



EUROPEAN UNION



## Committee of the Regions

### **Welcome to the joint NRDC-IEEP workshop on**

### **“Meeting the Targets of Marine Protected Areas Networks”**

**Brussels, 16 May 2008**

On **Friday 16 May**, the **Committee of the Regions** in Brussels will host the IEEP and NRDC Transatlantic Conference on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

This conference will aim to improve understanding of EU and US policies and legislation relating to MPAs with the aim of sharing best practice in the establishment and development of networks of MPAs. The conference will build on the outcomes of two teleconferences hosted under the T-PAGE project and will focus on progress at the EU and US level towards meeting the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) target of establishing a network of marine protected areas by 2010.

The conference will be a one-day event and will be preceded by a meeting of US and EU experts who have been involved in the planning and implementation of MPAs at a national/Member State level.

#### **Useful information**

This event is to be held at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels, Bâtiment Jacques Delors, Rue Belliard 99-101, the 16<sup>th</sup> of May (from 9am till 5pm). Click [here](#) to get the full address and direction to the venue.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided during the day.

All useful information can be found on the project website  
[http://www.ieep.eu/projectminisites/t-page/marineprotectedareas/mpa\\_conference.php](http://www.ieep.eu/projectminisites/t-page/marineprotectedareas/mpa_conference.php).

**Please confirm your presence before Friday 9 May by sending an email to [SWithana@ieep.eu](mailto:SWithana@ieep.eu)**

Please find below the agenda for the workshop as well as the list of participants.

16 MAY 2008	
09:00 – 9:45	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome speech – <i>Indrani Lutchman, IEEP</i></li> <li>A European perspective – <i>European Commission Representative</i></li> <li>Vision from the US – <i>Billy Causey, U.S. NOAA</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Session I: How to build up a coherent network of MPA in a complex and conflicting ecological, legislative, political, and social environment ?</b></li> </ul>	
9:45 – 11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key issues around implementing MPAs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How to use the regulatory framework to develop MPA networks – <i>Daniel Owen</i></li> <li>○ The role of science and monitoring – <i>Dr. Marc Carr (University of California, Santa Cruz)</i></li> <li>○ How to get the industry involved in the process – <i>Mrs. Cora Markensteijn (Europêche/COGECA)</i></li> <li>○ Evaluation of MPA - the socioeconomic benefits of MPA networks – <i>Stephen Mangi (University of Plymouth)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Questions and open discussion (30 min)</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:45 – 13:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Building a Mediterranean MPA network – <i>Marina Gomei (IUCN)</i></li> <li>○ The Channel Islands MPA network – <i>Dr. Robert Warner (University of California, Santa Barbara)</i></li> <li>○ MPA networks in the high seas – <i>Saskia Richartz (Greenpeace)</i></li> <li>○ The consultation process in the US MPA networks – <i>Dr. Dennis Heinemann (Ocean Conservancy)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Questions and open discussion (30 min)</li> </ul>
13:15 – 14:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>Session II: How to successfully and efficiently design, implement and manage more integrated MPAs?</b>	
14:30 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break-out groups to draft 5 key recommendations on : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The approach for designation of MPAs Chair: <i>Peter Jones (UCL)</i> Rapporteur: <i>Thomas Binet (IEEP)</i></li> <li>○ How to integrate other activities within an MPA (e.g. ecotourism, coastal management, recreational fishing, etc.)? Chair: <i>Kate Wing (NRDC)</i> Rapporteur: <i>Lisa Wooninck (U.S. NOAA)</i></li> <li>○ How to deal with the political and legal aspects of MPA networks Chair: <i>Olivier Laroussinie (Agence des Aires Marines Protégées)</i> Rapporteur: <i>Indrani Lutchman</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>

16:00– 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary session with presentation of results from breakout groups – <i>Rapporteurs of working groups</i></li> <li>• Final questions and comments</li> </ul>
17:00 – 17:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap-up summary – <i>Kate Wing (NRDC)</i></li> </ul>
17:15 – 18:30	<b>Cocktail</b>