



BirdLife ECA Marine Task Force (MTF) Meeting 2022

Dates: Tuesday 11th – Thursday 13th October 2022

Venue: Lastovo Island, Croatia

Agenda

Day 1 — Tuesday 11th October

Start time: 09:00

Chair: Zeljka (BIOM)

Time	Lead/Speaker	Topic	Background documents (will be accessible on Hatch here in advance of the meeting)
Welcome & Introduction			
09:00-09:05	Daniel (BLECA)	Welcome and introduction to the meeting	MTF 2021 Minutes Updates on Partners' marine projects and work
09:05-09:10	Hrvoje (BIOM)	Logistics	
09:10-09:30	Daniel (BLECA)	Icebreaker	
09:30-09:50	BIOM	Introduction to Lastovo Island Overview of the LIFE Artina project & BIOM's other marine work	
09:50-10:00	n/a	Q&A	
Session 1: BirdLife Strategy and ECA Regional Plan			
10:00-10:10	Oli (BLI)	Overview of new BIMP strategy	
10:10-10:20	Daniel (BLECA)	Overview of ECA Regional Plan, marine priorities & partner leads	ECA Regional Plan; ECA Marine Costed Plan; ECA Flagship Bird Species; ToR Partner Leads on Marine Priorities
10:20-10:40	n/a	Q&A and discussion	
Session 2: Marine Science			
10:40-11:00	Tammy (BLI)	BLI Marine science work	
11:00-11:15	n/a	Q&A and discussion	
11:15-11:30	BREAK		



Session 3: Offshore Wind & Marine Spatial Planning			
11:30-11:45	Carla (NABU)	Latest policy developments related to offshore wind and BirdLife's engagement in OCEaN	
11:45-11:55	Anouk (BLECA)	Velux offshore wind project – upcoming activities & deliverables	
11:55-12:10	n/a	Q&A and discussion	
12:10-12:20	Tim (VBN)	Ecological tendering criteria for offshore wind in the Netherlands	
12:20-12:30	Anne (NABU)	Latest research from Germany on seabird vulnerability to offshore wind	
12:30-12:40	Helen (RSPB)	Offshore wind developments in UK	
12:40-13:00	n/a	Q&A and discussion	
13:00-14:00	LUNCH		
14:00-14:15	Daniel (BLECA)	Presentation of draft BirdLife ECA position paper on nature positive offshore wind	Internal position paper on nature positive offshore wind
14:15-14:25	Kirsten (RSPB)	RSPB engagement on forage fish management in UK waters & links to nature positive offshore wind	
14:25-15:20	n/a	Q&A and discussion on nature positive offshore wind and engagement of the BirdLife partnership	
15:20-15:40	BREAK		
Session 4: Invasive Non-Native Species			
15:40-15:50	Kirsten (RSPB)	Update on the Biosecurity for LIFE project and the European Advisory Group	
15:50-16:05	Danae (HOS)	LIFE PanPuffinus invasives work & methodology for island prioritisation exercise	
16:05-16:15	Antonio (BLECA)	Proposed prioritisation exercise for the Mediterranean	
16:15-16:45	n/a	Q&A and discussion	
Session 5: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza/Bird Flu			
16:45-17:00	Antonio (BLECA) /Ellie (RSPB)	Overview of current status and BirdLife coordination	
17:00-17:30	n/a	Q&A and discussion, including feedback from Partners on situation at national level	



Day 2 — Wednesday 12th October

Start time: 09:00

Chair: Joana (SPEA)

Time	Speaker/Lead	Topic	Background documents (will be accessible on Hatch here in advance of the meeting)
Session 6: Seabird Bycatch			
09:00-09:20	Anouk (BLECA)	Overview of policy processes relevant for seabird bycatch	
09:20-09:25	Daniel (BLECA)	Update on BIMP gillnet work and future prospects	
09:25-09:35	Julius (LOD)	Gillnet work in Lithuania	
09:35-09:45	Antonio (BLECA)	MAVA bycatch projects results and outcomes from International Bycatch Meeting	
09:45-09:55	Pep/Bea (SEO)	SEO's view on the recently adopted Spanish National Plan for the reduction of accidental catches in fishing activity	
09:55-10:10	n/a	Q&A	
10:10-11:10	n/a	Group session – defining priorities for MTF work on seabird bycatch	Summary of the findings of the seabird bycatch review in Europe
11:10-11:30	BREAK		
Session 7: MPAs & Restoration at Sea			
11:30-11:40	Daniel (BLECA)	Introduction and context	BL Position Paper EU Targets for Protected Areas and Restoration at Sea
11:40-11:50	Pep (SEO)	SEO's work on SPA management in Spain (INTEMARES project)	
11:50-12:00	n/a	Q&A	
12:00-12:10	Kirsten (RSPB)	Blue carbon/seabed mapping in UK waters	
12:10-12:20	Anne (NABU)	Blue carbon and restoration potential in DE North Sea	
12:20-12:30	n/a	Q&A	
12:30-13:00	n/a	Group session – Effective management of SPAs	
13:00-14:00	LUNCH		
14:00-14:30	n/a	Group session 2 – Strict protection & marine restoration	
Session 8: Communications			
14:30-14:45	Naima (BLECA)	BirdLife Secretariat communication deliverables and initiatives	



14:45-15:15	n/a	Q&A and discussion	
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15:15-15:30	Daniel (BLECA)	Planning for 2023 MTF meeting	
15:30-16:00	BREAK		
Session 9 - Parallel Session 1: NACES MPA (for partners involved in the BNA NACES MPA project)			
Remote participation will be possible for this session			
16:00-16:20	Tammy (BLI)/ Daniel (BLECA)/ Anouk (BLECA)	Implementation of NACES Roadmap, upcoming steps, & BirdLife Partnership engagement	
16:20-16:30	Naima (BLECA)	NACES campaign in 2023	
16:30-18:30	n/a	Q&A and discussion	
Session 9 - Parallel Session 2: TBD (Optional: for interested Partners)			
16:00-18:00	Antonio (BLECA)	Topic – TBD Please propose any additional topics that you would like to discuss during this session. If no topic is identified in advance there may be a topic that comes up during the meeting that it would be useful to have more time to discuss, or a topic for which a more in-depth discussion would be useful.	



Day 3 — Thursday 13th October

Field visit on Lastovo

Most seabirds will have left the archipelago by October; however, the weather should still be nice. The field trip will involve a visit to the old town of Lastovo with some local food and drinks tasting, and a visit to an ex-military zone from socialist time which has now been turned into a visitor attraction.

Departure time TBC.