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Conference on Financing Protected Areas in the Mediterranean

29-31 January, 2006

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Background

Created in 1948, IUCN - The World Conservation Union brings together 82 states, 112 government agencies, 868 NGOs, 33 affiliates and some 10,000 scientists and experts from 181 countries in a unique worldwide partnership. IUCN's mission is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.

The IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN-MED) started its activities in October 2001 with the mission to influence, encourage and assist Mediterranean societies to conserve and use sustainably the natural resources of the region, as well as to work with the 172 IUCN members in the region and cooperate with all other agencies that share the objectives of IUCN.

The two key themes on which the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation is working are the following:

- **Biodiversity Conservation**
- **Sustainable Use of Natural Resources**

Objectives of the conference

It was noted at the Vth IUCN World Parks Congress (Durban, South Africa, 2003), as well as at the Murcia Conference on Protected Areas in the Mediterranean Context, that a major effort was needed in the financing of Protected Areas to increase their number and improve their management. The CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas adopted at COP7 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2004) in its Goal 3.4 also calls to the Parties of the Convention to ensure financial sustainability of protected areas and of national and regional systems of protected areas. In addition, Resolution 3.052 of the 3rd IUCN World Conservation Congress in Bangkok requested all Mediterranean countries and IUCN to increase cooperation in order to establish terrestrial and marine protected areas in the Mediterranean region and improve their management.



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Consequently, the conference will have the following goal:

To enhance knowledge and cooperation on sustainable financing of protected areas

To achieve this goal, the conference pursues the following specific objectives:

- Share experience of sustainable financing among partners, governments, cooperation agencies and the private sector;
- Provide information on funding resources for protected areas in the region;
- Facilitate the creation of networks among countries of the Mediterranean and with financing bodies to promote the exchange of knowledge and lessons learned;
- Highlight experiences in sustainable financing of protected areas.

The conference will run for 3 days and will be by invitation only. A field trip is envisaged for the first day.



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Agenda

29 January	Arrival of Participants
12:00 - 19:00	Field trip to protected areas and lunch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Natural Reserve Cañada de los Pájaros. ▪ Natural Reserve Veta la Palma
30 January	
9:00 – 9:30	Opening of the Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ricardo Martínez. <i>Director General of cooperation with Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, International Cooperation Spanish Agency (AECI).</i> ▪ Maria Artola. <i>Director General, Fundación Biodiversidad.</i> ▪ Nikita Lopoukhine. <i>Chairman IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).</i> ▪ Jamie Skinner. <i>Director, IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN-Med).</i> ▪ Juan Espadas. <i>Regional Vice-Minister. Consejería de Medio Ambiente, Junta de Andalucía.</i>
9:30 - 10:15	Current context of financing of protected areas: implications for the Mediterranean. Nikita Lopoukhine. <i>Chairman IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).</i>
PLENARY	Sustainable Financing Mechanisms: An overview
	Moderator: Mohamed Ribí. <i>Protected Areas Coordinator, Haut Commissariat aux Eaux et Forêts et à la Lutte Contre la Désertification, Morocco.</i>
	Rapporteur: Maher Mahjoub. <i>Head of Service of Natural Sites and Heritage. Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Tunisia.</i>
10:15 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of sustainable financing mechanisms. Arturo López Ornat. <i>Consultant, Pangea Consultants.</i> ▪ New Emerging tools for Sustainable Financing. Joshua Bishop. <i>Senior Adviser- Economics and environment, IUCN.</i>
	Discussion
11:00-11:15	Coffee break



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PLATFORM 11:15 – 12:30	<p>What is needed to make sustainable financing work? Moderator: Abderramen Gannoun. Director, RAC/SPA. Tunisia. Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marija Zupancic-Vicar. IUCN Councillor. ▪ M. Ribi. Morocco Protected Areas Coordinator. ▪ Roger Crofts. Regional WCPA Vice-Chair for Europe, IUCN.
PLENARY	<p>Experience of Sustainable Financing of Protected Areas Moderator: Marija Zupancic-Vicar. IUCN Councillor. Rapporteur: Rami Salman. Programme Coordinator, IUCN-Med.</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How sustainable is EU funding for protected areas. Tamas Marghescu. Director Regional Office for Europe, IUCN. ▪ Dept swaps as a tool for financing protected areas. Ahmed Korany Taha. Chief Accountant Officer, Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency. ▪ Protected Areas in Business: the Jordan Experience. Christopher Johnson. Development Director, Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature. Jordan. ▪ Italian Parks: Cooperation for improving financing of protected areas. Luigi Bertone. International Responsible, Federazione Italiana dei Parchi e delle Riserve Naturali. Italy. ▪ Financing of PA in Lebanon. Nancy Awad. Natural Resources Specialist. Ministry of Environment. ▪ Participation of Financing Entities in Natural Areas Management. Vicenç Sureda. Technical Officer, Natural Areas Department. Diputació de Barcelona. Spain.
	Open Discussion
14:00– 15:15	Lunch
PLATFORM 15:15 – 16:30	<p>Emerging Governance Systems to Improve Sustainable Financing of Protected Areas Moderator: Pedro Rosabal, Senior Program Officer, IUCN. Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fernando Molina. Chef of Services, RENPA, Spain. ▪ Mostafa Lamrani. International Expert, Egmasa, Morocco. ▪ Miquel Rafa. Head, Fundación Territorio y Paisaje, Spain. ▪ Leonardo Tunesi. Head of department, Istituto Centrale per la Ricerca Scientifica e tecnologia Applicata al mare. Italy. ▪ Nancy Awad. Natural Resources Specialist. Ministry of Environment. Lebanon.



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16:30 – 16:45	Coffee break
PLENARY	COOPERATION AGENCIES
	<i>Moderator: Jamie Skinner, Director, IUCN-Med.</i>
	<i>Rapporteur: Sonia Castañeda, International Department Director, Fundación Biodiversidad.</i>
16:45 – 18:00	<p>Cooperation agencies sustainable financing initiatives (dept swaps, offsets, etc): Vision for the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Isabel Casado. <i>AECI representative.</i> ▪ Hermann Fickinger. <i>Technical Adviser. GTZ</i> ▪ Giulia Pianigiani. <i>Italian Cooperation.</i> <p>Open Discussion</p>
18:00-19:00	<p>Working Group: Can Tourism provide funds to local communities? Tarek Abul Hawa. Program Officer, West and Central Asia and North Africa (WESCAN), IUCN.</p>
20:30	Dinner
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PLENARY	TOURISM AND FINANCING OF PROTECTED AREAS
	<i>Moderator: Purificació Canals. IUCN Vice-President.</i>
	<i>Rapporteur: Tarek Abul Hawa. Program Officer, WESCAN, IUCN.</i>
9:15 – 10:45	<p>Round Table: Mediterranean experiences in financing protected areas: opportunities and challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spanish Protected Areas. Ricardo Blanco. <i>Head of Area of Interenterprise Cooperation, Ministerio de Industria, Turismo y Comercio. Spain.</i> ▪ Funding the Italian System of Protected Areas. Damiano Luchetti. <i>Expert, Ministero dell Ambiente y della Tutela del Territorio, Italy.</i> ▪ Ecotourism in Lebanon. Monir Bu Ghanem. <i>Director, Association for Forest Development and Conservation.</i> ▪ "Community Based Tourism Development in Butrint National Park, Albania: the World Bank – CISP Project" Stefania Petrosillo, <i>Consultant in Protected Areas and International Cooperation.</i> ▪ Philippe Lemaistre. <i>Sustainable Development of tourism, World Tourism Organization (WTO).</i>



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	Open discussion
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	<i>Moderator: Purificació Canals. IUCN Vice-President.</i>
	<i>Rapporteur: Isabel Casado, AECl representative.</i>
11:15 – 12:30	Using the tourism market to fund protected areas: working with the private sector
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clifford Wait. <i>DG, Fundación Andanatura.</i> ▪ Tomas Azcarate. <i>President, Instituto de Turismo Responsable.</i> ▪ Andrej Sovinc. <i>Secovlje Salina Nature Park, Slovenia.</i>
	Open Discussion
PLATFORM 12:30 – 14:00	<p>Should visitors pay to access protected areas? <i>Moderator: Rosario Pintos. <i>D. G. Andalusian P. A. Network (RENPA), Junta de Andalucía.</i></i> Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Philippe Lemaistre. <i>Sustainable Development Section, World Tourism Organization.</i> ▪ Mónica Pérez de las Heras. <i>Director of Communication, Fundación Biodiversidad.</i> ▪ Christopher Johnson. <i>Development Director, Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature, Jordan.</i> <p>Open Discussion</p>
14:00 – 15:30	Lunch
15:30 – 17:30	Working Groups: How to enhance knowledge and cooperation on sustainable financing of protected areas
	<i>Moderators: Roger Crofts, <i>Regional WCPA Vice-Chair for Europe. IUCN</i></i>
	<i>Rapporteurs: Andres Alcantara <i>Protected Areas Senior Officer. IUCN- Med / Rami Salman, <i>Programme Coordinator. IUCN-Med</i></i></i>
PLENARY 17:30 – 17:45	Conclusions from the working groups. Nikita Lopoukhine. <i>Chairman IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).</i>
17:45 – 18:00	Closing remarks. Jamie Skinner. <i>Director, IUCN-Med</i>



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