

SIDE EVENT AT COP16 CBD

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Title:

“The Global Network of MPA Manager Networks, supporting GBF implementation in coral reef MPAs”

Day: 31st October

Time: 13.00-14:30

Summary

The event will present the specific value that a Global Network of MPA Manager Networks may have for MPA managers in coral reef areas.

Trough the activity of Regional Networks of MPA Managers, Regional Institutions, National MPA Agencies, Conservation Trust Funds, and Networks of Conservation Trust Funds operating in coral reef regions (all linked to the Global Network) the event will presente different examples on how strategic cooperation and learning exchanges, from local to regional and global levels, contributed to reinforce the partners capacities; and how their join efforts helped to raise awareness and build capacity for effective management of MPAs and resources mobilization.

The specific experiences from coral reef MPAs presented in the event will be a great example, for MPA managers in any other ocean region, about the strategic value of having a permanent global platform for exchanges of practitioners and their networks, providing a strong capacity building framework for 30x30 and other GBF targets' implementation.

About the Global Network of MPA Manger Networks

The Global Network of MPA Manger Networks was launched at the closing of the EU Ocean Governance project in September 2023 and is now coordinated as a project of The Ocean Foundation, funded by the Blue Nature Alliance. The initiative counts with more than 20 partners that include regional networks of MPA managers, national MPA agencies and other regional institutions supporting MPAs in the Atlantic, Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia, Indian and Pacific Ocean.

This Global Network aims to stablish a permanent platform taking advantage of the MPA managers experience to support the implementation of marine targets of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). The partners share four strategic axes for cooperation: 1) Exchange information, knowledge and tools, 2) Capacity building, 3) Policy support and 4) Sustainable financing. This cooperation allowed them to co-organise workshops, capacity building activities and deliver joint statements bringing the voice of MPA partitioners in relevant international events (UN Ocean Conferences (New York, 2017 and Lisbon 2022), IMPAC 4 (Chile, 2016) or IMPAC 5 (Canada, 2023)) and to have an active role providing inputs along the GBF process.

A "Resource mobilization Strategy in view of sustainable financing of the MPAs and MPA networks" sets the vision, goals and objectives of the Global Network, its organizational structure and support options, and identifies the marine conservation Targets of the Kunming-Montreal GBF to which the MPA managers can contribute. This is complemented by the Global Alliance for Marine Protection created by the MPA Manager Networks with the Conservation Trust Funds and Networks of Conservation Trust Funds that was launched at IUCN WCC in Marseille in 2021.

FINAL AGENDA

- 13.00-13:10 Welcome & Introduction
- Puri Canals. Coordinator of the Global Network of MPA Manager Networks Project - The Ocean Foundation
- 13:10-13:45 Partners' networking experiences around MPA management
- Géraldine Conruyt - SPAW-RAC
 - Dr Frank K. Griffin - CTI-CFF
 - Camila Esperanza Salazar- National Natural Parks of Colombia
 - Lt-Colonel NDIAYE Abdou Aziz – Community MPAs of Senegal
- 13:50-14:10 The Global Alliance for Marine Protection, experiences around resource mobilization for MPAs
- Karen Mc Donald and/or Tanja Lieuw - Caribbean Biodiversity Fund
 - Carole Martinez - MedPAN
 - Hariliva Rasoanarivo -Tany Meva Foundation- Madagascar
- 14:10-14:30 Open debate