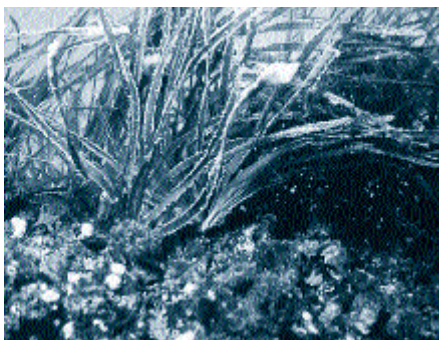


Agenda/Coming Events

The first Mediterranean Symposium on Marine Vegetation

The Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA)
Ajaccio (Corsica, France) from 3 to 4
October 2000

During their Eleventh Ordinary Meeting, held in Malta in October 1999, the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea, adopted



the Action Plan for the Conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean sea. Within the framework of the implementation of the Action Plan, the RAC/SPA is organising the First Mediterranean symposium on marine vegetation. The main objective of the Symposium is to take stock of available knowledge on the Mediterranean marine vegetation. It is also intended to promote contacts and exchanges between the Mediterranean Scientists who have among their fields of interest the study and/or the conservation of the Marine vegetation species. The Symposium will also provide the opportunity of discussing several issues of importance for the region. Three roundtables will be organised to this end.

The thematic sessions will cover the following topics:

- Inventories of species and assemblages
- Threats to species
- Threats to assemblages

The following subjects will be discussed during the roundtables:

- Taxonomy and taxonomists
- Marine vegetation and the coastal zone management (Impacts, Mapping, Databases)
- Suggestions for additional species and assemblages to be considered as priorities in the implementation of the Action Plan.

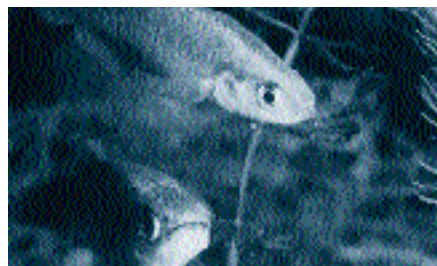
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International Symposium on Fresh-water Fish conservation: options for the future

Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa - Centro de Biologia Ambiental (P)
Albufeira, Montechoro - Algarve, 30
October - 4 November 2000

Under the auspices of the EU Life-project "A conservation strategy for *Anaocypris hispanica*", this symposium will examine all aspects of freshwater fish conservation in temperate and tropical regions. The symposium will be organised around four main themes:

- 1) GEOGRAPHICAL OVERVIEW (including a review of the present status of threatened species in Europe and the rest of the world);
- 2) BIOLOGY OF RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES (including case-studies from EU Life-Nature programmes, methodologies of data collection and how the data are used for formulating conservation measures);
- 3) ANALYSIS OF CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES (includes analysis of threats to fish populations and problems of river and



lake conservation: ecosystem use and sustainability);

- 4) METHODS OF MANAGING FRESHWATER FISH CONSERVATION (includes the use of genetic information in conservation: methodologies, applications and main limitations; units of conservation; the use of breeding endangered species in captivity for stock enhancement; the role of legislation, institutions and policymaking in fish conservation: past and present challenges).

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Mediterranean Conference of Water Stakeholders and Decision-Makers

The MEDTAC of GWP in collaboration with its member - Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) organises a

Mediterranean Conference of Water Stakeholders and Decision-Makers, which will be held in Athens from 2 to 5 November 2000, focusing on promotion of actions in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) field.



The aims of this conference are:

- to share with a wide Mediterranean audience the findings of the MEDTAC Vision to action process and get feed back on it.
- To bring together and contribute to the setting up a dialogue of various partners and bodies acting in the Mediterranean on water issues about their initiatives.
- To discuss, amend and, if possible, adopt an operational Mediterranean Action Plan for Water deriving from all previous relevant proposals including the MEDTAC Mediterranean Vision and Framework for Action (FFA).

Meeting on the elaboration of technical tools for the inclusion of sites in the SPAMIs



The SPA/RAC (Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas) organises a Meeting of Experts for the elaboration of technical tools for the inclusion of sites in the List of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs). The meeting will be held in Ajaccio, Corsica, France on 7 and 8 November 2000.

It is organised within the framework of the activities for the implementation of the new Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, and has been approved by the Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties held at Malta, 9-10 May 2000.