

The Network of Mediterranean Ramsar Sites Managers (MedWet Managers) Minutes Webinar#1_GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT PLANNING_23/09/2021

Thursday 23 September 2021 -10 am to 12.30 pm (Central European Time, CET).

Participants

Annex 1-List of participants.

Context

The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative (MedWet) (see medwet.org) has launched its Network of Ramsar Sites Managers. It is a membership network dedicated to fostering best management practices in Ramsar Sites, knowledge exchange and public awareness about wetland values and services.

As part of the establishment of the Network (see medwetmanagers.net/the-network/), MedWet is organizing the first webinar with its affiliated members The Webinar “**GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT PLANNING**” is organized under the MAVIA OAP M3 Project: “Disseminating knowledge and sharing Experience for promoting wetlands conservation around the Mediterranean”. As reminder the activity foresees the delivery of 5 dedicated webinars per year for wetland managers broadcasted through online channels.

Webinars, held by top scientists and experts on wetland-related issues from the Mediterranean region.

I-The Agenda

10h – Introduction

10h05 – 10h50 - Expert 1 – Brian SHIPMAN

Integrated Coastal Zone Management expert (PAP/RAC)

“Governance principles of Med Coastal Wetlands”

10h50 – 11h10 Discussion

11h10 - coffee break

11h20 – 12h05 – Expert 2 – Giancarlo GUSMAROLI

Expert in aquatic ecosystem management and governance (MedSea Foundation)

“Making coastal wetlands governance a good deal: voluntary-based commitment-to-act agreements for pursuing multiple benefits”

12h05 – 12h25 Discussion

12h30 - Closure of the webinar

II-Narrative

1-Opening of the meeting and presentation of the Agenda:

Flavio Monti (MedWet) opened the webinar by welcoming the group and introducing the two experts:

Bio Brian Shipman MRTPI :

Brian is an experienced practitioner with expertise in the coastal and marine governance and climate change adaptation. He has worked for over ten years as an ICZM and MSP Expert to the UNEP Regional Activity Centre for ICZM in the Mediterranean (PAP/RAC) along with EU's DG Environment and MARE. Trained as a spatial planner and spent much of his career in the maritime south west of the UK, delivering innovative environmental, sustainable tourism and economic regeneration programmes. It was in this region that he developed innovative and sustainable models of coastal and marine governance.

He is a Chartered Member of Royal Town Planning Institute, UK.

Brian was the lead author of the 2020 publication, "Mediterranean Coastal Wetlands – Governance Handbook" to be described in the valley in today's presentation.

Bio Giancarlo Gusmaroli

Environmental engineer, advisor at international level on wetland governance and restoration, scientific coordinator or advisor of several international projects on integrated wetland management. Former technical director of the Italian Centre for River Restoration and board member of the European Centre for River Restoration. Currently member of the technical support unit of the Italian Observatory of Wetland Contracts at the Italian Ministry for Ecological Transition and external expert at MedSea Foundation. At moment engaged by the Municipality of Venice for the preparation of the Venice Climate Change Adaption Plan too.

Among others, he is a professional kayak instructor, this year he was in mission" once again as MEDSEA Ambassador and for the whole month of August with his solo Kayak to tell the story of the Mediterranean and the coasts of Sicily. If last summer Giancarlo circumnavigated Sardinia to collect people's voices inviting them to identify with the Mediterranean Sea, this year it did it again, but around the Sicilian coasts.

2-Presentations

2.1-Integrated Coastal Zone Management expert (PAP/RAC) "Governance principles of Med Coastal Wetlands" (**Annex 1**)

2.2- "Making coastal wetlands governance a good deal: voluntary-based commitment-to-act agreements for pursuing multiple benefits" Expert in aquatic ecosystem management and governance (MedSea Foundation) (**Annex 2**)

The MedWet team thanked the group for their collaboration and suggested to keep them posted about the next webinar sessions planned in November.

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