**“Towards Deep-Sea Conservation in Lebanon”**

Scientific Workshop

**National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS-L)**

*59, Zahia Salmane Street, Jnah*

**Thursday April 27th, 2017**

**Agenda**

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| **Time** | **Topic** |
| **9:00-9:15** | **Registration of participants** |
| 9:15-9:25 | **Opening speech:**  **Ministry of Environment –** Ms. Lara Samaha, Head of Department of Ecosystems |
| 9:25-9:45 | **Project objectives & progress on findings** – Mr. Ricardo Aguilar / OCEANA |
| 9:45-9:55 | **Importance of exploring deep-sea in Lebanon** – Dr. Milad Fakhri / CNRS-L |
| 9:55-10:05 | **Dark Habitats Action Plan**– Dr. Yassine Ramzi Sghaier / RAC/SPA |
| 10 :05-10:15 | **Managing Deep Sea Habitats-** Dr. Mar Otero / IUCN |
| 10:15-10:25 | **The deep sea sites in Lebanon covered by the project** – Mr. Ziad Samaha / IUCN   * Current situation * Main stakeholders * Current main uses * Existing threats * Existing legal and management framework; and * Proposed opportunities to meet any shortfalls. |
| 10:25-12:25 | **Stakeholder discussion/ Breakout groups on Identification of:**  Relevant key stakeholders; existing and potential threats to the sites and analysing conflicts; actual main uses of the sites; existing legal and management structure; and potential opportunities for conservation and management |
| 12:25-13:10 | **Wrap up & Conclusions** |
| **13:10-15:00** | **Lunch and informal discussion** |