

PANEL 1

Emergent and transboundary challenges to biodiversity: Climate Change and Marine Litter

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Panel 1 Objectives

- **Communicate experiences and share data relevant to emergent challenges**
- **Identify research gaps hindering meaningful data-analysis or decision-making.**
- **Highlight effective strategies, mechanisms and best practices currently helping to bridge Science-Practice-Policy gaps.**
- **Reflect on effective ways of taking sound, evidence-based management practices from site, national and to a regional Mediterranean scale.**

Panel 1 Outline

- Four Panel presentations (10 minutes each)
- Four Guest Challengers (5 minutes each)
- Discussion (45 minutes)

Panel (10 minutes each)

Project MedSeaLitter; Project Act4Litter; Project MPA-Adapt; Project Blue Natura

- Challenges addressed and key findings / results
- Bridging the Science-Practice-Policy gap
- Cross-cutting issues beyond climate change and marine litter

DG Environment:

- How does EU MSFD reach Good Environmental Status (GES) when the policy applicable only to EU?
- How does the EU MSFD ensure an adequate and coherent network that covers the Mediterranean biodiversity of the whole basin?

Guest Challengers (5 minutes each)

Spanish Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food & Environment; Project Plastic Busters; Project Blue Islands; IUCN ROWA

- What are the main findings regarding data gaps and uncertainties?
- What current policies are being implemented to address the effects of Marine Litter and Climate Change on biodiversity in Protected Areas
- What is the plan to engage the different sectors and stakeholders?
- How do these challenges and considerations differ between EU and non EU coasts and waters?