

Pelagos: an exceptional Sanctuary, a collective movement

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PROGRAMME

15:30- 16:00	Arrival & Coffee
16:00 – 16:20	Welcoming and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charles-Ange Ginésy - President, <i>Alpes-Maritimes Department</i>• Dott.ssa Barbara Luisi - Cheffe de cabinet, <i>Ministry of the Environment and Energy Safety (TBC)</i>• Agnès Pannier-Runacher - Minister for Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forestry, the Sea and Fisheries <i>(TBC)</i>• H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco
16:20 – 16:25	Official Launch of the Pelagos Consortium <p><i>Presentation of this multi-stakeholder consortium structured around four pillars: policy & advocacy, communication, stakeholder engagement, science & innovation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simone Panigada - President of the <i>Tethys Research Institute</i>, Consortium Coordinator
16:25 – 16:35	Inauguration Ceremony <p><i>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.</i></p>
16:35 – 16:42	Fireside Chat: The Pelagos Sanctuary: From Founding Vision to Collective Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara – Founder, <i>Tethys Research Institute</i>, and initiator of the <i>Pelagos Sanctuary</i>
16:42 – 17:05	Panel : Three States, One Shared Governance: 25 Years of the Pelagos Agreement <p><i>With high-level representatives from :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Célia Delavergne – Director of Water and Biodiversity, <i>French Ministry of Ecological Transition (TBC)</i>• Isabelle Rosabrunetto – Director General, <i>Monaco’s Department of External Relations and Cooperation</i>• Rear Admiral Francesco Tomas – Director General, <i>Italian Directorate for the Protection of Biodiversity and the Sea (TBC)</i>
17h05 – 17h15	Fireside chat – Voyage en Pelagos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simonetta Greggio & Olivier Weber – Authors of the book <i>Un été en mer</i>
17h15 – 17h35	Panel : Bringing a Sanctuary to Life: The Dynamic of the Pelagos Initiative <p><i>With the coordinating members of the Pelagos Initiative:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation</i>• Alessio Satta – CEO ,<i>WWF Mediterranean</i>• Mercedes Muñoz Cañas – Nature Conservation and Food Systems Manager, <i>IUCN</i>• Susan Gallon – Scientific Manager , <i>MedPAN</i>
17h35 – 18h00	Panel : The Pelagos Consortium: A Collective Project to Turn Ambition into Action <p><i>With consortium partners: :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marie Aude Sevin –Director of Operations, <i>BlueSeeds</i>• Maylis Salivas –Executive Secretary, <i>ACCOBAMS</i>• Nicolas Entrup – Director of international relations ,<i>OceanCare</i>• Simone Panigada – President, <i>Tethys Research Institute</i>, Consortium Coordinator