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While it is agreed that Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) constitute tools to advance the sustainable development goals, especially in combating the effects of climate change, protecting biodiversity and creating economic value, it must be recognised that they are neither in adequate numbers nor sufficiently effective.

In the face of increasingly pressing threats, how can we respond swiftly to the challenge of sufficiently large, numerous, representative and soundly managed MPAs? How can we improve their connectivity, link inland and coastal areas, shorelines and the High Seas more effectively? How can they contribute to the protection of certain priority species and are we truly aware of all their values? How do we ensure that in the very short term, the entire ocean, our common heritage, is protected and sustainably exploited?

This 10th edition of the Monaco Blue Initiative will seek to review the progress made in relation to the challenge of developing MPAs, focusing on the ambitions, dynamics, effects, failures and successes. Discussions will provide, we hope, solutions to current and future challenges, emphasising the need to involve economic and government players, including local communities, so that everyone can contribute to building a blue economy.

Ambitions must, of course, focus on figures but equally, and perhaps more importantly, on the true efficiency of protected areas. International goals, including those of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations, can only be

achieved by intensifying a cross-functional approach, by creating innovative common tools and by prompting socio-economic partnerships built around the conservation of biodiversity and the preservation of resources.

Undoubtedly, we will need to ask more of oceanographic sciences in order to increase our knowledge, better assess the impacts of human activities on biodiversity and the solutions implemented, but also of social sciences, in order to become more aware and make others more conscious of the benefits that can be derived from effectively protected areas.

Perhaps the most crucial challenge will be to reassert the rationale and legitimacy of MPAs confronted with those who are tempted, both on and offshore, to call into question the very principle of their existence.

Learning from our mistakes and radically changing our behaviour, disengaging from "business as usual" with courage and ambition, all in a very short timeframe is a tremendous, complicated but attainable challenge. It is our future at stake.

Our thanks go out to all the participants of this 10th edition of the MBI for their commitment, contribution and recommendations, invaluable and prolific building blocks for upcoming events which will determine the Ocean's future, starting with key meetings in 2020 in France (IUCN World Congress) and China (CoP to the Convention on Biological Diversity), and 2021 in Canada (IMPAC5).

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S'il est acquis que les Aires Marines Protégées (AMP) constituent des outils au service des objectifs du développement durable, notamment pour lutter contre les effets du changement climatique, préserver la biodiversité et créer de la valeur économique, force est de constater qu'elles ne sont ni assez nombreuses, ni assez efficaces.

Face à des menaces de plus en plus pressantes, comment répondre rapidement au défi d'AMP suffisamment grandes et nombreuses, représentatives et bien gérées ? Comment améliorer leur connectivité, mieux relier les espaces terrestres et littoraux, les espaces côtiers à la haute mer ? Comment peuvent-elles contribuer à la protection de certaines espèces prioritaires et connaît-on seulement bien toutes leurs valeurs ? Comment faire pour qu'à très court terme, ce soit l'ensemble de l'océan, ce patrimoine commun, qui soit protégé et exploité durablement ?

Cette 10^{ème} édition de la Monaco Blue Initiative tentera de faire le point sur l'état d'avancement de ce défi qu'est le développement des AMP, de ses ambitions, de sa dynamique, de ses effets, de ses erreurs et de ses succès. Les discussions apporteront, nous l'espérons, des réponses aux enjeux d'aujourd'hui et de demain en soulignant la nécessité d'impliquer les acteurs économiques et gouvernementaux, dont les communautés locales, pour que chacun apporte sa pierre à l'édification de l'économie bleue.

Les ambitions doivent certes porter sur les chiffres mais aussi et surtout sur l'efficacité réelle des zones protégées. Les objectifs internationaux, notamment ceux de la Convention sur la Diversité Biologique et

des Nations Unies, ne pourront être atteints qu'en augmentant les transversalités, en créant de outils communs innovants et en stimulant les partenariats socio-économiques construits autour de la conservation de la biodiversité et de la préservation des ressources.

Sans nul doute, faudra-t-il demander davantage aux sciences océanographiques pour augmenter nos connaissances, mieux évaluer les impacts des activités humaines sur la biodiversité et des solutions mises en œuvre, mais aussi les sciences sociales, pour mieux connaître et mieux faire connaître les bénéfiques que l'on peut tirer des zones effectivement protégées.

Peut-être le challenge le plus crucial sera-t-il de réaffirmer le bien fondé et la légitimité des AMP face à ceux qui sont tentés, sur terre comme en mer, de remettre en cause le principe même de leur existence.

Apprendre de nos erreurs passées et changer de comportement, radicalement, sortir avec courage et ambition du "business as usual" le tout dans un temps très court est un défi immense, compliqué mais atteignable. Il en va de notre devenir.

Merci aux participants de cette 10^{ème} édition de la MBI pour leur engagement, leurs apports et recommandations, briques précieuses et fécondes pour les événements à venir qui détermineront l'avenir de l'Océan, à commencer par les grands rendez-vous de 2020 en France (Congrès Mondial de l'UICN) et en Chine (CoP de la Convention sur la Diversité Biologique), ou de 2021 au Canada (IMPAC5).

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Sunday, March 24th 2019 – Yacht Club de Monaco

19:00 – 22:00

Introduction and welcome to the Monaco Blue Initiative

Welcome by **H.E. Mr Bernard Fautrier**, Vice President of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and **Mr. Robert Calcagno**, CEO of the Oceanographic Institute, Prince Albert I of Monaco Foundation

Presentation by Our World Underwater Scholarship by Rolex

MPAs from an artist's point of view, by **Gregory Lecoeur**

Cocktail reception with standing buffet

Monday, March 25th 2019 – Oceanographic Museum of Monaco

09:00 – 09:15

Welcome Address by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco

09:15 – 10:30

How can we - collectively - continue developing MPAs whilst ensuring their efficiency?

How do we define MPAs, what are their objectives and their different levels of protection? What is the honest assessment of actions over the last 10 years in terms of successes, failures, momentum, in and outside of MPAs? What are the challenges and what should the ambitions be, towards 2030 and beyond? What recommendations should be brought-up to international events which will shape the future of oceans? Are MPAs assets to economic development or victims of this development? How can we make sure that the ocean as a whole is well-managed, beyond MPAs?

Moderator

Prof. Jane Lubchenco (Distinguished University Professor & Adviser in Marine Studies, Oregon State University)

Panelists

Dr. François Houllier (Président Directeur Général, IFREMER); **Mr. Romain Renoux** (Coordinator Association for sustainable financing of MPAs in the Mediterranean - M2PA); **Dr. Ricardo Serrão Santos** (Parliament Member, European Parliament); **Mr. Mark J. Spalding** (President of The Ocean Foundation & Commissioner, the Sargasso Sea Commission)

10:30 – 10:40

Keynote speeches

H.E. Mrs. Brune Poirson (French Minister of State, attached to the Ministre d'État, Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition)

10:40 – 11:10

Coffee break

11:10 – 11:30

Keynote speeches

Mr. Karmenu Vella (European Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries)

Mr. Chuanlin Huo (Deputy Director General of Department of Marine Ecology and Environment, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, Peoples' Republic of China)

11:30 – 12:45

How do coherent MPA networks contribute to protecting species?

Which species and ecosystems can benefit from MPA networks? How can networks of MPA managers contribute to the conservation and monitoring of highly mobile species? Why is MPA connectivity between the high seas, the coastal zone and the adjacent terrestrial area so important? Which MPA networks that meet the challenge of conservation and economic development can be cited as examples? What are the barriers to the development of connected MPAs and what tools need to be put in place for MPA networks to work effectively? What is the contribution of science in the field?

Moderator

Prof. Alexander Tudhope (Professor of Climate Studies, University of Edinburgh)

Panelists

Mrs. Purificacio Canals (President Mediterranean Network of Marine Protected Areas); **Dr. Rachel Graham**, (CEO Founder, MarAlliance); **Mr. Olivier Laroussinie** (Délégué-Adjoint à la mer et au littoral, Ministère de la transition écologique et solidaire); **Dr. Serge Planes** (CNRS Research Director, CRIOBE - PSL University); **H.E. Mrs. Haydee Rodriguez** (Vice-Minister Waters and Seas, Minister Environment and Energy, Costa Rica)

12:45 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 – 15:30

What is the next step after the evaluation of ecosystem services and how can this be integrated into blue economic development?

Where do we stand in terms of estimation of the economic value of MPAs' ecosystem services and of other values (natural capital, cultural, societal value)? What tools exist and are they well taken into account to both help shape economic projects and safeguard biodiversity and ecosystems in the long term? How can these tools help bring together local communities, decision makers, and the international community? What success stories can be duplicated? What can we learn from terrestrial parks and what can be done to improve the situation and efficiency of MPAs?

Moderator

Mrs. Maria Damanaki (Global Managing Director, Oceans, The Nature Conservancy)

Panelists

Prof. Dr. Peter Herzig (Director, GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel); **Dr. Olivia Langmead** (Senior Research Fellow, Marine Conservation Science, University of Plymouth Marine Institute); **H.E. Mr. Vincent Meriton** (Vice-Président de la République des Seychelles); **Mrs. Mia Pantzar** (Policy Analyst, Institute for European Environmental Policy); **Mr. Abdou Karim Sall** (President of the MPA, Joal Fadiouth, Senegal)

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:25

Ocean Updates

High Seas: Mrs. Peggy Kalas (Coordinator, High Seas Alliance); **Mr. Marco Lambertini** (Director general WWF International)

MPAs in Antarctica: Mrs. Geneviève Pons (Director of the Brussels Office, Notre Europe-Jacques Delors Institute)

IMPAC 5: Dr. Sabine Jessen (National Director of the Oceans Program, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, British Columbia); **Prof. Dan Laffoley** (Marine Vice Chair, IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas, International Union for Conservation of Nature)

16:25 – 16:50

Moderator Synthesis

16:50 – 17:00

Closing Address

Ms. Inger Andersen (Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature)