

Event Report

Name of the event: Ecosystem-Based Adaptation: “A pulse for transformative changes in the Mediterranean Sea”

Type of event: Final conference of the project Biodiversity Protection (Co-funded in the framework of the programme InterregMed)

Date: Malaga, October 14-16, 2019

Number of participants: 80

Type of participants: national, regional and local authorities, HEIs and research centers, international organisation (UN, EU Commission), NGOs and civil society, sectoral agencies and environmental consultants

Attachments: Agenda of the meeting + speakers booklet + photos of the event

Brief overview of the event and of the issues addressed in the event

The Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community featured by the PANACeA project celebrated a three-day encounter in Malaga (Spain) on 14-16 October 2019 to share and discuss effective actions towards “Ecosystem-based Adaptation: A Pulse for Transformative Changes in the Mediterranean”. This encounter celebrated three years of collaborative work achieved by this Community to safeguard mechanisms and tools that support a more effective management of biodiversity, ensuring proper ecosystem functions across the Mediterranean. The event was a joined effort led by the ETC-UMA as coordinator of the Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community, with the support of the City of Malaga (Andalusia, Spain), the Alborania Museum and the Observatory for the Urban Environment of the City of Malaga (OMAU). The event profiled the latest achievements concerning collaborative science, management and policy and demonstrated the work of over 200 institutions engaged in cooperation for biodiversity conservation related actions. It also shed light on its major future steps and planned actions for the upcoming years, informing on their alignment with post 2020 regional and global targets. The extensive exchange of ideas and experiences resulted in a valuable set of ideas and recommendations identifying some of the key actions that need to be undertaken to preserve the functionality of Mediterranean ecosystems, in order to safeguard the delivery of basic services -such as clean water, clean air and food provision- on which our society depends.

Contribution of the participant partners

Prof. Said Boujrouf, for the University Cady Ayyad of Marrakesh, participated in this event and specifically in the II^o Technical session titled *Protecting biodiversity while promoting growth; how can it be achieved?* And contributed to the discussion as per the concept of the technical session.

The Mediterranean region is a biodiversity hotspot with a high concentration of human activities. The coexistence of these two elements is often challenging to balance and human activities are often developed at the detriment of the protection of the ecosystem and its biodiversity. Interreg MED projects and other framework cooperation initiatives are designing solutions to make biodiversity protection and

growth coexist. Starting from an assessment of the combined effect of different human pressures on Mediterranean ecosystems, this session will explore synergies amongst actors sharing the same mission in different perspectives and regions, and promote a regional approach encompassing North and South shores of the Mediterranean. It will focus on indicators to monitor the pressures of human activities on biodiversity to support decision-making for managers and policy-makers, as well as on solutions to reduce them while promoting a sustainable socio-economic development in Protected Areas and Biosphere Reserves. European Institutions will illustrate policy frameworks for future cooperation on sustainable development, blue growth, research and innovation.



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Start of the 2nd roundtable discussing [#BiodiversityProtection](#) and economic development:

Carla Danelutti ([@IUCN_Med](#) , [@Destimed](#) , [@MedEcotourism](#))

Rafael Fernandez ([@agriculturand](#))

Said Boujrourf ([#ChadiAyyadUniversity](#), [#edubiomed](#))

Christie Georges, ([@marseille](#))



Interreg MED and 4 others





