

Training on Marine Biodiversity and Habitats of the South Adriatic Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

Doanesia Premium Hotel & Spa (Rruga Kastriotet 5, Tiranë 1050)

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The aim of the training is to strengthen the skills of key experts and stakeholders in the protected marine areas of the South Adriatic.

Day 1 (7 May 2024)

08h00 - 09h00 Registration, 08h00 - 09h30 welcome greetings/logistics issues 09h30 Start of the meeting	
1	Assoc. Professor Rigers BAKIU, Deputy Executive Director of Albanian Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Aspects of MPAs around the world, Europe, Mediterranean and Adriatic basins
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the MPAs, in Europe, Mediterranean and Adriatic basins regarding the historical general details.
2	Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Climate Change (CMCC) expert (online)
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote Sensing Applications in Monitoring of Protected Areas
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge and skills about the remote sensing applications in monitoring MPAs

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3	Assoc. Professor Rigers BAKIU (Deputy Executive Director of Albanian Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development) and Dr. Francesco DE FRANCO (Consortium of Torre Guaceto MPA management)
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change adaptation in MPA management
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain new knowledge about the last updates regarding the climate change effects and relative adaptations in MPA management
4	Assoc. Professor Rigers BAKIU, Deputy Executive Director of Albanian Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invasive Alien Species in Albania
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain new knowledge about the non-native species and invasive alien species, mainly in coastal areas of Albania, while they will acquire skills on how to identify them and possibly manage them.
13h30 - 15h00 Lunch	
5	Stazione Zoologica A. DOHRN researcher (online)
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Invasive Alien Species in Italy
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain new knowledge about the non-native species and invasive alien species, mainly in coastal areas of Italy, while they will acquire skills on how to identify them and possibly manage them.
6	Dr. Dusan VARDA, Executive Director of Mediterranean Center for Environmental Monitoring
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Invasive Alien Species in Montenegro
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain new knowledge about the non-native species and invasive alien species, mainly in coastal areas of Montenegro, while they will acquire skills on how to identify them and possibly manage them.
7	Assoc. Professor Edmond HALA, Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Agricultural University of Tirana
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Organisms Diseases and Food Safety

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Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the existing diseases in wild and farmed fish, while important food safety issues will be presented to them.
8	Assoc. Professor Rigers BAKIU, Deputy Executive Director of Albanian Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyses of Small-Scale Fisheries Value Chains
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the values chains in fisheries in Albania and other regions in Adriatic Basin, while they get new skills on how to analyze the small-scale fisheries value chains.
9	Assoc. Professor Edmond HALA, Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Agricultural University of Tirana
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value Chain Analyses of Trout in Albania
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the values chains in trout aquaculture in Albania and other regions in Adriatic Basin, while they get new skills on how to analyze the trout value chain.
20h00 - 20h30 End of the training and registration of the participants	

Day 2 (8 May 2024)

08h00 - 09h00 Registration, 09h00 Start of the meeting	
1	Assoc. Professor Rigers BAKIU, Deputy Executive Director of Albanian Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fisheries in the MPA of Karaburun-Sazani
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the MPAs fisheries management in Albania.
2	Dr. Francesco DE FRANCO, expert in the Consortium of Torre Guaceto MPA management
Contents and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fisheries in the MPA of Torre Guaceto

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Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the MPAs fisheries management in one of the best managed MPA in Italy.
3	Dr. Dusan VARDA, Executive Director of Mediterranean Center for Environmental Monitoring
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fisheries in the MPA Katič
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the MPAs fisheries management in one of the MPA in Montenegro.
4	Dr. Francesco DE FRANCO (Consortium of Torre Guaceto MPA management) and CMCC researcher (online)
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sea turtles in Italy - the case of Torre Guaceto
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the sea turtles management in Torre Guaceto MPA.
5	Dr. Dusan VARDA, Executive Director of Mediterranean Center for Environmental Monitoring
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical data on Mediterranean monk seal in Montenegro
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the historical aspects regarding the presence of Mediterranean monk seal in Montenegro.
14h00 - 15h00 Lunch	
6	Artenisa PECULI, PhD candidate in University of Camerino and Agricultural University of Tirana
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystem Services in Protected Areas
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the ecosystem services in protected areas, while to them are presented examples from Albania.
7	Assoc. Professor Rigers BAKIU, Deputy Executive Director of Albanian Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development

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Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediterranean monk seal in Albania
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain new knowledge about the existence of the Mediterranean monk seal and relative efforts to discover its presence by using different methodologies in Albania.
8	Professor Alen SOLDI, Department of Marine Studies, University of Split
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elasmobranchs in Adriatic Sea
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain knowledge about the sharks, skates and rays characteristics, regarding the species frequenting the Adriatic Sea, while they can be skilled about their identification and conservation.
9	Professor Alen SOLDI, Department of Marine Studies, University of Split
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important Shark and Ray Areas in Adriatic Sea
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain knowledge about the Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs) in Adriatic Sea and how to possibly identify, establish and effectively manage these areas.
10	Artenisa PECULI (University of Camerino and Agricultural University of Tirana) and Assoc. Professor Rigers BAKIU (Albanian Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development)
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seagrass meadows biocenosis in Albanian MPAs
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain knowledge about the existing seagrass meadows biocenosis in Albanian MPAs, including those relative to Karaburun-Sazani Island and Porto Palermo MPAs.
20h00 - 20h30 End of the training and registration of the participants	

Day 3 (9 May 2024)

07h00 - 08h00 Registration, 08h00 Start of the meeting	
1	Dr. Dusan VARDA, Executive Director of Mediterranean Center for Environmental Monitoring
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seagrass meadows and biocenosis in Montenegrin MPAs
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain knowledge about the existing seagrass meadows biocenosis in Montenegrin MPAs.
2	Professor Simona FRASCHETTI (University of Naples) and MedPAN representative (online)
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Networks of marine protected areas: analysis of the situation in the Mediterranean Sea
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the MPAs and the creation of a network of MPAs in the Adriatic Sea basin.
3	Assoc. Professor Rigers BAKIU, Deputy Executive Director of Albanian Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MPAs in Albania
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the Karaburun-Sazani Island MPA and the recently established Porto Palermo MPA
4	Dr. Francesco DE FRANCO, Expert from Consortium of Torre Guaceto MPA management
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MPAs in Italy
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the Italian MPAs and the updates regarding Torre Guaceto MPA
5	Dr. Dusan VARDA, Executive Director of Mediterranean Center for Environmental Monitoring
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MPAs in Montenegro

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Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the Montenegrin MPAs
6	Professor Simona FRASCHETTI, University of Naples
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of the effects of fishing activities on the conservation status of marine habitats
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain knowledge about the effects of fishing activities on the conservation status of marine habitats in Italy and other regions of the Adriatic Sea
14h00 - 15h00 Lunch	
7	Dr. Aylin AKKAYA, Founder of Marine Mammals Research Association (DMAD)
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine mammals in the Adriatic
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the marine mammals in Albania and Montenegro.
8	Assoc. Professor Edmond HALA, Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Agricultural University of Tirana
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European eel in the Mediterranean Sea - Outcomes of the General Fisheries Commission for Mediterranean and Black Seas (GFCM) Research programme regarding Albania
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about the European eel conservation initiatives in Adriatic Sea basin countries and more specifically regarding Albania.
9	Dr. Aylin AKKAYA, Founder of Marine Mammals Research Association (DMAD)
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protected Areas for Dolphins in the Adriatic Sea and assessed threats on the species survival
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants gain new knowledge about protected areas for dolphins in the Adriatic Sea and assessed threats on the species survival.
10	Artenisa PECULI (University of Camerino and Agricultural University of Tirana) and Assoc. Professor Rigers BAKIU (Albanian Center for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development)

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Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microplastics in the MPAs
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain new knowledge about the existing levels of microplastics in biota and abiota of the MPA of Karaburun-Sazani MPA.
11	Dr. Francesco DE FRANCO, Expert from Consortium of Torre Guaceto MPA management
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of Touristic activities close to the MPA of Torre Guaceto
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain new knowledge about the management of the touristic activities close to the MPA of Torre Guaceto.
<p>20h00 - 20h30 End of the training and registration of the participants</p> <p>20h30 - 21h00 Distribution of the certificate of attendance to the participants</p>	