



Coastal and marine ecosystems and their important role as carbon sinks are, for the first time, recognized in this Agreement, emphasizing the need to optimize management measures to conserve and improve the habitats that act as sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases, where necessary.

... the carbon absorbed and stored by marine and coastal ecosystems such as ... and ... represents a large natural carbon sink. Recognition of these important sinks, may provide new incentives to prioritize the restoration and conservation of these important ecosystems.

The current global understanding of the role and services of these coastal ecosystems indicate highlight their importance, but...

... ? And adaptation? How can management and decision making use the opportunity provided by these ecosystem services? What are the options and challenges for implementation of management decisions?

This meeting organized by ... invites the participation of ... and other stakeholders to discuss the current knowledge about these ecosystems in the face of climate change, from the ... Bringing the experiences of different projects and ini-

The meeting will include plenary presentations and thematic sessions with the following topics:

1. Climate change on the marine environment and national and international actions to combat it. Review of policy development and the needs of Blue Carbon
2. Coastal ecosystems services, resilience and ability to sequester carbon
3. Research on Blue Carbon
4. Experiences and initiatives of carbon offset projects and works for the conservation and restoration of mangroves, salt marshes and seagrasses

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9:30h.

**Javier Madrid Rojo**, General Director, Natural resource management and Protected Areas

**Antonio Troya**, Director of IUCN Center for Mediterranean Cooperation

10:00h. **Presentation: The oceans as Blue Solutions**

**Dan Laffoley**, IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas

**1. Climate change on the marine environment and international and national efforts on mitigation and adaptation**

Facilitator: **Soledad Vivas**

10:10-10:30h. **Report Results from the IPCC Group 2 on the coast and the sea**

**Cristina Izaguirre**, IH Cantabria

10:40-11:00h. **Project LIFE SHARA** (Sharing Awareness and Governance of Adaptation to Climate Change in Spain).

**José Ramón Picatoste Ruggeroni**, Spanish Office of Climate Change, Minister (OECC), Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment

11:00h.

**2. Services of coastal ecosystems, their management and ability to sequester carbon**

Facilitator: **Francois Simard**

11:30-12:10h. **Introduction to the Blue Carbon Initiative**

**Dan Laffoley**, IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas

**Jennifer Howard**, Conservation International