

Capitalization Conference:

*Marine Protected Areas in the  
climate change era:  
challenges & opportunities*

Barcelona – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Background

Over the upcoming decades, climate change (CC) will represent a rapidly increasing challenge for the ecosystems and the livelihoods in the Mediterranean area. Direct evidence of climate change is already being observed in the Mediterranean coast and in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). There is a consensus at global (Convention on Biological Diversity), European Union (Directive on Birds and Habitats) and Mediterranean (UNEP/MAP, MAPII, MSSD; Barcelona Convention) levels to strengthen the MPAs as key tools to prevent further biodiversity loss and maintain ecosystem.

Although the EU policy, Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), provides the framework to address climate change effects, their current implementation is essentially missing. L

## Capitalisation event and Policy Dialogue

The main goal of MPA-Adapt was to enhance the role of MPAs as nature-based solutions for the implementation of EcAp to the adaptation and mitigation to ongoing CC effects. To develop an efficient and cost-effective strategy for the full implementation, it is crucial to identify and prioritize key territorial challenges.

To do so, the MPA-ADAPT partners convened a Capitalisation conference aiming at promoting a Policy dialogue among the main stakeholders:

1. MPA managers are in charge of adapting their management to CC through a co-participative approach supported by monitoring and vulnerability assessments.
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**DRAFT AGENDA**

Venue: [Museu Marítim de Barcelona](#) - Av. de les Drassanes, s/n, 08001 Barcelona

Day 1 - 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 13.30

Moderators /

Day 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 9.00

Moderators / Speakers

8:30 Registration

9.00 Welcome speech

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9.05 Catalan Maritime Strategy

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