



Opportunities for cooperation in the southern Baltic Sea.

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Online
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Marine protected areas are an important policy tool for protecting vulnerable marine species and habitats. They contribute to the survival and reproduction of species by preserving keystone habitats such as spawning grounds and nursery areas. This allows animals to grow older and larger, thus enhancing fishery yields in adjacent unprotected areas, while tourism benefits from the greater biodiversity. However, despite formal protection status, the oceans are currently in a

poor environmental condition. This has strong adverse impacts on marine life as well as on fishing communities and other industrial sectors. This also affects the transboundary and ecologically important marine protected area complex of the Pomeranian Bay, located in the southern Baltic Sea. Deutsche Umwelthilfe is therefore organising a transnational conference from **October 6th to 8th 2021**, which gives Polish and German stakeholders the opportunity to discuss the transboundary management of effective marine protected areas and sustainable fisheries in the southern Baltic Sea.

The conference is split into three main topics:

1. Benefits of effective marine protected areas for humans and nature
2. Ecosystem services of marine protected areas and healthy oceans
3. Fisheries and marine conservation

A combination of talks, panel discussions and work in small groups will provide the opportunity for transnational discussions among representatives from government and public authorities, fisheries, tourism, environmental associations, academia and the interested public that stimulate the development of practical solutions to existing challenges. Simultaneous Polish-German translation will be provided during the entire conference; sections held in **English** are highlighted in the programme and are also translated into Polish and German.



Please register until **October 4th** at

<https://www.duh.de/marine-conservation-without-borders/>.

The programme is attached to this invitation. Participation in the conference is free of charge. Please feel welcome to forward this invitation to interested parties.

For any questions, please contact Dr. Katharina Fietz (fietz@duh.de) and Katrin Quiring (quiring@duh.de) by email.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

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Wednesday, 6 th of October 2021	From 8:30 am	Warm-up and networking
	9:15 am	Words of welcome & introduction <i>Sascha Müller-Kraenner, Deutsche Umwelthilfe; Josef Tumbrinck, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety; Łukasz Rejt, Polish Ministry for Climate and Nature</i>
	9:45 am	Keynote: The role of HELCOM in marine conservation of the Baltic Sea <i>Rüdiger Stempel, HELCOM Executive Secretary</i>
	10:15 am	interactive break
	10:35 am	Model region Pomeranian Bay – why is the area valuable? <i>Kai Borkenhagen, Federation of German Avifaunists (DDA) and Dominik Marchowski, Museum and Institute of Zoology, Polish Academy of Sciences</i>
	Topic 1: Benefits of effective marine protected areas for humans and nature	
	11:00 am	Keynote: The relevance and importance of marine conservation for humans, nature and the climate from the perspective of the European Commission <i>Virginijus Sinkevičius, EU-Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries</i>
	11:30 am	The benefits of no-take zones for fisheries <i>José Àngel Sanz Wollstein, Oceano</i>
	11:55 am	Lunch break
	1:00 pm	The importance of effective marine protected areas: a scientific perspective <i>Boris Worm, Dalhousie University</i>
1:25 pm	Panel discussion: Zoning concepts in marine protected areas <i>Ralf Döring, Thünen Institute of Sea Fisheries; José Àngel Sanz Wollstein, Oceano; Boris Worm, Dalhousie University; tba, Wolin Nationalpark</i>	
3:00 pm	Closing remarks	

Thursday, 7 th of October 2021	Topic 2: Ecosystem services of marine protected areas and healthy oceans	
	From 8:30 am	Warm-up and networking
	9:00 am	Welcoming and introduction to the programme of the day
	9:10 am	Keynote: The economics of marine biodiversity <i>Martin Quaas, Head of Research Group Biodiversity Economics, German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research</i>
	9:45 am	The relevance of oceans for our climate <i>Hans-Otto Pörtner, Alfred-Wegener-Institute Helmholtz centre for polar and marine research</i>
	10:15 am	Discussion in small working groups: What are the economic benefits of marine protected areas in the Pomeranian Bay? Group A: Fisheries Group B: Tourism Group C: Climate
	11:00 am	Break
	11:15 am	Panel discussion: The relevance of oceans for our climate – perspectives from the German and Polish side <i>Ilka Wagner, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety; Hans-Otto Pörtner, Alfred-Wegener-Institute Helmholtz centre for polar and marine research; tba; tba</i>
	12:00 am	Closing remarks on topic 2
	12:10 am	Lunch break
	Topic 3: Fisheries and marine conservation	
	1:15 pm	Keynote: Title: tba <i>Monica Verbeek, Executive Director of Seas At Risk and Ska Keller, Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament</i>
	1:45 pm	“Return of the Cod” – a rescue plan for the Baltic cod <i>Kamil Jagodzinski, The Fisheries Secretariat</i>
2:10 pm	Closing remarks	

Friday, 8 th of October 2021	From 8:30 am	Warm-up and networking
	9:00 am	Welcoming and introduction to the programme of the day
	9:15 am	Series of talks on harbour porpoises in the Baltic Sea <i>Fabian Ritter, Whale and Dolphin Conservation; Ida Carlen, Coalition Clean Baltic; Iwona Pawliczka, University of Gdańsk</i>
	10:00 am	Fisheries management in Natura 2000 sites of the Southern Baltic Sea <i>Christian Pusch, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation Katarzyna Kamińska, Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; Christian von Dorrien, Thünen Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries</i>
	10:55 am	Fisheries control systems: Remote Electronic Monitoring <i>Justyna Zajchowska, WWF Poland</i>
	11:20 am	Break
	11:35 am	Panel discussion: The way forward: possibilities to ensure a timely transnational exchange of information <i>Katarzyna Kamińska, Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; Britta Knefelkamp, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation; Justyna Zajchowska, WWF Poland; Ulrich Stöcker, Deutsche Umwelthilfe</i>
	12:35 pm	Closing remarks, End of the conference



sections will be held in English