



THE 10x20 INITIATIVE

Conference on Marine Protected Areas: An Urgent Imperative A Dialogue Between Scientists and Policymakers Rome, March 7-9, 2016

DRAFT AGENDA

Sunday, March 6th

Arrival of participants (scientists)

Monday, March 7th

Afternoon

1:30 PM

Welcome lunch

Speeches by: Italian representative TBD
Dr. Ellen Pikitch, Chairperson

2:30 – 3:30 PM

SCIENTIFIC SESSION - *OVERVIEW OF PROJECTED OUTCOMES*: Discussion among scientists on how best to assist policymakers in achieving SDG 14 by:

- Reviewing the best available science on marine protected areas;
- Discussing best practices for siting, developing, implementing, governing and enforcing these areas;

- Considering how sanctuaries can be made financially self-sustaining; (establishment of what is agreed upon and what is contentious)

3:30 – 4:00 PM Coffee break

4.00 – 6:00 PM SCIENTIFIC SESSION
Breakout groups:
1) Important characteristics of MPAs, including size, optimal locations, and networks to ensure connectivity and representativeness, etc.;

2) Implementation and governance of MPA's;

3) Enforcement, maintaining and monitoring MPA's to ensure progress;

4) Financial sustainability.

8.30 PM Group dinner (scientists)

Dinner speaker: Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara on the experience of the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals, established by France, Italy and Monaco.

Tuesday, March 8th

Arrival of diplomatic representatives in the morning and early afternoon

Morning

9:00 – 10:00 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION, Plenary
Report by representatives from each of the breakout groups on progress made

10:00 – 11:00 AM SCIENTIFIC SESSION, continuation of breakout groups
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11:30 AM – 1:30 PM SCIENTIFIC SESSION, continuation of breakout groups

1:30-3:00 PM Lunch

Afternoon

3:00 – 5:00 PM SCIENTIFIC SESSION, plenary: Cross-fertilization of ideas.

Coffee break

5:00 – 6:00 PM SCIENTIFIC SESSION, Finalization of Scientists Consensus

Evening

8:30 PM WORKING DINNER

Keynote speech by a prominent Italian personality TBD

Discussion among scientists, diplomats and representatives of the Italian business community on the theme: “How to use technology for SDG 14.”

Wednesday, March 9th

Joint Sessions of Scientists and Diplomats

Morning

9:00 – 9:30 AM WELCOMING REMARKS (TBD)
Representatives of the Host Country
Representative of UNEP
Representative of OSA

9:30 – 10:00 AM Presentation of Scientist Consensus

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Comments by Participating Diplomats

Coffee break

12:30 – 1:30 PM Joint Dialogue – Scientists and Diplomats
on how to operationalize the science for use by policy makers

1:30 – 3:00 PM Lunch

Afternoon

3:00 – 4:00 PM Presentation of successful examples: how to start a
protected area and make it self-sustaining - including
the Bahamas, Palau and Italy.

4:00 – 5:30 PM Conclusion of dialogue and CALL TO ACTION.

Free Evening (Dinner at Hotel optional)

Thursday, March 10th

Departure of all participants