

Pelagos: an exceptional Sanctuary, a collective movement

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Simultaneous interpretation:
French  | Italian  | English 

PROGRAMME

15:30- 16:00

Arrival & Coffee

16:00 – 16:20

Welcoming and Opening Remarks

- **Charles-Ange Ginésy** - President, *Alpes-Maritimes Department*
- Dott.ssa **Barbara Luisi** - Cheffe de cabinet, *Ministry of the Environment and Energy Safety (TBC)*
- **Agnès Pannier-Runacher** - Minister for Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forestry, the Sea and Fisheries *(TBC)*
- **H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco**

16:20 – 16:25

Official Launch of the Pelagos Consortium

Presentation of this multi-stakeholder consortium structured around four pillars: policy & advocacy, communication, stakeholder engagement, science & innovation.

- **Simone Panigada** - President of the *Tethys Research Institute*, Consortium Coordinator

16:25 – 16:35

Inauguration Ceremony

Unveiling of a display panel featuring partner logos, with signatures by H.S.H. and the Prince, followed by symbolic signatures by donors/foundations and Consortium partners.

16:35 – 16:42

Fireside Chat: The Pelagos Sanctuary: From Founding Vision to Collective Action

- **Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara** – Founder, *Tethys Research Institute*, and initiator of the *Pelagos Sanctuary*

16:42 – 17:05

Panel : Three States, One Shared Governance: 25 Years of the Pelagos Agreement

With high-level representatives from :

- **Célia Delavergne** – Director of Water and Biodiversity, *French Ministry of Ecological Transition (TBC)*
- **Isabelle Rosabrunetto** – Director General, *Monaco’s Department of External Relations and Cooperation*
- Rear Admiral **Francesco Tomas** – Director General, *Directorate for the Protection of Biodiversity and the Sea (TBC)*

17h05 – 17h15

Fireside chat – Voyage en Pelagos

- **Simonetta Greggio & Olivier Weber** – Authors of the book *Un été en mer*

17h15 – 17h35

Panel : Bringing a Sanctuary to Life: The Dynamic of the Pelagos Initiative

With the coordinating members of the Pelagos Initiative:

- *Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation*
- **Alessio Satta** – CEO ,*WWF Mediterranean*
- **Mercedes Muñoz Cañas** – Nature Conservation and Food Systems Manager, *IUCN*
- **Susan Gallon** – Scientific Manager , *MedPAN*

17h35 – 18h00

Panel : The Pelagos Consortium: A Collective Project to Turn Ambition into Action

With consortium partners: :

- **Marie Aude Sevin** –Director of Operations, *BlueSeeds*
- **Maylis Salivas** –Executive Secretary, *ACCOBAMS*
- **Simone Panigada** – *President, Tethys Research Institute, Consortium Coordinator*