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Final conference SEA MARVEL

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Monastero dei Benedettini di San Nicolò l'Arena
University of Catania, Piazza Dante Alighieri, 32 95124 Catania
Auditorium "Giancarlo De Carlo"

9:00 Participant registration

moderates: Alfio Russo - UnictMagazine Director

9:30 Greetings from the Institutions involved

- **Prof. Francesco Priolo**
Rector of the University of Catania
- **Prof Alfred J. Vella (online from Malta)**
Rector of the University of Malta
- **Dr. Nello Musumeci**
Hon. Italian Minister for Civil Protection and the Politics of the Sea
- **Dr. Miriam Dalli (online)**
Hon. Minister for the Environment, Energy and Enterprise for Malta
- **Dr. Elena Pagana**
Councillor for Territory and Environment of the Sicilian Region
- **Lawyer Enrico Trantino**
Mayor of the metropolitan city of Catania
- **Prof. Giovanni La Via**
Director General of the University of Catania
- **Prof. Mario D'Amico**
Director of the Agriculture Department, Food and Environment (Di3A), University of Catania
- **Dr. Daniela Bica (online)**
Manager of area 7 - Program management for European territorial cooperation and supranational cooperation, Department of programming of the Sicilian Region
- **Dr. Melanie Casha Sammut (online)**
Directorate for STEM and VET programmes, Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation of Malta

10:00 Introduction to the SEA MARVEL project

Prof. Iuri Peri, Scientific Coordinator of the SEA MARVEL project, Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment (Di3A) of the University of Catania
Dr. Anna Toscano, Project Office Manager (Di3A-Unict)

11:00 Presentation of the results of Work Package nr. 3 "Support to Natura 2000 sites"

Introduced by: Professor Joseph G. Vella Associate Professor, Department of Computer Information Systems Faculty of ICT, University of Malta
Speakers: Full Professor Adriana Vella & CBRG-UM team, Conservation Biology Research Group Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, University of Malta

- Genetic analyses for timely interventions to control alien species found in Natura 2000 sites.
- The presence of indicator and vulnerable apex predators in SEA MARVEL Natura 2000 sites.
- Plastics within Natura 2000 sites assessed by SEA MARVEL.
- Management guidelines for SEA MARVEL Natura 2000 sites through the fieldwork to monitor apex predator and human activities at sea, and genetic analyses on alien species.

11:40 Presentation of the results of Work Package nr. 4 "Raising awareness"

Introduced by: Dr. Stena Paternò (Project Manager SEA MARVEL, Di3A-Unict)
Speakers: Dr. Alessandra Raffa and Dr. Enrico Giarrusso (Di3A-Unict)

- Training a new generation of environmental educators.
- Collaboration with educational institutions and the methodologies used.
- Role of environmental associations in the area and awareness-raising activities.
- New technologies for the environment: from Seabin to CollecThor.

12:20 Presentation of the results of Work Package nr. 5 "Experiencing change"

Introduced by: Prof. Gabriella Vindigni (Di3A-Unict)
Speakers: Dr. Clara Monaco (SEA MARVEL Research Coordinator, Di3A-Unict), Dr. Maria Clotilde Notarbartolo and Dr. Manuela Trovato (Di3A-Unict)

- For a participatory and responsible approach.
The role of the "Sentinels of the Sea" SEA MARVEL:
 1. Fishermen of small-scale artisanal fishing
 2. The crews and passengers of the ships
 3. Skippers, sailors and regattas.
- Management of SEA MARVEL Natura 2000 sites through multistakeholder analysis.

Delivery of recognition plaques to Plastic Free Schools e to the Sentinels of the Sea SEA MARVEL.

13:00 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Panel discussion towards participatory management of Natura 2000 sites

Dr. Fabio Pirrotta, Team Leader, opens the proceedings of the European Commission's DG Environment

Protecting our seas and oceans: the EU framework

With the participation of delegations of Associated Partners and entities that have cooperated on the SEA MARVEL project (ISPRA, ACCOBAMS, LIFE, AMP "Isole Ciclopi", AMP "Capo Milazzo", AMP "Isole Pelagie", RNO "Oasi del Simeto", CoGePA of Catania, Fishermen's cooperative MARINA di Patti, Lampedusa Shipowners' Association)

Partners and stakeholders are invited to participate and contribute to a conversation about experiences and lessons learned during the project. In the plenary session we will ask ourselves what the points of greatest interest are for continue collaborations aimed at increasingly effective management of Natura 2000 sites.

Simultaneously

9:00-16:00 Photographic exhibition of the SEA MARVEL Project, Chiostro di Levante