

Monday June 06

17:00 – 19:00	Opening ceremony
17:00 – 17:30	Introduction & Welcome by Prof. Dr. Elias Yfantis
	Greetings by Ms Marina Argyrou (Director of DFMR, Department of Fisheries and Marine Research)
	Greetings by Mr Andreas Vyras (Mayor of Larnaca and Chairman of CMMI)
17:30 – 19:00	Networking & Drinks



Tuesday June 07

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Reception
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction Moderator: Dr Flora Karathanasi.
	Session 1: Marine Conservation Session Chair: Dr. Louis Hadjioannou
9:30 – 9:40	Session transition
9:40 – 10:10	Keynote Speech Prof Drosos Koutsoubas, University of the Aegean
10:10 – 10:25	An invasive seagrass drives its own success in two invaded seas by both negatively affecting native seagrasses and benefiting from those costs Kelcie Chiquillo, Paul Barber, Marlen Vasquez, Edwin Cruz-Rivera, Demian Willette, Gidon Winters, Peggy Fong
10:25 – 10:40	Sea cave mapping around the coastline of Cyprus Leda L. Cai, Vasilis Trygonis, Maria Sini, Ioannis Savva, Periklis Kleitou, Vasilis Gerovasileiou, Markos Digenis, Demetris Kletou, Stella Alexandrou, Yiannis Ioannou, Haris Nicolaou, Melina Marcou, Drosos Koutsoubas
10:40 – 10:55	Biology, reproduction, bathymetrical and longitudinal patterns of sharks and rays in Cypriot waters. Dimitrios Karampetsis, Chrysoula Gubili, Kostas Efthimiadis, Pavlos Vidoris, Ioannis Thasitis, Antonios Petrou, Nikolaos Kamidis
10:55 – 11:10	A review of fish studies using underwater video techniques in the Mediterranean Sea Melina Nalmpanti, Athanasios Tsikliras
11:10 – 11:40	Coffee break
	Session 2: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Mediterranean Session Chair: Ms. Melina Marcou
11:40 – 11:50	Session transition
11:50 – 12:20	Keynote Speech Mr Khalil Attia, Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA)
12:20 – 12:35	Accounting for functional connectivity in cross-realm conservation planning in a data poor context: the Cyprus case Stalo Leontiou, Ioannis Vogiatzakis, Stelios Katsanevakis
12:35 – 12:50	Experiences with the invasive lionfish highlight the threats and challenges of invasive species management in the Marine Protected Areas of the Mediterranean Sea Periklis Kleitou, Sian Rees, Ioannis Savva, Leda L. Cai, Jason M. Hall-Spencer, Louis Hadjioannou, Niki Chartosia, Ioannis Givos, Carlos Jimenez, Demetris Kletou
12:50 – 13:05	Seasonal and geographic variations of marine litter: a comprehensive study from the island of Cyprus Demetra Orthodoxou, Xenia I. Loizidou, Christina Baldwin, Cemile Kocareis, Anastasis Karonias, Maria Ayça Ateş
13:20 – 14:30	Lunch break



Wednesday June 08

9:00 – 9:10 **Introduction**
Moderator: Dr Louis Hadjioannou

Session 4: Oceanography: from measurements to models
Session Chair: Dr. Flora Karathanasi

9:10 – 9:20 **Session transition**

9:20 – 9:50 **Keynote Speech : Dr Anneta Mantziafou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**

9:50 – 10:05 **Marine seafloor debris in Cyprus: Composition, distribution and trends**
Nikolaos Kamidis, Dona Englezaki, Stelios Triantafyllidis, Ioannis Thasitis, Antonios Petrou

10:05 – 10:20 **Examining water quality parameters' interactions related to Cyprus coastal eutrophication based on the Kohonen Self-Organizing Map.**
Ekaterini Hadjisolomou, Konstantinos Antoniadis, Ioannis Thasitis, Maria Rousou, Lavrentios Vasiliades, Rana Abu-Alhajja, Ioannis Kyriakides, Herodotos Herodotou, Michalis Michaelides

10:20 – 10:35 **Water quality assessment of the marine environment at the outlets of two wastewater treatment plants in Kavala Gulf, Greece**
Eleni Flora, Panagiota Litsa, Stelios Triantafyllidis, Dimitrios Karampetsis, Nikolaos Stamatidis, Nikolaos Kamidis

10:35 – 10:50 **Sea Level Rise due to Climate Change: The case of the Greek Coast**
Serafeim Poulos

10:50 – 11:20 **Coffee break**

Session 5: Climate change impacts Session
Chair: Dr. Manos Moraitis

11:20 – 11.30 **Session transition**

11.30 – 12:00 **Keynote Speech**
Prof Gil Rilov, National Institute of Oceanography, Israel Oceanographic & Limnological Research (IOLR)

12:00 – 12:15 **LifeWatch ERIC: mission, recent developments and what is offered to the community for the study of climate change impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems research**
Christos Arvanitidis, Juan Miguel González-Aranda, Alberto Basset, Peter Van Tienderen, Lucas de Moncuit

12:15 – 12:30 **Establishing baseline assessment levels for monitoring coastal heavy metals using foraminiferal shells: A case study from the Southeastern Mediterranean**
Lin Hooper, Danna Titelboim, Sigal Abramovich, Barak Herut, Nadya Teutsch, Tal Benaltabet, Adi Torfstein

12:30 – 12:45 **Resilience of Posidonia oceanica populations to thermal stress in a Mediterranean-scale translocation experiment**
Demetris Kletou, Scott Bennett, Teresa Alcoverro, Jordi Boada, Xavier Buñuel Moreno, Lidia Cucala, Gabriel Jorda, Periklis Kleitou, Ioannis Savva, Guillem Roca, Julia Santana-Garcon, Adriana Vergés, Núria Marbà

12:45 – 13:00 **Responses of Invasive and Native Populations of the Seagrass Halophila stipulacea to Simulated Climate Change**
Hung Manh Nguyen, Narendra Singh Yadav, Simon Barak, Fernando P. Lima, Yuval Sapir, Gidon Winters

13:00 – 13:15 **The seasonal diet composition of the non-indigenous Parupeneus forsskali (Fourmanoir & Guézé, 1976) (Actinopterygii, Mullidae)**
Christina Michail, Annetta Pyle, Niki Chartosia



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13:15 – 13:30

Closing remarks
by Mr Zacharias Siokouros (CEO of CMMI, Cyprus Marine and Maritime Institute)

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch break

14:30 – 15:30

Poster session & Networking

END OF CONFERENCE



Posters List

- **Cyprus Database of Alien Species (CyDAS) as a portal for raising awareness and information for Citizen Scientists**
Paraskevi Karachle, Louis Hadjioannou, Niki Chartosia, Angeliki Martinou
- **Sea of Experience Establishment of Eastern Mediterranean Regional Network: pooling, sharing, development of innovative face-to-face and digital training/mentoring tools for the maritime sector**
Georgios Nikolaidis, Georgios Georgiou, Alexandros Rammos, Nikolaos Ventikos, Zacharias Siokouros, Andri Theodorou
- **The first MPA established in Montenegro (southeast Adriatic Sea): challenges and threats**
Slavica Petović, Nikola Djordjević, Aleksandra Huter
- **Integrating Cultural Heritage to Marine Protected Areas in the MENA Region**
Julia Nikolaus, Nick Ray, Sophie Tews, Georgia Andreou
- **Ecocentric fisheries management in the Mediterranean Sea (EcoScope project)**
Athanasios Tsikliras, Anna Chrysafi, Evangelia Daskalaki, Ioannis Keramidis, Evangelos Koufalis, Danai Mantopoulou-Palouka, Konstantinos Michailidis, Melina Nalmpanti, Sophie Manousi, Donna Dimarchopoulou
- **Distribution Of Phytoplankton Species Along The Montenegrin Coast**
Dragana Drakulović, Aleksandra Huter
- **Reproductive biology and growth of the alien Red Sea goatfish *Parupeneus forsskali* (Fourmanoir & Guézé, 1976) off the coast of Cyprus**
Sigurdur Saemundsson, Athanasios Tsikliras, Niki Chartosia
- **Assisted recruitment of the Critically Endangered fan mussel *Pinna nobilis* in Cyprus (eastern Mediterranean)**
Valentina Fossati, Carlos Jiménez, Marios Papageorgiou
- **The MARI-Sense Project: Employing Artificial Neural Networks for Sustainable Coastal Environmental Management**
Ekaterini Hadjisolomou, Konstantinos Antoniadis, Ioannis Thasitis, Maria Rousou, Lavrentios Vasiliades, Rana Abu-Alhaja, Herodotos Herodotou, Michalis Michaelides, Ioannis Kyriakides
- **OS -AQUA :Open Sea Aquaculture in Eastern Mediterranean - "Enabling the development of an Open Sea Aquaculture in Eastern Mediterranean"**
Georgios Nikolaidis, Monica Demetriou, Rana Abu Alhaja, Daniel Hayes, ioannis kyriakides, George Triantaphyllidis, vassilis papadopoulos, Stephanos charalampous, Michalis Menikou
- **Increased knowledge affects public attitude and perception towards elasmobranchs and support for conservation**
Marios Papageorgiou, Elizabeth G. T. Bengil, Robin Snape, Louis Hadjioannou
- ***Fistularia petimba* (Lacepède, 1803) successful establishment in Cyprus (Eastern Mediterranean): Historical and new data with biological notes**
Marios Papageorgiou, Vasilis Resaikos, Antonis Petrou
- **Ghost gear removal**
Stavros Stylianou, Georgios Fyttis, Gregory Konnaris, Yiannos Mylonas, Monica Demetriou, Georgios Nikolaidis, Yianna Samuel
- **Play-based Learning: The creation of an educational program on sea turtles to promote awareness and conservation**
Yianna Samuel, Elena Ambiza, Monica Demetriou, Gregory Konnaris, Stavros Stylianou, Georgios Nikolaidis
- **What do Cypriots know and think about elasmobranchs? Is there space for conservation?**
Licia Finotto, Valettini Bruna, Ioannis Giovos, Periklis Kleitou, Carlotta Mazzoldi, Massimiliano Bottaro
- **Quantifying the unquantable elasmobranch bycatch and discards in the North Aegean Sea**
Roxani Naasan Aga Spyridopoulou, Ioannis Giovos, Vasileios Minasidis, Dimitrios K Moutopoulos
- **Diet composition of the invasive lionfish *Pterois miles* (J. W. Bennett, 1828) (Scorpaeniformes: Scorpaenidae) in the sea of Cyprus.**
Niki Chartosia, Christina Michail, Anneta Pyle, Periklis Kleitou, Demetris Kletou
- **Association of scientists and fishermen network**
Georgios Nikolaidis, Monica Demetriou, Stavros Stylianou, Marios Papageorgiou