilders' Association (GISAŞ), International Ship Recycling Association (ISRA)

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The future of a long-lasting partnership in the Mediterranean as a key contribution to the achievement of global ocean related targets

Lead: UN Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP) – Information and Communication Regional Activity Centre (INFO/RAC), Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE)

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Foster Blue Citizen, Promote Blue Partnership, Take Action for a Healthy Ocean

Lead: Third Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources (TIO-MNR), the People's Republic of China (PRC), Society of Entrepreneurs and Ecology Foundation (SEE Foundation)

Organizing partners: World Economic Forum (WEF) - Friends of Ocean Action, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC), The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA), David and Lucile Packard Foundation

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Funding 30x30

Organized by: Blue Action Fund, Minderoo, Med Donors Roundtable (represented by Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and Oceans 5)

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Accelerating Science, Technology and Policy for Responsible Marine Carbon Removals

Lead: Ocean Visions

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Sailing towards Sustainability: Navigating ESG for a Sustainable Shipping Industry

Lead: World ESG Forum ESG Shipping Awards

Other organizers: Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh - Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO)

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Investing in Reef-Positive Businesses

Co-host organizations: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR), Ministry of Environment of Egypt Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR)

- 13:00 – 13:50 | Alternative Stage

Fisheries and Marine Conservation in Africa (tbc)

Lead: Blue Ventures

Co-hosts: PRCM (Le Partenariat Régional pour la Conservation de la zone côtière et Marine) and Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, CSRP - Commission Sous-Régionale des Pêches- Stop Illegal Fishing, PRCM - Le Partenariat Régional pour la Conservation de la zone côtière et Marine, and OACPS - The Organisation of Africa, Caribbean and Pacific States

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Sustainable small-scale aquaculture in the SE Mediterranean

Lead: New Agriculture New Generation

Other organizers: General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Sustainable Tourism in the South Aegean Region & Global Innovation

Lead: Rhodes Co-Lab, The South Aegean Region, TUI, ELIAMEP, PwC, Polygreen, Europe Jacques Delors

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Financing Sustainable Solutions for the Blue Economy

Lead: Only One, Systemiq

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Energy Transition of Shipping (title tbc)

Involved organizations: European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA), The Hellenic Impact Investing Network

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Unlocking the potential of reusable beverage packaging to tackle the marine plastic pollution crisis

Lead: Oceana

Other organizers: Dutch Association of Investors for Sustainable Development (VBDO)

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Healthy Source-to-Sea Systems/Pollution (tbc)

Lead: GEF, GWP Med, FAO

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Navigating the way for a Sea of biodiversity

Lead: Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA)

- 15:00 – 15:50 | Alternative Stage

Our Deep Ocean: the growing momentum for a halt to deep-sea mining

Lead: Deep Sea Conservation Coalition

Other organizers: Government of Palau, Government of Costa Rica, Government of France, Government of Germany, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Sustainable Ocean Alliance

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New tools and approaches for combating crime in the fisheries sector and the interconnected risks related to environmental impacts, human rights and labor abuses in seafood supply chains

Lead: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Monterey Bay Aquarium, International Labour Organization (ILO)

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Green Shipping (tbc)

Lead: Getting to Zero Coalition, Climate Champions Team, UN Foundation, Lloyd's Register Foundation, Sustainable Shipping Initiative, Maersk-McKinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping, Equal Routes, World Economic Forum

- 17:00 – 17:50 | Alternative Stage

Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges: Mission Restore our Oceans and Waters by 2030

Organizers: European Commission, Environmental Defense Fund, BlueMissionMed project, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)

Wednesday, 17 April 2024

- 08:00 – 08:50 | Multifunctional Room 2 Round Table Events

project PARALIES: An innovative bottom-up initiative mobilizing private sector to be actively engaged in

Lead: The Blue Oxygen p.c. – project PARALIES

Other Organizers: EYDAP S.A. (Athens Water Supply & Sewerage Company S.A.), AVIN S.A.

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Oceanic Solutions: Strengthening Climate Resilience

Lead: Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, UAE

- 09:00 – 09:50 | Book Castle

Achieving 30x30 in the ocean: Recognizing local and national actions and announcing the 2024 Blue Park Awards

Lead: Marine Conservation Institute, Bloomberg Ocean Initiative

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Marine Litter: Bridging science and policy making

Lead: Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation

- 10:00 – 10:50 | Multifunctional Room 1

Public-Private Collaboration as a Strategy to Ensure the Protection and Conservation of Marine Resources in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor (CMAR)

Lead: Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor (CMAR)

Other organizers: Pew Bertarelli Ocean Legacy, Bezos Earth Fund, Rewild Conservation International, World Bank

- 10:00 – 10:50 | Book Castle

Bringing the Mediterranean monk seal back home: examples of holistic action for the conservation and protection of an endangered mobile species

Lead: Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation

Other organizers: NECCA, Monk Seal Alliance (MSA) (Foundations Thalassa, Segré, Hans Wilsdorf, PAIF)

- 10:00 – 11:30 | Alternative Stage

Round Table on Marine Litter Mitigation/Plastic Pollution (tbd)

Lead: Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)

Involved organizers: The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), the Mediterranean Action Plan of UNEP (UNEP/MAP), Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC UNESCO), The Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection, IUCN, MEDASSET - Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles (MEDASSET), Beyond Plastic Med, Water and Environment Support (WES) & Arab Network for Environment and Sustainable Development (RAED), BlueCycle-Laskaridis Shipping Co. Ltd., U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Ocean Conservancy, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Common Seas, ZUG (Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft gGmbH) the state-owned German project agency responsible for the coordination of the German Grant Programme against Marine Litter

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Bridging the Gap: Strengthening Cooperation for Climate Resilience in the Mediterranean

Lead: Ankara University National Center for the Sea and Maritime Law (DEHUKAM)

Other organizers: Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

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Investing Blue Carbon Ecosystems

Involved partners: The Nature Conservancy, Government of Belize; SeyCCAT (TBC), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), United States Department of State, United

States National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

- 12:00 – 12:50 | Book Castle

Climate Change – Climate Change Adaptation (tbc)

Lead: European Investment Bank (EIB Group Office in Greece) Ministry of Development, EPLO, Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, Directorate of Climate Change and Air Quality

- 12:00 – 12:50 | Alternative Stage

Climate Change – Blue Carbon – Acidification (tbc)

Lead: Hellenic Centre for Marine Research-HCMR, United Nations Environment Programme-Mediterranean Action Plan UNEP/MAP, International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification-OA Alliance, International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification UN Foundation

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The role of companies towards the UN Ocean Decade goals

Lead: Aegean Rebreath

Other organizers: For Earth

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Building Tourism and Sustainable Blue Economies: Partnerships for Ecological, Economic, and Climate Resilience in SIDS

Lead: Government of Palau, Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, International Cooperation and Development Fund

Other organizers: Pacific Island Forum (PIFS), Caribbean Community Secretariat, Development Agency-NEPAD, African Union, Sustainable Travel International (STI)

- 13:00-13:50 | Book Castle

An ESG standard for healthy oceans

Lead: World ESG Forum

Other organizers: Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh - Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO)

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Mediterranean MPAs (tbc)

Lead: Monaco Oceanographic Institute, WWF Med, IUCN Med, MedPAN, WWF Greece & Greenpeace Greece, SPA/RAC, Medfund

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Protecting Sea Turtles in Rethymno: Uniting Tourism & Conservation Efforts

Lead: ARCHELON - The Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece

Other organizers: Municipality of Rethymno, GRECOTEL HOTEL AND RESORTS, ECOCLUB

- 16:00-16:50 | Book Tower

Ten years of the Our Ocean Conference: Commitments lead to real ocean protection

Lead: Oregon State University

Other organizers: UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), Marine Conservation Institute, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas

- 16:00-16:50 | Alternative Stage

From Policy to Practice: Solutions for and Benefits of Transparent and Traceable Fisheries

Co-host organizations: Coalition for Fisheries Transparency (CFT), Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI), IUU Forum Japan