



LIFE+ MIGRATE NATURA 2000 SECTORIAL WORKSHOPS (Malta, 26/09/2014 - 03/10/2014)

AGENDA

LIFE+ Project MIGRATE-Conservation Status and potential Sites of
Community Interest for *Tursiops truncatus* and *Caretta caretta* in Malta
(LIFE 11 NAT/MT/1070)



Friday 26th September 2014

OPENING OF THE WORKSHOPS

Venue: Malta National Aquarium

09⁰⁰ – 10⁰⁰: Official opening and introduction

- Opening of the workshops

Speakers:

- Carmen Mifsud (Malta Environment and Planning Authority)
- Luke Young (Ministry for Sustainable Development, Environment and Climate Change)
- Stephanie Agius (Bank of Valletta)
- Ana Tejedor (KAI Marine Services)
- Mark Pace (Malta National Aquarium)

- Introducing the LIFE+ MIGRATE SECTORIAL WORKSHOPS

Speaker: Puri Canals – Chairlady & Keynote Speaker (MEDPAN)

Coffee

10³⁰ – 11⁰⁰: Presentation of the project results

- Presentation of the A3 & E13 project actions and project preliminary results

Speaker: Ricardo Sagarminaga (KAI Marine Services)

11⁰⁰ – 12⁰⁰: NATURA 2000 – Panel I: Introducing NATURA 2000

- Cetaceans and Sea turtles in Maltese waters, NATURA 2000
Speaker: Adriana Vella (University of Malta)
- NATURA 2000 sites, what does it involve?
Speaker: Ana Tejedor (KAI Marine Services)
- Risk mitigation: presenting the NATURA 2000 Guidelines of LIFE+ MIGRATE
Speaker: Ricardo Sagarminaga (KAI Marine Services)
- The Spanish Experience through the LIFE INDEMARES Project
Speaker: Víctor Gutiérrez (Fundación Biodiversidad)

Coffee

12³⁰ – 14⁰⁰: NATURA 2000 – Panel II: NATURA 2000 in the Mediterranean Context.

- The challenges of the network at sea
Speaker: Puri Canals (MEDPAN)
- Protecting cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea
Speaker: Cèlia le Ravallec (ACCOBAMS)
- SPAMI NETWORK. Towards a comprehensive network of MPAs for the Mediterranean
Speaker: Souha El Asmi (RAC/SPA)



Monday 29th September 2014

SECTORS OF TRANSPORT AND ENERGY

Venue: Malta National Aquarium

09⁰⁰ – 10⁰⁰: Official opening and introduction

- Introducing the LIFE+ MIGRATE SECTORIAL WORKSHOPS
Speaker: Miguel Palomares (Ex Director of MEPC-IMO) – Chairman & Keynote Speaker
- The Sector of Transport in Malta
Speaker: Jason Bongailas and Patrick Pollacco (Transport Malta)

Coffee

10³⁰ – 12³⁰: Presentation of the NATURA 2000 Guidelines – Risk assessment & management options

- Cetaceans and Sea turtles in Maltese water. Potential impacts derived from shipping. The risks of ship strikes, noise pollution and invasive species.
Speaker: Ana Tejedor (KAI Marine Services)
- The risks of oil spills in Maltese water and The POSOW Project
Speaker: Vincent Attard (Nature Trust Malta)
- The CALYPSO Project
Speaker: Aldo Drago (University of Malta)
- The risks of oil & gas exploration and exploitation
Speaker: Natacha Aguilar de Soto (University of La Laguna, Spain)
- Risk mitigation and management measures. REMPEC Actions
Speaker: Gabino González (REMPEC)
- Risk mitigation and management measures. ACCOBAMS and MSFD work
Speaker: Claudio Fossati (University of Pavia, Italy)
- Opportunistic monitoring training & tools –WHALE ALERT - SPOTTER
Speaker: Virgil Zetterling (EarthNC, Inc. and Conserve IO)
- A revision of worldwide mitigation measures to reduce ship-strikes.
Speaker: Jérôme Couvat (REPCET)

Coffee

13⁰⁰ – 13³⁰: Discussion on the NATURA 2000 Guidelines for the Sector of Transport

- Maritime transport and proposed actions in the framework of NATURA 2000 – **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**
- Road map for the delivery of the final NATURA 2000 Guidelines

13³⁰ – 15⁰⁰: Discussion on the NATURA 2000 Guidelines for the Sector of Energy

- Sector of Energy and proposed actions in the framework of NATURA 2000 – **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**
- Road map for the delivery of the final NATURA 2000 Guidelines



Tuesday 30th September 2014

SECTORS OF SECURITY AND SAFETY

Venue: Malta National Aquarium

09⁰⁰ – 10⁰⁰: Official opening and introduction

- The Sectors of Security and Safety in Malta: activities at sea.
Speaker: Armed Forces of Malta
- NATURA 2000 and the Sectors of Security and Safety.
Speaker: Armed Forces of Malta
- Collaborations with the Armed Forces of Malta and Civil Protection Department with regards to sightings of cetaceans and turtles.
Speaker: Carmen Mifsud (Malta Environment and Planning Authority)

Coffee

10³⁰ – 11³⁰: Presentation of the NATURA 2000 Guidelines

- Surveillance and mitigation of NATURA 2000 values with respect to naval exercises. NATO (NURC-) guidelines to protect cetaceans in the Mediterranean Sea.
Speaker: Claudio Fossati (University of Pavia, Italy)
- Impacts of acoustic pollution derived from naval exercises on marine fauna.
Speaker: Natacha Aguilar de Soto (University of La Laguna, Spain)
Speaker: Claudio Fossati (University of Pavia, Italy)

11³⁰ – 12³⁰: Presentation of the NATURA 2000 network for cetaceans and sea turtles

- Opportunistic monitoring training & tools – SPOTTER
Speaker: Virgil Zetterling (EarthNC, Inc. and Conserve IO)
- The moratorium to the use of naval sonar in the Canary Islands.
Speaker: Natacha Aguilar de Soto (University of La Laguna, Spain)

Coffee

13⁰⁰ – 15⁰⁰: Discussion on the NATURA 2000 Guidelines for the Sectors of Security and Safety. Avenues of enhanced collaboration between the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Environment



Wednesday 1st October 2014

SECTOR OF FISHERIES

Venue: Malta National Aquarium

09³⁰ – 11³⁰: Official opening and introduction

- The Sector of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Malta
Speaker: Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture
- LIFE+ MIGRATE and fisheries of Malta 3' video (a compilation of footage on artisanal fisheries and the LIFE+ MIGRATE survey)
Speaker: Ricardo Sagarminaga (KAI Marine Services)
- NATURA 2000 and the relevance of Fisheries and Aquaculture
Speaker: Ricardo Sagarminaga (KAI Marine Services)
Speaker: Françoise Claro (Groupe Tortues Marines France, GTNF)
- Success stories of fishers as stewards of NATURA 2000
Speaker: Ramón Aguado (CARBOPECA)
- Maltese fishers insight, concerns and expectations with regards to NATURA 2000
Speaker: Maltese Fishermen
- Aquaculture in Malta
Speaker: Robert Vassallo Agius (Malta Aquaculture Research Centre)
- Sports fishing in Malta
Speaker: Pierre Poulton (Kingfisher Sport Fishing Association)
Speaker: Josef Camilleri (Mister Fish)

Coffee

12⁰⁰ – 13³⁰: Presentation of the conclusions of the LIFE+ MIGRATE survey and of the stakeholder communication process of 2013 and 2014 and General guidelines for biodiversity conservation

- Mitigating the interactions with sea turtles – handling and release of bycatch
Speaker: Vince Attard (Nature Trust Malta)
- Mitigating the interactions with cetaceans – depredation in fish farms and fisheries
Speaker: Lotte Kindt-Larsen (University of Aarhus)
- Mitigating the interactions with cetaceans – ADD
Speaker: Jeppe Dalgaard Balle (University of Aarhus)
- Reporting and logging tools for fishermen stewards
Speaker: Virgil Zetterling (EarthNC, Inc. and Conserve IO)

Coffee

14⁰⁰ – 15³⁰: Discussion on the NATURA 2000 Guidelines for the Sector of Fisheries

- Fisheries and proposed actions in the framework of NATURA 2000 (cetaceans, sea turtles, debris removal, ghost fishing, reporting + research, etc. – **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**)
- Closing of meeting and road map for the delivery of the final NATURA 2000 Guidelines



Thursday 2nd October 2014

SECTOR OF TOURISM

Venue: Malta National Aquarium

11³⁰ – 13³⁰: Official opening and introduction

- The Sector of Tourism in Malta
Speaker: Malta Tourism Office
- The Aquarium role in tourism
Speaker: Mark Pace (Malta National Aquarium)
- Marine plastic pollution: challenge to conservation and economy
Speaker: Sylvia Frey (Oceancare)
- Cetaceans and Sea turtles in Maltese waters
Speaker: KAI Marine Services
- Potentials and vulnerabilities of tourism and marine biodiversity
Speaker: KAI Marine Services
- Yachting and biodiversity
Speaker: Godwin Zammit (Royal Malta YatchClub)
- Reporting through applications - Opportunistic monitoring training & tools
Speaker: Virgil Zetterling (EarthNC, Inc. and Conserve IO)

Lunch

15⁰⁰ – 17⁰⁰: Presentation on the NATURA 2000 Guidelines – Tourism as a risk or as a potential

- Working groups:
 - Outreach and education
 - Optimizing the synergy between cetacean and sea turtle conservation and tourism
 - Risk management

Coffee

19⁰⁰ – 21⁰⁰: Discussion on the NATURA 2000 Guidelines for the Sector of Tourism – Diving and stewardship of marine biodiversity

- Panel on identification and prioritisation of management actions
- Road map for the “after LIFE” Management plans and high priority actions



Friday 3rd October 2014

SECTORS OF RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION

Venue: Xrobb I-Ghagin Nature Park (Nature Trust Headquarters)

Delimara, Marsaxlokk

09⁰⁰ – 11⁰⁰: Official opening and introduction

- MEPA / Ministry for Sustainable Development, Environment and Climate Change
- Introducing the LIFE+ MIGRATE SECTORIAL WORKSHOPS
Speaker: Ricardo Sagarminaga (KAI Marine Services)
- Projects on research, education and conservation in Malta.
Speaker: Benjamin Metzger (Birdlife Malta)
Speaker: Mark Mifsud (Lecturer in Environmental Education and Research, University of Malta)
Speaker: Alan Deidun (University of Malta)
Speaker: Greg Nowell (Sharklab)
- The importance of Natura 2000 in research, education and conservation.
Speaker: Benjamin Metzger (Birdlife Malta)

Coffee

11³⁰ – 13⁰⁰: Presentation of the project results

- Audio-visual Material KAI.
- Presentation of the project actions and project preliminary results.
Speakers: Ana Tejedor (KAI Marine Services)

Coffee

13³⁰ – 14³⁰: Presentation of the NATURA 2000 Guidelines

- Natura 2000 and Biodiversity Conservation
Speaker: Christopher Cousin (Malta Environment and Planning Authority)
- Potential risk detected for Cetacean and turtles in Maltese Waters
Speaker: Karen Goode (Nature Trust Malta)
- Turtle's conservation. General guidelines and proposed actions
Speaker: Vincent Attard (Nature Trust Malta)

14³⁰ – 15⁰⁰: Panel discussion on the NATURA 2000 Guidelines for the Sectors of Research, Education and Conservation

Chair: Ricardo Sagarminaga (KAI Marine Services)