# Protected Area Management Effectiveness:
How do we achieve a multidimensional approach?



**26 - 27 October**

Parco Nazionale delle Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona e Campigna

# Programme

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📌 Monastery of Camaldoli, Località Camaldoli, Italy

*All timings are indicative. The organiser reserves the right to make changes.*

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| Day 0 - Sunday 25.10 | |
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| **Time (CEST)** | **Programme Element** |
| **All Day** | Arrival |
| **18:00** | Shuttle from Pontassieve train station to Monastery of Camaldoli |
| **20:00** | Dinner |

| Day 1 - Monday 26.10 | |
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| **Time (CET)** | **Programme Element** |
| **08:30 - 09:15** | **Registration** |
| **09:30 - 10:15** | **Opening and official welcome**<br>• **Dom Matteo Ferrari,** Prior General of Camaldoli<br>• **Federico Lorenzoni,** Mayor of Poppi<br>• **Francesco Lucacci,** President of Parco Nazionale delle Foreste Casentinesi, Monte Falterona e Campigna<br>• **Luca Santini,** President of Federparchi, EUROPARC Italy<br>• **Alberto Arroyo Schnell,** EUROPARC Director |
| **10:15 - 11:00** | **Keynote speakers**<br>• **Maria Lombardi,** Head of the Unit for Establishment, monitoring and management of protected areas – Ministry of Environment, Italy<br>• **Ben Ross,** Head of Protected Areas, Innovation and Data NatureScot, UK<br>• ~~**Nikoleta Jones**, Professor at Warwick University UK (People-Nature-Climate)~~ Sadly unable to attend |
| **11:00 - 11:30** | **Break** |
| **11:30 - 12:30** | **About PAME-Europe & why PAME matters**<br>• **Neil McIntosh,** LIFE PAME-Europe Project Manager, EUROPARC Federation<br>• **Sanna-Kaisa Juvonen,** Policy Development Manager, EUROPARC Federation<br>• **Ana Carla Cabrita da Conceição,** RWSW-Rewilding Sudoeste, Portugal *[LIFE PAME-Europe Pilot Site]*<br>• **Andrea Gennai,** Director, Foreste Casentinesi National Park, Italy *[LIFE PAME-Europe Pilot Site]* |
| **12:30 - 14:00** | **Lunch** |

| Day 1 - Monday 26.10 | |
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| **Time (CET)** | **Programme Element** |
| **14:00 - 15:15** | **5 Case Studies** will help set the scene for the discussions in the workshops:<br>• **Dave Genney**, NatureScot - Scotland: Reform of the 20-year-old protected area monitoring programme, including the accompanying IT system.<br>• **Fabrizio Santini,** Colline Metallifere National Park - Italy: A participatory process within the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism, including the use of an "eco-counter" to calculate the ecological footprint of each ecotourism product sold.<br>• **Mattia Ucchiello,** FAO Forestry Division, TIM: From data to decisions: Telco data, AI and remote sensing for planning, visitor management and conservation monitoring.<br>• **Sara Di Lonardo,** CNR-IRET - Italy: Co-managing a protected landscape through sustainable trails<br>• **Loraine Simon-Chautemps,** Office français de la biodiversité - France: New ways of coordinating governance |
| **15:15 - 16:45** | **Workshops - Round 1**<br>*For the full description, please see pages 5-6* |
| **16:45 - 17:00** | **Break** |
| **17:00 - 18:30** | **Workshops - Round 2**<br>*For the full description, please see pages 5-6* |
| **19:30** | **Dinner** |

| Day 2 - Tuesday 27.10 | |
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| **Time (CET)** | **Programme Element** |
| **09:30 - 10:00** | **Reflections and feedback from Day 1** |
| **10:00 - 11:15** | **Examples of PAME initiatives in different countries**<br>• **Renate Cornici-Dan,** Protected areas management approaches and fundraising at Propark Fundația pentru Arii Protejate, Romania<br>• **Ben Ross**, NatureScot, Scotland<br>• **Marco Galaverni,** WWF Italy, Oases Director, Italy<br>• **Anja May,** Nationale Naturlandschaften e.V., Germany<br>• **Paul Rouveyrol**, Office français de la biodiversité, France |

| Day 2 - Tuesday 27.10 | |
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| **Time (CET)** | **Programme Element** |
| **11:15 - 11:45** | **Break** |
| **11:45- 12:30** | **Closing Statements**<br>• **Alberto Arroyo Schnell,** Director, EUROPARC Federation |
| **12:30 - 14:00** | **Lunch** |
| **15:00** | **Shuttle bus to Pontassieve train station** |

| Optional Excursions | |
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| **15:00 - 17:30** | A loop hike along the nature trail that starts at the Monastery. Participants will be able to meet a few experts, researchers, volunteers, etc., who will briefly share a project or experience. An easy hike, suitable for everyone. |
| **15:00 - 18:00** | Visit to the village of Moggiona (5 km from Camaldoli by public transport). During this visit, participants will meet the community cooperative that runs the park's bar/information center, the small wolf interactive education center, the wolf-themed playground, and the wolf trail. A small village that has been revitalised thanks to the park, centered on a divisive topic like the wolf. |

***On Tuesday 27th here will be no shuttle service after the excursions. For those participating in the excursion, be sure to extend your stay at the accommodation, or book your own private transport. On Wednesday, 28th a shuttle to Pontassieve Train Station will depart at 08:30.***



| Workshops | |
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| *There will be **two rounds of four workshops**, please in the registration form, indicate which workshop you would like to attend in the first round and which workshop you would like to attend in the second round. Before the workshops, there will be five case studies presented in plenary to lay the basis for discussion.* | |
| **Name** | **Description** |
| 1. **Governance - Who owns the land and who decides?** | Governance and management effectiveness are intrinsically linked. Governance determines who holds authority, how decisions are made, and whose voices are included in decision-making, while management effectiveness evaluates whether those decisions and the governance processes are being applied to achieve conservation objectives. But what does good governance look like in different Protected Area contexts? How do different governance models influence management outcomes, and what lessons can be learned across Europe?<br><br>**Moderator: Ben Ross,** Head of Protected Areas, Innovation and Data for Scotland's Nature Agency, NatureScot.<br>**Supported by:** Esther Bossink, Communications & Operations Manager, EUROPARC Federation. |
| 2. **Stakeholder engagement - Measuring attitudes and perceptions** | The success of a Protected Area depends not only on ecological outcomes but also on the support and engagement of the people who live, work and visit there. This workshop explores how attitudes and perceptions of local communities and stakeholders can be measured, why these insights matter, and how they can be used to strengthen management effectiveness. Participants will discuss practical approaches, indicators and experiences from across Europe.<br><br>**Moderator: Professor Nikoleta Jones,** Warwick University (People-Nature-Climate)<br>**Supported by:** Neil McIntosh, Head of Communications & Capacity Building Unit, EUROPARC Federation. |

*As Professor Nikoleta Jones is unable to attend, wokshop 1 and 2 will be merged.*

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| 3. **Technical - From monitoring to management** | Protected Areas generate a growing range of ecological, environmental and human-pressure data, from field surveys to advanced technologies such as telecom data, AI and remote sensing. Emerging technologies, including use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other digital tools, offer new opportunities to analyse this information, identify trends and support evidence-based management decision-making. This workshop will explore how technological innovations can help managers move beyond monitoring and use data to inform adaptive management, ensuring that data leads to better conservation outcomes.<br><br>**Moderator: Mattia Ucchiello,** Ecosystem-based Adaptation Monitoring, FAO Forestry Division; Environmental Innovation Manager, Mindicity / TIM<br>**Supported by:** Federico Minozzi, Head of Policy and Projects Unit, EUROPARC Federation. |
| 4. **Sustainable Economic Development - Balancing benefits and pressures** | Protected Areas contribute significantly to local and regional economies. However, increasing visitor numbers and conflicting land usages create pressures on ecosystems: also, within Protected Areas, there can be competing needs and expectations from those living there, those coming from outside to experience nature and those responsible for conservation management. How can nature's needs be met and the pressures encountered be mitigated? How can approaches for PAME be deployed to balance the benefits and pressures arising from socio-economic development?<br><br>**Moderator: Henk Zingstra,** Chairman Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group<br>**Supported by:** Sanna-Kaisa Juvonen, Policy Development Manager, EUROPARC Federation. |

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## Keynote Speakers



**Ben Ross, NatureScot, UK:**

30 by 30 is a global initiative aiming to ensure at least 30% of land and sea that is important for nature is safeguarded and effectively conserved and managed by 2030.

At its heart this is about ensuring there is the space and conditions to allow nature to thrive. But it is also about recognising these places can deliver multiple additional benefits for society. Places that are great for nature can also help us address climate change by delivering flood protection, capturing carbon, supporting pollinating insects that are vital for food production, or deliver renewable energy. These areas can provide food and materials, recreation, enjoyment and huge benefits to our health and wellbeing.

30 by 30 is about recognising, celebrating, and supporting land management that does and will continue to deliver great long-term outcomes for nature and people. It will be achieved through a combination of new and existing Protected Areas as well a new approach called Nature30.

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SOCIAT is a means to assess social outcomes of nature protection and restoration projects. It provides a step-by-step guidance on the application process, explanations of the indicators, and standards for analysing the collected social data. Via a dedicated training course, participants will gain the expertise required to maximise the benefits of using SOCIAT in their work.

Professor Nikoleta Jones is a sociologist, with research centred on integrating social dimensions into contemporary discussions surrounding environmental policies, particularly in biodiversity conservation and climate change. Her expertise lies in the application of mixed methods, with a focus on developing behavioural predictive models that incorporate both spatial and temporal elements. She led the development of SOCIAT.




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