

## NETCET

### *Network for the Conservation of Cetaceans and Sea Turtles in the Adriatic*

*IPA Adriatic CBC Programme*

## Final Conference Agenda



**3rd and 4th December 2015**  
Palazzo Cavalli Franchetti  
S. Marco, 2847 - 30124  
Venice, Italy



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NETCET Project started its activities in 2012 with the aim of developing common strategies for the conservation of sea turtles and cetaceans in the Adriatic sea.

The Final Conference will illustrate the results achieved by the project:

1. shared standardized scientific knowledge and effective collaboration between the organisations involved in cetaceans and sea turtles conservation in the Adriatic,
2. greater institutional capacity for the conservation of cetaceans and sea turtles in partner states,
3. improved knowledge of Adriatic cetaceans and sea turtles populations, hot-spots and major threats,
4. increased technical capacity for sea turtle recovery in the Adriatic and effective treatment of stranded/injured sea turtles in high level structures and increased information available for citizens through the centres,
5. increased coastal communities' awareness of the presence and conservation needs of these species and widespread adoption by fishermen of correct handling procedures,
6. improved conservation and management of cetaceans and sea turtles conservation and their habitats in the Adriatic through effective regional cooperation,
7. a sense of ownership towards and pride in the natural heritage in the Adriatic.

Moreover, this transnational event will benefit from the presence of several expert speakers such as:

- Roderic Mast, President of the Oceanic Society, Co-Chair of the Marine Turtle Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, (IUCN), USA,
- Randall Reeves, Chair of the Cetacean Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Canada
- Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara, President, Tethys Research Institute, and Co-Chair at IUCN Task Force on Marine Mammal Protected Areas, Italy.

They will bring their experiences and inputs in marine biodiversity conservation problems and provide a global insight on the Adriatic case. The 2nd day will be dedicated to the presentation of the Common Strategies and National Action Plans for the conservation of these species which will be introduced by European specialist Vedran Nikolić, Policy officer, Nature unit, European Commission, DG Environment. The involvement of Adriatic regions and NETCET City Network will be crucial in order to ensure maximum contribution from their part in strategy implementation and ensure regional cohesion in the Adriatic Euroregion.

The conference will be held in English and Italian languages with simultaneous translation services.



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Day 1 - December, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
8.45am	Registration
9am-9.30am	<p><b>SESSION 1 – Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andrea Costantini</b>, Director of Environment Department, City of Venice</li> <li>• <b>Paola Di Salvatore</b>, Managing Authority, IPA Adriatic CBC Programme</li> <li>• <b>Isabella Marangoni</b>, Officer in charge of European Policies Department, City of Venice</li> </ul>
9.30-11am	<p><b>SESSION 2 – NETCET Achievements: more than a project (1)</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Caterina Fortuna</b>, Researcher, ISPRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the NETCET Project, <b>Carole Maignan</b>, Project Manager, City of Venice</li> <li>• Topic 1: Increased institutional capacity for cetaceans and sea turtles conservation, <b>Sandro Mazzariol</b>, Assistant Professor, Department Comparative Biomedicine and Food Science, University of Padua, Italy</li> <li>• Topic 2: Sea Turtles and Cetaceans: improved and shared knowledge on their presence, threats, hot-spots, <b>Draško Holcer</b>, President, Blue World Institute of Marine Research, Croatia</li> </ul>
11-11.30am	Coffee break
11.30-12.15am	<p><b>SESSION 2 – NETCET Achievements: more than a project (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic 3: Increased awareness on the presence and conservation needs of C&amp;STs, <b>Isabella Pratesi</b>, Conservation Director, WWF Italy</li> <li>• Topic 4: Strengthened technical capacity for sea turtles, <b>Sauro Pari</b>, President, Cetacea Foundation, Italy</li> <li>• Topic 5: How to ensure effective conservation of C&amp;ST in the Adriatic: lessons learnt and future plans, <b>Ana Štrbenac</b>, Head of the Expertise, Croatian Agency for the Environment and Nature, Croatia</li> </ul>
12.15-1pm	<p><b>SESSION 3 – NETCET results: a global perspective from keynote speakers (1)</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Carole Maignan</b>, Project Manager, City of Venice</p> <p>Mediterranean cetaceans and sea turtles: status, conservation policies and actions, <b>Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara</b>, President, Tethys Research Institute, and Co-Chair at IUCN Task Force on Marine Mammal Protected Areas, Italy</p>



1pm-1.30pm	Press Conference
1pm-2.30pm	Lunch
2.30pm-4pm	<p><b>SESSION 3 – NETCET results: a global perspective from keynote speakers (2)</b></p> <p>“Balancing the Scales for Sea Turtle Conservation: Setting Priorities Globally and Locally”, <b>Roderic Mast</b>, <i>President of the Oceanic Society, Co-Chair of the Marine Turtle Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, (IUCN), USA</i></p> <p>“Importance of Regional Initiatives for Conservation of Cetaceans: A Global Perspective”, <b>Randall Reeves</b>, <i>Chair of the Cetacean Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Canada</i></p>
4-4.30pm	Coffee break
4.30pm-6pm	<p><b>SESSION 4 – Learning by sharing: discussion with sister projects</b>  <i>Moderator: Peter Mackelworth, Conservation Director, Blue World Institute of Marine Research</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Simonetta Frascchetti, COCONET - <a href="http://www.coconet-fp7.eu">http://www.coconet-fp7.eu</a></li> <li>2. Olga Sedioli, SHAPE - <a href="http://www.shape-ipaproject.eu">http://www.shape-ipaproject.eu</a></li> <li>3. Andrea Barbanti, AdRIPLAN – <a href="http://adriplan.eu">http://adriplan.eu</a></li> <li>4. Giulio Pojana, Defishgear - <a href="http://www.defishgear.net">http://www.defishgear.net</a></li> <li>5. Loredana Alfarè, LIFE_GHOST - <a href="http://www.life-ghost.eu">http://www.life-ghost.eu</a></li> <li>6. Azzura Bastari, AMER – Adriatic Marine Ecosystem Recovery</li> <li>7. Alessandro Lucchetti, TARTALIFE - <a href="http://www.tartalife.eu">http://www.tartalife.eu</a></li> </ol>
6-6.30pm	<p><b>IPA Adriatic CBC Programme considerations</b></p> <p>IPA Adriatic CBC Programme: current and future, <b>Paola Di Salvatore</b>, <i>Managing Authority of the IPA Adriatic CBC Programme</i></p>
6.30pm	End of working day 1 and social event



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## Day 2 - December, 4<sup>th</sup>

8.45am

Registration

9-11.30am

### SESSION 5 – Strategies for conservation of cetaceans and sea turtles in the Adriatic Sea and National Action Plans

*Moderator: **Ana Štrbenac**, Head of the Expertise Division, Croatian Agency for the Environment and Nature*

- Introductory Speech: **Vedran Nikolić**, Policy officer, Nature unit, European Commission, DG Environment
- Presentation of the Strategies for conservation of cetaceans and sea turtles in the Adriatic Sea, **Ana Štrbenac**, Head of the Expertise Division, Croatian Agency for the Environment and Nature, Croatia
- Presentation of the contributions to the National Action Plans for cetaceans and sea turtles conservation in **Italy**, **Caterina Fortuna**, Researcher, Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, Italy
- Presentation of the contributions to the National Action Plans for sea turtles conservation and the draft of the National Action Plans for cetaceans in **Slovenia**, **Bojan Lazar**, Assistant Professor, University of Primorska, Science and Research Centre, Slovenia
- Presentation of the contributions to the National Action Plans for sea turtles conservation and of the draft of the National Action Plans for cetaceans in **Croatia**, **Katja Jelić**, Advisor, Croatian Agency for the Environment and Nature, Croatia
- Presentation of the draft of the National Action Plans for cetaceans in **Montenegro**, **Mirko Đurović**, Director, Institute of Marine Biology, Montenegro
- Presentation of the contributions to the National Action Plans for sea turtles conservation in **Albania**, **Vilma Piroli**, Project Coordinator, Herpetofauna Albanian Society, Albania
- Presentation of the contributions to the National Action Plans for cetaceans conservation in **Albania**, **Enerit Sacdanaku**, Researcher, Association for Protection of Aquatic Wildlife in Albania, Albania

11.30-12am

Coffee break



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<p><b>12-1.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 6 – Cities and Regions for Cetaceans and Sea Turtles Conservation: good practice, networking and future steps</b></p> <p><i>Moderators: <b>Draško Holcer</b>, Director, Blue World Institute of Marine Research, Croatia and <b>Carole Maignan</b>, Project Manager, City of Venice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NETCET City Network, <b>Carole Maignan</b>, Project Manager, City of Venice</li> <li>● Cases of Good Practice:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Rossana Ippoliti</b>, Environment Deputy Mayor, City of Numana, Italy</li> <li>2. <b>Gari Cappelli</b>, Mayor, City of Mali Lošinj, Croatia</li> <li>3. <b>Latif Haxhibrahimi</b>, Office for International Cooperation and Projects, Municipality of Ulcinj/Ulqin, Montenegro</li> <li>4. <b>Katia Raffaelli</b>, Technical Coordinator of the Regional Network for Sea Turtles and Cetaceans, Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy</li> <li>5. <b>Claudio Zabaglia</b>, Manager, Marche Region, Italy</li> <li>6. <b>Milica Divanovic</b>, Adviser for marine fisheries in Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Montenegro</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Open discussion: Future steps for cities and regions in nature conservation</p>
<p><b>1.30-2.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Conclusions</b></p> <p><b>End of Conference &amp; light lunch</b></p>

