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## 2nd Mission for Natural Heritage Institutional Dialogue

**Date and Time:** 28 and 29 November, 2024 | 9:00 - 18:30 CET

**Venue:** [Centro Oceanográfico de Málaga IEO-CSIC](#), Málaga (Spain)

### Organisers:

- **Organising Partner:** IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation
- **Supporting Partners:** Interreg Euro-Med Natural Heritage Mission
- **Hosting Organisation:** Spanish Institute of Oceanography - Centro Oceanográfico de Málaga.

In collaboration with the **6th International Marine Science Communication Conference** ([CommOcean](#)). Please note that registrations are independent.

### Description:

Organised over a two-day activity every year, the institutional dialogue aims to discuss policy challenges and promote solutions for key thematic issues relevant to the Mediterranean natural heritage. Participants will discuss obstacles, new approaches and opportunities to advocate for nature conservation in the region.

The first day of the event, **November 28**, will focus on **marine and coastal restoration**, with the afternoon session dedicated to the Spanish restoration context. This is a key discussion towards the restoration of at least 20% of the world's land and sea areas by 2030, as identified under Target 2 of the Global Biodiversity Framework. It also supports the target of 30% of terrestrial, coastal, freshwater, and marine ecosystems in good condition by 2030 under the EU Nature Restoration Law.

The second day of the event, **November 29**, will offer a **capacity-building session on the policy-science interface**. The objective is to provide insights for projects and organisations to better navigate the complexities of decision-making for nature conservation. Additionally, the Natural Heritage community of practice will have the chance to **meet, exchange ideas and identify new opportunities for collaboration**.





## DRAFT AGENDA - November 28

### 'Marine and Coastal Restoration Policy in the Mediterranean'

**8:30 - 9:00**      **Welcoming and Registration**

**9:00 - 9:30**      **Institutional Opening**

- City of Málaga, *Javier Gutiérrez del Álamo*
- IUCN-Med, *Maher Mahjoub*
- Interreg Euro-MED Joint Secretariat, *Christoph Maier*
- Union for the Mediterranean, *Alessandra Sensi*

**9:30 - 10:30**      **High-Level Panel: Marine and Coastal Restoration Policy Context**

*(moderated by Alberto Arroyo Schnell, IUCN)*

- European Commission, *Vedran Nikolic*
- WWF Spain, *Jose Luis García Varas*

**10:30 - 11:00**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00 - 12:30**

**Roundtable: Adopting the Restoration Agenda in the Mediterranean** *(moderated by Peter Mackelworth, Marine Institute)*

- SPA/RAC, *Atef Ouerghi*
- Ministry of Spain, *Fernando Magdaleno*
- Ministry of Montenegro, *Arina Maras*
- Region of Crete, *Marinos Kritsotakis*
- City of Limassol
- City of Genoa

**12:30 - 14:00**

**Roundtable: From Policy to Action** *(moderated by Constantin Tsakas, Plan Bleu)*

- [ARTEMIS](#), *Arnaud Terrisse* & ECOACSA, *David Álvarez*
- [WETNET, TUNE UP & WE GO COOP](#), *Katarina Polajnar*
- [MPAAdapt, MPAEngage & MPA4Change](#), *Joaquim Garrabou*
- [ABIOMMED](#), *Popi Pagkou*
- OCEANOGAMI, *Flavia Cavaliere*
- IOC/ UNESCO, *Emma Heslop*
- Euroregion Pyrénées-Méditerranée
- Interreg Euro-MED Joint Secretariat, *Christoph Maier*

**14:00 - 15:00**

**LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING**

**15:00 - 15:15**

**Conclusions & Announcements**

- Insights from the Union for the Mediterranean, *Alessandra Sensi*
- Natural Heritage Mission Position on Restoration, *Jeremie Fosse*





## RESTAURACIÓN MARINA EN ESPAÑA (\*)

**15:30 - 15:40** **Bienvenida e introducción a la jornada** (*modera Pilar Marín, UICN-Med*)

**15:40 - 16:20** **Contexto político de la restauración marina en España**

- Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y el Reto Demográfico, *Fernando Magdaleno*

**Restauración en áreas Natura 2000 en España**

- INDEMARES/INTERMARES, *Fernando Magdaleno*

**16:20 - 16:50** **PAUSA CAFÉ**

**16:50 - 17:45** **Explorando proyectos sobre restauración marina y costera en España**

- **Supralitoral**
  - [REST-COAST](#) - Eurecat, *Carles Ibáñez Martí*
- **Intermareal**
  - [RESALAR](#) - ANSE, *Pedro García Moreno*
- **Sublitoral**
  - [LIFE PINNARCA](#) - IATS-CSIC, *Diego Kersting*
  - Posidonia - IMEDEA (CSIC-UIB), *Inés Castejón Silvo*
  - [FOREST](#) - CEAB-CSIC, *Emma Cebrián Pujol*
- **Circalitoral**
  - [MEDCORAL](#) - Hombre y Territorio, *Alexis Terrón Sigler*
  - [CORAL SOUL](#), *Marina Palacios Miñambres*
  - [LIFE ECOREST](#) - ICM-CSIC, *Jacopo Aguzzi*
- **Ecosistemas profundos**
  - [REDRESS](#) - ICM-CSIC, *Jacopo Aguzzi*

**17:45 - 18:30** **Mesa redonda**

- La restauración marina en España y el Plan Nacional de Restauración: desafíos, avances y perspectivas

**(\*) Event in Spanish. Parallel activity for those not attending the event:**

## Climate Tour through the City of Málaga

Discovering the City from an Ecosystem and Biodiversity Perspective



## DRAFT AGENDA - November 29

### ‘Natural Heritage Mission: Community Building and Networking’

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**8:30 - 9:00**                      **Welcoming and Registration**

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**9:00 - 9:30**                      **Icebreaking Activity** - Bingo Game

**9:30 - 11:30**                    **TRAINING - Policy Science Interface** (*Mario Giampietro*)

- Complexities in decision-influencing
- Tools to be implemented by projects

**11:30 - 12:00**                    **COFFEE BREAK**

**12:00 - 13:30**                    **Working Groups Meeting** - Finalising the Policy Statement on Restoration & Plans for 2025

- Area-based Conservation
- Overcoming Local Barriers for Climate Change Adaptation
- Evaluating the Socio-Economic Value of Biodiversity
- Ecosystem Resilience through the promotion of Ecosystem Restoration and Nature-based Solutions

**13:30 - 14:30**                    **LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING**

**14:30 - 17:30**                    **Building the Natural Heritage Community of Practice**

- **Clustering Activity:** Introducing geographic and thematic clustering
- **Thematic Projects Marketplace:** Identifying challenges, collaboration and synergy opportunities.
- **Timeline of events:** Updating our joint calendar of events
- **Networking and Synergies**

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**17:30 - 18:00**                    **Closing Remarks**

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**18:00 - 18:30**                    **Dialogue4Nature & Community4Nature Internal Meeting**