

Knowledge and conservation of submarine canyons of the Mediterranean

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Musée océanographique
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Introduction and Objectives

Following the conclusions of the workshops on Mediterranean Sea governance organized by IUCN from 2007 and the recommendation of the Procida workshop, it has been decided to focus our work on the submarine canyons in 2011.

This workshop aims at gathering information on submarine canyons (geology, ecology, biodiversity, fisheries, etc.) and at discussing on their conservation. This workshop gathers scientists involved in research on submarine canyons, lawyers specialized in Law of the sea, and managers of natural resources at national and international levels.

The expected outputs of this workshop are:

- sharing knowledge on, and organizing the drafting of a book on, submarine canyons ecology and conservation;*
- proposing some measures for submarine canyons conservation and sustainable use.*

This workshop is organized jointly by IUCN Center for Mediterranean Cooperation, IUCN Global Marine Programme, the UNEP Regional Activity Center for Specially Protected Areas (RAC-SPA) and the French Agency for Marine Protected Areas, in coordination with the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), with the support of the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development of France, and the local support of the Oceanographic Museum (Fondation Albert 1er).

As for former meetings, this workshop does not aim at academic exchanges; much time will be dedicated to debates and there will be no adoption of a report. However, the group might like to agree and propose recommendations.

Hereafter agenda is indicative. Time frame will be managed according to the development of each discussion.

Programme / Agenda

Day 1	Tuesday 26 April
12 :30	<i>Buffet lunch (Museum Terrasse)</i>
14:00-15:00	Opening Objectives of the workshop Presentation of participants
15:00-18:00	Session 1 : The submarine canyons of the Mediterranean Sea : geology, ecology, biodiversity, fisheries Presentations and discussion on general aspects of submarine canyons
19 :30	<i>Diner at L'Aurore</i>
Day 2	Wednesday 27 April
9:30-13:00	Session 2: Case studies, status of knowledge on submarine canyons in Greece, Egypt, Algeria, Italy, Spain and France. Focus on the canyons of the Gulf of Lions.
13:00-14:30	<i>Buffet Lunch on the Museum Terrasse</i>
14 :30-18:00	Session 3: Governance and conservation of the Mediterranean submarine canyons, problems and perspectives. Conclusions
19:30	<i>Dinner at L'Aurore</i>

Participants list (to be confirmed)

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Chalabi	Abdou	Canada	DFO
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