



MEDIGREEN Opening Conference & MPA Europe Mediterranean Stakeholders Workshop

Tuesday, January 28th, 2025

Real Jardín Botánico - CSIC,

(Calle Claudio Moyano 1, Madrid (Spain))

Hybrid

The Spanish Institute of Oceanography, IEO(CSIC), as project coordinator of [MEDIGREEN](#) project, is pleased to invite you to the Opening Conference of the project, organized jointly with the [MPA Europe](#) Mediterranean Stakeholders Workshop. The event will take place at the [Real Jardín Botánico - CSIC \(RJB-CSIC\)](#) in Madrid and will present objectives and activities of both projects, fostering collaboration among stakeholder and thus starting exchanges on the topic of concern for both projects.

The MEDIGREEN project aims to support the European Green Deal (EGD) transition in the Mediterranean through Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP). It focuses on 4 key sectors: Offshore Renewable Energies (ORE), fisheries, aquaculture, and nature protection, examining how MSP can promote sectoral and cross-sectoral responses to the EGD objectives. The project considers the Mediterranean's unique ecological, socio-economic, and governance features, involving EU Member States (MS) and non-EU countries. Its goal is to strengthen EGD actions in MSP, foster regional cooperation, and align with other initiatives, like the Mediterranean MSP Community of Practice (MED-MSP-CoP), while exploring the non-economic values of maritime sectors.

The MPA Europe project (Improved science based maritime spatial planning and identification of marine protected areas), 2023-2026, contributes to science-based designation of marine protected areas (MPAs) and science-based MSP, by mapping the optimal locations for MPAs in Europe's seas. The project takes an inter-disciplinary approach by using holistic measures of biodiversity to encompass variation within and between species and of ecosystems (including many environmental variables), as well as carbon cycle dynamics and climate change scenarios. During the workshop MPA Europe's approach and results will be presented stakeholders will be invited to reflect on them and propose use cases. A discussion will be facilitated on how the results, maps and online atlas can be used by to strengthen existing MPAs, extend networks of MPAs in the Mediterranean and be integrated into science-based MSP. Outcomes from the discussion will be shared in a workshop report and be reflected in a Policy Brief in 2025.



Provisional Agenda

Floor coordinator: Cristina Cervera-Núñez, IEO(CSIC)

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Spanish National Research Council (CSIC).o Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO, CSIC).o Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE).o Spanish MSP competent authority, Directorate-General for the Coast and the Sea (DGCM), Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge.
9:30 – 10:30	From European to regional EGD-MSP <ul style="list-style-type: none">o MSP-GREEN project outcomes.o MEDIGREEN project. Synergies and relevant regional initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">o The MED-MSP-CoPo UNEP/MAP – PAP/RAC work on MSPo UfM work regarding SBE & MSP
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:15	Working session topic 1: Offshore Renewable Energies & EGD-MSP <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Inspiring presentationso Q&Ao Interactive/participative session
12:15 – 13:30	Working session topic 2: Fisheries & EGD-MSP <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Inspiring presentationso Q&Ao Interactive/participative session



13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:45	Working session topic 3: Aquaculture & EGD-MSP <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Inspiring presentationso Q&Ao Interactive/participative session
15:45 – 16:00	Comfort break
16:00 – 17:45	Working session topic 4: Nature protection – MPA Europe Mediterranean stakeholder workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Inspiring presentationso Q&Ao Interactive/participative session
17:45 – 18:00	Conclusions & farewell
18:00 – 20:00	Networking cocktail