

Preliminary priorities identified for Mediterranean protected areas *

WORKSHOP STREAM (Durban)	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLE TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED
<p>“LINKS WITH THE LANDSCAPE” The relationships between PAs and land/water use in the surrounding area</p>	<p>Integration of PAs (both terrestrial and marine) in the surrounding landscape to ensure a broad context for planning and management. How to work on different scales for planning; at the PA level, within the national system and between different countries.</p>	<p>Bio-regional Planning: buffer zones; biological corridors and connections; links between nature and culture; links between water and land systems; MAB; Transfrontier PAs; Category V and VI PAs; Integrated Management of Coastal Zones.</p>
<p>“NEW WAYS OF WORKING TOGETHER” Governance</p>	<p>Application and assessment of new methods for setting up and managing PAs. Associations and novel alliances to reinforce conservation of PAs will be explored.</p>	<p>Traditional owners/local communities /indigenous and traditional peoples and PA management: legislation framework, reform and new institutional arrangements; the role of government on different levels; decentralisation of PA management; role of NGOs; role of the private /industrial sectors; the role and importance of volunteer organisations.</p>
<p>“NEW SKILLS FOR THE NEW CENTURY” - training and skill development</p>	<p>Enhancement of management capacities at all levels to ensure improved planning and management of PAs. This topic will also examine the skills, attributes and support systems required to ensure training of administrators and decision makers linked to future work on PAs.</p>	<p>Definition of skills required for the 21st century; multisectoral skills and experiences; institutional capabilities and flexibility; training for PA administrators; the impact of new technologies; support systems for management; preparedness for global changes; capacity building in work with associates; development of institutional leadership; development of skills for administrators of Marine Protected Areas.</p>
<p>“DEVELOPING REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEMS” Gaps in the system</p>	<p>How to ensure a consistent, appropriate and representative global system for PAs. This topic will explore how to enhance cover in certain ecosystems and will base the design of PAs on the use of the best available scientific findings, taking into account foreseeable global changes.</p>	<p>Identification of gaps in the PA system; poorly represented ecosystems and biomass: conservation outside PAs; protection of ocean ecosystems; planning national PA systems: countries still without national PA systems in place; use of the IUCN management category system; designing PAs in the face of global changes (climate change, urban development, fragmentation, etc)</p>

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