

# ABIOMMED Stakeholders WORKSHOP\*



\*Attendance is free upon **Registration by Wednesday 12th January**, <https://forms.gle/qStNDTWPdC5bDeyU8>

14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

09:15 – 12:45 CET

ZOOM Web meeting

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/83143498831>

## Towards consistent assessment of benthic habitat and effective measures to reduce physical disturbance to the sea-floor in the Mediterranean Sea (D6/EO6)

Welcome

09:15 – 09:30 Connection

09:30 – 09:45 Introduction to ABIOMMED (K. Pagou, HCMR, project leader)

Introduction, players and processes

09:45 – 10:00 ABIOMMED: Enhancing consistency for benthic assessment and measures to reduce physical disturbance in the Mediterranean Sea (S. Raicevich, ISPRA, ABIOMMED Activity 3 Leader)

10:00 – 10:15 ABIOMMED: Development of the Ecological Objective 6 on sea floor integrity under EcAp in synergy with the D6 (A. Yahyaoui, SPA/RAC, ABIOMMED Activity 6 Leader)

10:15 – 10:30 GFCM Strategy 2030: relation to spatial uses (MSP) and benthic habitat protection (E. Morello, GFCM Fishery Officer)

10:30 – 10:45 ICES: Spatial Conservation and Management of the Seafloor (S. Valanko, ICES)

Discussion

10:45 – 11:30 Addressing needs, streamlining processes (*participation of DGENV TBC*)



Comfort break

11:30 -11:40 Comfort break

Technical dimensions and ABIOMMED contribution

11:40 – 12:10 The technical/scientific dimension of benthic assessments and measures setting: ABIOMMED contribution

- Habitats and scales (N. Papadopoulou/M. Penna, Task 3.1 Leaders)
- Cumulative impacts (V. Lauria/K. Klančnik, Task 3.2 Leaders)
- Measures for reducing fishing impact (T. Russo, Task 3.3 Leader)

Discussion

12:10 – 12:45 Opportunities, technical hints, needs and issues for a common Mediterranean approach. The way forward.

The **ABIOMMED project** (call DGENV/MSFD 2020; GA 110661/2020/839620/SUB/ENV.C2) has the aim of supporting a coherent and coordinated assessment of biodiversity and measures across Mediterranean for the next 6-year cycle of the MSFD implementation.

One of the main goals of ABIOMMED is to contribute to a coordinated approach towards EU-MSFD and Barcelona Convention-EcAp implementation for Descriptor/Ecological objective 6 (seafloor integrity). ABIOMMED **Activities 3 and 6** focus on the assessment of physical pressures on sea-bed and the exploration of measures for the reduction of their impact.

The **workshop** is intended to align ABIOMMED activities with current EU and UNEP/MAP efforts towards a consistent approach for Descriptor 6/ Ecological Objective 6, leveraging synergies and collaboration, with contributions from GFCM, SPA/RAC, experts from Mediterranean countries and other entities/institutions.