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INTERNATIONAL
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REGIONAL WEBINAR

on

UNDERWATER NOISE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

**The Hidden Threat Beneath the Waves:
Underwater Noise in the Mediterranean**

29 MAY 2026

PROGRAMME

Regional webinar – Friday, 29 May 2026 10:00 - 13:00 Central European Summer Time (CEST)	
The Hidden Threat Beneath the Waves: Underwater Noise in the Mediterranean	
10:00-10:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Carlos Bravo, Ocean Policy Specialist, OceanCare • Mr. Ivan Sammut, Head of Office, Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)
10:15-10:35	Underwater noise, its impacts on marine species and the main mitigation measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Russell Leaper, Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC)
10:35-10:50	High Ambition Coalition for a Quiet Ocean: Objectives and participation in the HAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Aurélie Cosandey-Godin, Policy Advisor, Marine Protection Policy, Transport Canada, Government of Canada
10:50-11:00	Comfort Break
11:00-12:30	Experts round table Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Valérie Pimentel, Legal Officer, OceanCare. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Sevtap Ozdogan, GloNoise Project Manager, International Maritime Organization (IMO) • Ms. Jelena Knezevic, Monitoring and Assessment Officer, Mediterranean Pollution Assessment and Control Programme (MED POL), UN Environment Programme /Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), Barcelona Convention Secretariat • Mr. Samy Djavidnia, Environment & Sustainability Senior Project Officer, European Maritime Safety Agency • Mr. Alessio Maglio, Underwater Noise and Marine Mammal Consultant at SINAY - Member of the ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS/CMS Noise Working Group • Mr. Thomas Folegot, Founder and Director of Innovation, Quiet-Oceans • Mr. Russell Leaper, Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC)
12:30-12:50	Discussion and Q&A session
12:50-13:00	Summary and Concluding Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Valérie Pimentel, Legal Officer, OceanCare • Mr. Ivan Sammut, Head of Office, Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)
13:00	End of Webinar