



## IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation

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## What is IUCN?

IUCN is a unique Union. Its members from some 140 countries include over 70 States, 100 government agencies, and 750-plus NGOs. More than 10,000 internationally-recognised scientists and experts from more than 180 countries volunteer their services to its six global commissions. Its 1000 staff members in offices around the world are working on some 500 projects.

**The newly established IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation** works with our 150 IUCN members in the region and cooperates with relevant agencies that share the objectives of the IUCN.

**Our Mission** is *"to influence, encourage and assist Mediterranean societies to conserve and use wisely the natural resources of the region"*.



## Mediterranean Marine Law Specialist Group (MMLSG)

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*Network of cooperation to address legal marine issues in the Mediterranean*

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# Law and IUCN

*IUCN addresses legal issues through its Commission on Environmental Law*

## What is the Commission?

With more than 900 members, the Commission on Environmental Law (CEL) is a network of environmental law and policy experts from all regions of the world who volunteer their knowledge and services to IUCN activities, especially to those of the IUCN Law Programme.

## Who are its members?

Members of the Commission come from diverse areas of expertise within environmental law and policy, but all share a commitment to work actively towards the progress of conservation law. They serve in their personal capacity, although they might come from governmental or non-governmental organisations, might be active in private law practice, attached to a university or an international organisation.

There are currently about 60 CEL Mediterranean members.

## IUCN and the Law of the Sea in the Mediterranean

*A new programme for international law of marine issues specially focused on conservation and sustainable use of the Mediterranean is established*

The IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation has inaugurated a new programme, directed at making a major contribution to sustainable development and conservation of the marine resources in the Mediterranean – understanding, continued development and progress in implementing the legal regime.

This programme is one element of IUCN's newly established Mediterranean marine team, combining biological and legal experts, working hand-in-hand with all IUCN commissions and networks.

The centrepiece of the new marine law programme is the development of an IUCN Specialist Group to address marine law issues in the Mediterranean. This group will be part of the IUCN's global Commission on Environmental Law, and represent the first step in the creation of a global Specialist Group on Marine Law.



## Join the network:

### Become a member of the MMLSG!

*The MMLSG will support the effective implementation of the Barcelona Convention and the World Summit on Sustainable Development commitments*

**The Mediterranean Marine Law Specialist Group (MMLSG)** is established to fill the critical need for co-operation to address key legal issues relating to conservation and sustainable use of the Mediterranean and its marine resources.

It is intended to provide:

- a platform for the exchange of information, experience and opinions;
- a mechanism for collegial exchange, enabling Mediterranean marine law experts to overcome language barriers and other inhibiting factors;
- an opportunity for collaboration to develop solutions to problems;

MMLSG members will get:

- information on global and regional marine law developments;
- notice of key events and regional meetings of relevance; and
- opportunities to participate in and contribute to marine programmes, policies and activities of IUCN and its members and partners.

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