



Questions made by the participants of the webinar, Answers by Fundación Biodiversidad

QUESTION: We have at the Ministry of the Interior (ALGERIA) and Territorial Planning the National Scheme for Spatial Planning (SNAT) which is declining towards sectoral schemas among we have the master plan for protected areas, in the updating of the SNAT we have integrated the governance guideline, what are the main mechanisms to put in place to ensure good governance of this scheme of protected areas

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QUESTION : as IUCN we have developed something similar in a more challenging and complex context in Lebanon and we have established "sustainable fisheries platform" which brought together fishermen, ministries (5), restaurants, hotels, LEA, fishmongers, etc...
do you have plans to adopt solutions for South and East Med? with more complex and challenging administrative, social and economic situation! I know the fund is for EU countries! But I think it's time to deal with MED Sea as one entity and bridge the gap of the uneven and unequal development between north and south!

Coordination with other countries, such as France and Morocco, and in close collaboration with IUCN Med, is planned within the framework of Intemares. If you think it is appropriate, we would be very interested in having more information about the project that highlights sustainable fisheries in Lebanon. And thus, share it among our partners and assess possible synergies also from the complementary funds. Thank you for your question and interest in Intemares.

QUESTION : Could you recommend us some interesting course to have more details about this methodology/strategies of capacity building and lobby?

The training strategy is being implemented mainly through the Biodiversity Foundation's call for proposals projects. We encourage you to follow us in social networks and according to your sector, you can get information about the next training sessions in the framework of Intemares. Thank you for your question and interest in Intemares.

QUESTION : How could you increase the participatory culture?

The promotion of participation and collaboration in the design and implementation of public policies in the marine Natura 2000 Network is a fundamental pillar of LIFE Intemares to achieve a new model of marine management. The implementation of participatory processes is producing the following results and indicators to advance in the institutionalization of the participatory culture in the management of the sea:

- Facilitating numerically broad and social participation diverse based on varied, organized, planned and structured channels and spaces (workshops, work groups, online consultations, meetings, training actions,...)
- Creating accessible information and communication spaces between users and managers of the marine Natura 2000 Network.
- Showing a better and greater collaboration in a continuous way between the main users and managers of the sea (ministries, regional governments, town halls,...)
- Giving feed back to the stakeholders, the technical and political decision-making based on the results obtained during the participatory processes, valuing the contributions of the participants.
- Creating and activating social participation structures (committees, working groups, governance pilot projects)
- Making available innovative participation tools and elaborating guides for the stakeholders to understand and practice social participation improving marine governance

Thank you for your question and interest in Intemares.

QUESTION : Thank you for this very interesting webinar. Within the network of Algerian cultural parks, we are working on the implementation of the collaborative management approach through the signing of charters and management agreements with partners. My question is what are the mechanisms that you have put in place to integrate civil society on a lasting basis (organized in associations or not) in the governance scheme and to what extent civil society / users are involved in decision-making. The second point I would like to address is that of the system for monitoring and continuous evaluation of the governance system put in place. the latter should be based on ecological, cultural and socio-economic indicators. How you manage these indicators and management objectives and how to ensure the balance sought. Comments define balanced objectives, taking into account that scientific scenarios are not always concensual?

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QUESTION : What are the indicators used to evaluate the project impacts? Is there a mix of social, economic and ecological (i.e. related to Natura 2000 birds, species and habitats)?

We are working in indicators schemes to assess the project's impact at different levels: ecological, socioeconomic, management, etc. All protocols and results will be updated in our website. The first ones, very soon.

Thank you for your question and interest in Intemares.

QUESTION : did fishers agreed to sit on the same table with recreational fishers and reach a consensus?

We have initiated a participatory process for the preparation of management plans in 24 Canary Islands SACs. Thanks to the design of multi-stakeholder mediation guides and the leadership of the project partners, they have jointly participated in the workshops, reaching a large consensus to begin the participatory preparation of a fisheries management plan with the involvement of both sectors currently in conflict. We invite you to follow the process on the project website, as well as to consult the methodology in the informative reports. Thank you for your question and interest in Intemares.

QUESTION : Have you tried to used the tools by IUCN on guidelines for applying management categories. They offer a standard for managers. Best, Jan

Thank you for your comment. Yes, these are tools that we are integrating into the draft governance strategy that we are developing together with WWF. This document is the result of a participatory process in which technical staff from IUCN Med, an entity with which Intemares is in permanent collaboration, have actively participated. In the coming months we will create an online consultation space on the draft project website. We also encourage you to participate in order to continue enriching it with your knowledge and learning.

Thank you very much again. Keep in touch,