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**How to address deep habitats'
conservation challenges
in the strongly protected
areas designation process ?**

Workshop organised in the context of the
MSP4BIO North Western Mediterranean test site



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Workshop details

Date: 25th October 2024 - 9:30 - 12:30 AM (CET)

Place: Marseille and online

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Objectives : Discuss the results of the MSP4BIO survey in the test site area on Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VMEs concept and list, use of Habitat Suitability Models (HSM)) and the available knowledge to prioritise potential strongly protected areas covering VMEs.

Targeted participants : French, Italian and Monegasque relevant authorities, scientists and experts

Agenda

9:30-9:40 **Introduction**

Discussion on VME concept and habitat suitability models (HSM)

9:40-10:00 Presentation of the results from MSP4BIO experts' interviews

10:00-10:20 Challenges for implementation of HSM

Discussion on available knowledge to support the current strongly protected areas (SPA) designation process

10:20-10:40 Synthesis and visualization of data collected through past campaigns 10:40-

10:50 An example of map produced with modelling approach

10:50-11:00 Investigating connectivity of VME

11:00-11:10 *Pause*

11:10-11:20 An example of Fishery Restricted Area proposal

11:20-11:30 Discussion on indicators to prioritise VME protection

Strong protection concept for VME and priority areas

11:30-11:40 Introduction on strong protection concept and potential priority areas

11:40-12:30 Participatory mapping on priority areas that could be suggested as SPAs

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