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Title of the event: Toward the identification of important areas for marine species at regional scale

Why attend (Content limited to 350 characters, spaced included) – one catchy sentence describing why people should attend this event

Discover the good partnership between key regional organizations acting at the Mediterranean level and the strengths/benefits of this collaboration especially for the identification of important areas for marine species and the implementation of related conservation and management measures.

Brief description of the event (Content limited to 1000 characters, spaced included)

The objective of this event is to show the collaboration of all key regional organizations for the identification of important areas for marine species at the Mediterranean level.

In order to improve the conservation of marine species at the Mediterranean level, efforts have to be focused on three main parallel tasks: identification of areas of importance, identification of threats areas and implementation of specific measures for the conservation of marine species. These efforts should be built on the existing regional instruments and initiatives:

- Establishing and improving cooperation between nature conservation and other sectors such as fisheries, maritime traffic, navy, both at regional (such as cooperation with GFCM, IMO, NATO) and national levels.
- Enhancing existing cooperation and communication between key regional marine biodiversity- conservation instruments, enabling cumulating of efforts instead of duplicating.

Other information:

- the related congress themes: Restoring ocean health
- the geographical scope: Mediterranean region
- the target audience: Congress delegates, scientific experts, policymakers, general public and young professionals (e.g. MPA managers)

Duration: Session will last 2 hours

1/ Areas of importance for mobile species in the Mediterranean Sea

- a) IMMAs in Mediterranean Sea (IUCN MMPA Task Force + ACCOBAMS)
- b) Areas of importance for turtles (IMTAs) (ongoing initiative) (SPA/RAC et IUCN working group on turtles and MedPAN)
- c) IBAs (Birdlife)

2/ Identification of threats areas

- a) MedTrends initiative (WWF)
- b) Noise hotspots in the ACCOBAMS Area

3/ How to act and what to do within those important areas:

- a) Status of what is being done for mobile species in MPAs and across the MPA network (follow up of the 2019 MedPAN workshop)

- b) Recommendations of the 2019 MedPAN workshop and of the Pharos4MPAs project (WWF)
- c) Cetacean Critical Habitats and proposal of appropriate conservation and management actions

Finally, audience members will have the opportunity to ask any additional questions.

4/ Wrap-up and conclusion

Partners of the session: ACCOBAMS, SPA/RAC, MedPAN, WWF Mediterranean, IUCN Med, IUCN MMPA Task Force, IUCN WG on Marine turtle, Birdlife.