

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON “OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES” IN NORTH AFRICA AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

IDENTIFYING, ADVANCING AND REPORTING OECMs

Tunis, Tunisia | 10-11 February 2020
Regency Tunis Hotel, Gammarth

AGENDA

Day 1 – 10 th February 2020	
8:30-9:00	Participants Registration
9:00-9:30	<p><u>Opening and Introductions</u></p> <p>Moderator: Maher Mahjoub, IUCN-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Imèn Meliane - Vice Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas - Ms. Vera Agostini - Deputy Director Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Ressources Division, FAO <p>Opening of the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Mokhtar Hammami - Minister of Local Affairs and Environment, Tunisia
9:30-10:30	<p><u>Session 1- Setting the Scene</u></p> <p>Moderator: Maher Mahjoub, IUCN-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution of the “Other effective area-based Conservation measures” in the CBD process. <i>Imèn Meliane, IUCN/WCPA</i> • Overview of CBD Decision 14/8, the IUCN-WCPA Technical Report on OECMs and the OECM Methodology. <i>Harry Jonas, IUCN/WCPA</i> • OECMs in the fishery sector - Conclusions of the FAO expert meeting. <i>Amber Himes Cornell, Fisheries Officer, FAO</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break

11:00-13:00	<p><u>Session 2 – Identifying potential OECMs within the regional context</u></p> <p><u>Moderators: Imèn Meliane, WCPA and Maher Mahjoub, IUCN-Med</u></p> <p>Applying the OECM criteria - Case studies of potential OECMs in the North African and Eastern Mediterranean Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve (Lebanon): A mountainous area, with forests and freshwater in Lebanon. ○ Nile delta area cold hydrocarbon seeps (Egypt): A Fishery Restricted Area under the General Fisheries Commission of the Mediterranean. ○ Tindouf Cultural Park (Algeria): A Cultural Park containing natural and cultural heritage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participants will break into three groups to discuss each of the above case studies. Each group will focus on how to appropriately identify different kinds of ‘potential OECMs’, including who should participate in the processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve: Co-led by Imen Meliane and Maher Mahjoub (IUCN) ○ Nile delta area cold hydrocarbon seeps: Led by Amber Cornell-Himes (FAO) ○ Tindouf Cultural Park: Co-led by Harry Jonas and Liza Zogib (IUCN)
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-17:00	<p><u>Session 2 Cont. – Identifying potential OECMs within the regional context</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feedback from working groups in plenary and general discussion on challenges and gaps ● Case studies of potential OECMs in the North African and Eastern Mediterranean Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Houbara Reserve (Morocco): A Permanent Hunting Reserve ○ Sacred sites in North Africa ○ Bibane Lagoon (Tunisia): An ecosystem approach in managing a small-scale fishery. ● Participants will break into three groups to discuss the above case studies. The groups will also discuss and, where possible, identify other potential OECMs that exist in the region in the fisheries, culture and forestry related sectors. ● Working groups feedback in plenary
17:30	<u>End of Day 1</u>

Day 2 – 11th February 2020

9:00-10:30	<p>Session 3 - Reporting OECMs</p> <p>Moderators: Imèn Meliane, WCPA and Maher Mahjoub, IUCN-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of progress towards Aichi Target 11 in the region and the potential of OECM to help achieve it. <i>David Rodriguez, European Topic Centre-University of Malaga</i> • International advancements on reporting OECMs. <i>Marine Deguignet, UNEP/WCMC</i> Discussion on opportunities and challenges to report on OECM in the region
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-13:00	<p>Session 4 - Sector Strategies for supporting OECM</p> <p>Moderators: Imèn Meliane, WCPA and Maher Mahjoub, IUCN-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of main challenges gaps and shortcoming of potential OECMs, and discussions on ways in which OECMs can be appropriately supported <p>Discussion in groups to start to/further developing approaches by sector to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify potential OECMs • Assess candidate OECMs • Support OECMs • Report OECMs
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p>Session 4 Cont. - Sector Strategies for supporting OECM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector-level presentations back to plenary and general discussion
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-17:00	<p>Session 5 - Final thoughts and Next steps</p> <p>Moderators: Imèn Meliane, WCPA and Maher Mahjoub, IUCN-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues arising • Agreed next steps
17:00-17:30	Workshop closing

OVERVIEW

Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) agreed a definition, guiding principles, common characteristics and criteria for identification of ‘**other effective area-based conservation measures**’ (OECMs) at the 14th Conference of the Parties ([Decision 14/8](#), November 2018). The IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas Task Force on OECMs has recently published a Technical Report on “*Recognising and Reporting OECMs*” (available here <https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48773>) and is finalizing an OECM Assessment Methodology. FAO has also recently organized an expert meeting to guide the identification of OECM in fisheries conservation areas. The meeting report can be found at <http://www.fao.org/3/ca7194en/CA7194EN.pdf>.

State agencies, private entities, civil society organisations and local communities are now turning to assess the extent of their existing area-based conservation measures that have the potential to be classified as OECMs and to begin to recognize and report them.

The main objective of this workshop is to support learning about ‘other effective area-based conservation measures’ and to share guidance about how to identify, support and report OECMs in Northern Africa and Eastern Mediterranean. The workshop will first inform government officials and key stakeholders about the CBD decision regarding OECMs and the main guidance and initiatives by global organizations and agencies, like IUCN and FAO, to support in the identification of OECM. The workshop will enable a discussion on OECMs within the regional context, covering both terrestrial and marine aspects (with a particular attention to fisheries conservation measures and areas) and discuss specific examples and case studies of potential OECMs in the region.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. Explain and explore CBD Decision 14/8, the IUCN/WCPA Technical Report, and the FAO OECM expert meeting report;
2. Share and discuss examples or case-studies of potential OECMs (both terrestrial and marine) within national contexts in the region;
3. Learn about existing tools to support the identification and assessment of OECM;
4. Identify an initial list of potential OECMs by country (both terrestrial and marine);
5. Discuss ways of supporting and reporting OECMs; and
6. Identify potential next steps and opportunities for advancing OECMs in the region.

PARTICIPANTS

The workshop will cover the following six countries: Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia.



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- Representatives of governments or State agencies in charge of potential OECM (Min of Environment, Min in charge of agriculture, forests and Fisheries, Min of cultural affairs, Min of Defense/Military...),
- International and Regional organizations that may be involved in identifying and supporting OECM in the region (FAO, GFCM, UNEP/MAP SPA/RAC, WWF Med, MEDPAN, etc)
- National or regional experts

READING MATERIAL

Participants are encouraged to read the following material before the workshop:

- CBD [Decision 14/8](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-08-en.pdf). (English: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-08-en.pdf>; French: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-08-fr.pdf>; Arabic: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-08-ar.pdf>)
- IUCN/WCPA Technical Report on [Recognising and Reporting OECMs](https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48773): <https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48773>
- FAO expert meeting report expert meeting to guide the identification of OECM in fisheries conservation areas: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca7194en/CA7194EN.pdf>
- Special Issue of PARKS on OECMs : <https://parksjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/PARKS-24-SI-Low-ResWeb.pdf>

LANGUAGE:

The workshop will run with simultaneous translation in Arabic, English and French.

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