

AdriBioPro 2026 — Conference Programme

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Tuesday, 22 September	<i>Pre-conference day</i> , Institute of Marine Biology, Dobrota
15:00–18:30	Executive Committee Meeting · SA SKILLS Project (Conference Room) – <i>On invitation only</i>
17:00–19:00	Registration of participants · Aquarium Boka Courtyard
17:00–20:00	SeaFood Fair · Aquarium Boka Courtyard (Charity Event · €2 per meal)
19:00–19:30	Award Ceremony — "Little Artists for a Big Sea"

Wednesday, 23 September	<i>Opening and scientific conference day</i>		Hyatt Regency Kotor Bay, Donji Stoliv
	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Rumija
08:30–09:30	<i>Registration</i>		
09:30–10:30	Official Opening Ceremony		
10:30–11:30	High-Level Panel Discussion – SA SKILLS <i>Improving Skills Availability for the South Adriatic Blue Economy</i> Moderator: Radoje Laušević 8 panelists — EUSAIR Pillar 1, SA SKILLS Cross-Border Table, education & labour market experts		
11:30–12:00	<i>Coffee break</i>		

12:00–12:30	T4 · Keynote Sanja Matić Skoko <i>The importance of nursery habitats: Innovations in monitoring and research</i>		
12:30–14:00	T4 BlueConnect <i>Chair: Radoje Laušević</i> Bruna Paušić <i>Blue growth landscape mapping in Bosnia and Herzegovina</i> Bruna Paušić <i>Blue growth landscape mapping in Croatia</i> Bruna Paušić <i>Blue growth landscape mapping in Montenegro</i> Bruna Paušić <i>Blue growth regional market analysis</i> Barbara Zorica	T3 · Session block <i>Chair: Ana Perošević- Bajčeta</i> Vincenzo de Cancellis <i>Investigating Marine and Terrestrial Protected Areas for Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Livelihoods: Methodological Consideration for Small Islands</i> Ines Vincent <i>A socio-ecological approach for Mediterranean Integrated Coastal Zone Management under global change</i> Antonija Avdalović <i>Microplastic pollution as a human-dimension governance challenge in Boka Kotorska Bay (Montenegro)</i>	Adriamed

	<i>Integrated Monitoring of Early Life Stages of Fish and Shellfish in the Eastern Adriatic: A BLUECONNECT Pilot Study</i> Danijela Lovrić <i>Demonstration center for fresh water fish processing</i> Radoje Laušević <i>Laboratory: Emerging research areas, new technologies, future skills needs, and cooperation models between academia, research institutions, companies, and public actors in the South Adriatic blue economy</i>	Ivana Zubak Čižmek <i>Blue carbon potential of Posidonia oceanica meadows in the Croatian Adriatic: A scenario-based assessment</i> Nika Stagličić <i>Beach nourishment reduces diversity and restructures nearshore fish assemblages on eastern Adriatic gravel beaches</i> Rajko Martinović <i>Seasonal hydrographic variability of temperature and salinity in Boka Kotorska Bay</i>	
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14:00–15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>		
15:00–16:00	<i>Networking and Poster presentation</i>		
16:00–16:30	T2 · Keynote Francesco Colloca <i>Can management buffer climate forcing? Shifting dynamics in Mediterranean fish communities</i>	T1 · Keynote Zrinka Ljubešić <i>From salt-wedge estuaries to the open Adriatic: Unraveling phytoplankton diversity across marine ecosystems</i>	
16:30–18:00	T2 · Session block <i>Chair: Aleksandar Joksimović and Ilija Ćetković</i> Mateja Nenadović <i>National diagnostics of fisherfolk organizations: A framework for strengthening small-scale fisheries governance</i> Gabriel Araújo Njaim <i>Intergenerational succession in Mediterranean Small-Scale Fisheries: A practice-theoretical study of continuity and change</i> Victoria Campón-Linares <i>Marine biodiversity: Plural understandings of marine life and dynamics in French Mediterranean fisheries</i> Aloïs Aguetant <i>Care practices in gender and marine biodiversity conservation: A systematic scoping literature review</i> Maryem Yeşim Çelik <i>Depth-related environmental stress shapes growth performance and survival of Mytilus galloprovincialis in a high-energy marine environment</i> Öznur Diler <i>The effects of bisphenol A on oxidative stress, antioxidant defense, histopathological alterations and lysozyme activity in Narrow-clawed crayfish (Pontastacus leptodactylus)</i> Saniye Türk Çulha <i>Helix aspersa as a bioindicator for assessing heavy metal contamination and human health risks in Black Sea coastal soils</i>	T1 · Session block <i>Chair: Dragana Drakulović and Aleksandra Huter</i> Maja Mucko <i>Diatoms from genus Entomoneis in Boka Kotorska Bay: Revision of known taxa and new records</i> Lucija Kanjer <i>Hidden cyanobacterial diversity in Adriatic benthic and epizoic habitats</i> Ana Baričević <i>Characterisation of macroalgal epiphytic eukaryotic communities in the northern Adriatic</i> Irena Todorović <i>Metabarcoding analysis of the fungal communities in the Danube River Basin</i> Filip Grgurević <i>Planktonic crustacean diversity in the open and eastern coastal Adriatic Sea</i> Guillaume Le Port <i>Human pressures on Posidonia oceanica in the Mediterranean: A global analysis to support the implementation of practical protection solutions - Adriatic focus –</i> Luigi Servadei <i>Funding instruments and opportunities for biodiversity and ecosystem restoration in the Adriatic region: The role of National and Regional Partnership Plans under the 2028–2034 EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)</i>	

Thursday, 24 September	Scientific conference day		Hyatt Regency Kotor Bay, Donji Stoliv	
	Ballroom A	Ballroom B	Rumija	Lovćen
08:30–09:30	Registration			
09:30–10:00	T3 • Keynote Andrej Kržan <i>Searching for the sources: Plastic pollution in rivers</i>	T5 Imagining Constructive Futures for Marine Biodiversity <i>MEDiverSEAty symposium session</i> 09:30–09:35 — Welcome and Introduction 09:35–09:50 — Francesca Presotto (WorldRise) 09:50–10:00 — Q&A (WorldRise)	Cradles PTSC Meeting <i>On invitation only</i>	BlueConnect Project Team Meeting <i>On invitation only</i>
10:00–11:30	T3 • Session block <i>Chairs: Milica Mandić</i> Tomaso Fortibuoni <i>Rivers as gateways of macro litter to the sea : Monitoring, tracking, and stakeholders' engagement in the Reno River (Italy)</i> Francesca Ronchi <i>Together for a clean Reno – Participatory strategies for riverine plastic waste reduction</i> Roberto Crosti <i>Tracing the veins of Tethys: GPS Junktrackers to investigate river-to-sea litter transport dynamics in the Adriatic-Ionian Region</i> Elena Santini <i>Turning monitoring into management: Identifying risk exposure hotspots of protected species to floating marine litter in the Adriatic Sea</i> Jelena Stanković Ristić <i>Microplastic contamination in Corbicula fluminea along the Danube River: Insights from JDS5 expedition</i> Ana Perošević-Bajčeta <i>Multi-element composition of blue crab (Callinectes sapidus) claw muscle from the Montenegrin coast</i> Umberto Berardi <i>Offshore wind farm noises: Modelling their impact for a sustainable blue economy</i> Dejan Radović <i>Land use changes and environmental impact for Skadar Lake catchment area (Montenegro)</i>	T5 • MEDiverSEAty 10:00–10:25 — Film Screening <i>Screening of three short films made by INFERSTUDIO with RADICAL OCEAN FUTURES and TBA21-Academy: M.A.N.A., MATSYA, and HAVSRA</i> 10:25–11:20 — Backcasting and Design Fiction Inspired Activity <i>Participants explore backcasting-inspired design fiction by identifying speculative objects from the films, reflecting on their ecological assumptions and connecting them to ideal pathways toward desirable Mediterranean futures.</i> 11:20–11:30 — Wrap-up and closing remarks	Cradles PTSC Meeting <i>On invitation only</i>	BlueConnect Project Team Meeting <i>On invitation only</i>
11:30–12:00	Coffee break			
12:00–13:30	T1 • Session block <i>Chair: Slavica Petović</i> Jure Jugovic <i>Population structure and mortality of the mud shrimp Upogebia pusilla in two Adriatic populations from Slovenia and Montenegro</i> Hrvoje Čižmek	T5 • Session block <i>Chair: Ilija Četković</i> Ludovica Montecchio <i>Ocean-Archive.org: A digital organism for a living Ocean</i> Justin Whittle	Cradles PTSC Meeting <i>On invitation only</i>	BlueConnect Project Team Meeting <i>On invitation only</i>

	Range distribution and deep-water microhabitats of <i>Centrostephanus longispinus</i> in the eastern Adriatic Sea Dušan Varda Historical data relations to present monitoring of monk seals (<i>Monachus monachus</i>) in Montenegro Marta Laginja The influence of fish farms on Bottlenose dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>) ranging patterns and social structure in North Dalmatia, Croatia Jeroen Hofs Weighting kernel density estimators corrects home ranges estimation of Common bottlenose dolphin, <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> Giorgos D. Kokkoris Niche saturation and biotic resistance to invaders in Mediterranean fish assemblages: A first approach Branko Dragičević Online survey reveals the widespread occurrence of the common lionfish <i>Pterois miles</i> in the eastern Adriatic Sea in 2025 Vida Ivanković Thermal stress and mass mortality in the Mediterranean cushion coral <i>Cladocora caespitosa</i>: An assessment from Silba island	A systematic literature review of marine citizen science in Small Island States Ivana Ognjanović Bridging blue economy skills gaps in the south Adriatic: Comparative evidence from Montenegro, Albania and Italy Carlotta La Penna Assessing negative construals of Mediterranean invasive marine species Raquel Ledo A challenge-driven methodology for embedding artistic research in water governance Barbara Čolić Heritage as governance: Integrating local ecological knowledge for Adriatic reefs Special marine reserve designation Gabriel Rivas-Mena Using drawings to assess children's perception of marine conservation status in Montenegro Radoje Laušević From blue skills to blue growth: The Adriatic blue growth cluster digital platform for cross-border knowledge, learning and innovation		
13:30–14:30	Lunch break			
14:30–15:30	Networking and Poster session			
15:30–16:00	Keynote · Antarctic Aleksandar Joksimović <i>Antarctic – living and working</i>			
16:00-17:00	T4 · Session block <i>Chair: Rajko Martinović</i> Gabriel Rivas-Mena <i>Using the mineral accretion technique to restore the Mediterranean: First insights towards the restoration of <i>Cladocora caespitosa</i> (Linnaeus, 1767)</i> Aziz Mulla <i>Reproductive and grazing dynamics of Mediterranean <i>Cystoseira</i> s.l. forests</i> Alexei Kouraev <i>Water dynamics of seasonally freezing large deep Eurasian lakes from satellite and in situ observations</i> Andrey G. Kostianoy <i>The Caspian Sea and Kara-Bogaz-Gol Bay level decline and regional climate change</i> Raz Nitzan <i>Mobile panoramic underwater observation using a towed 360° camera: Applications for shark and ray monitoring</i> Neven Cukrov <i>Non-invasive monitoring of coastal megafauna biodiversity through AI-Driven underwater video analysis</i>			
19:00–19:30	Official Closure · Institute of Marine Biology – 65th Anniversary Ceremony			
19:30	Gala Dinner			

Friday, 25 September	<i>Side events & study visits, Institute of Marine Biology, Dobrota</i>	
		Conference room
08:30–11:00	Tethys4Adrion · Field work <i>On invitation only</i>	MeDiverSeaty · Session <i>On invitation only</i>
11:00–18:30		Tethys4Adrion · Session <i>On invitation only</i>

Colour legend: T1 Biodiversity & conservation T2 Fisheries & aquaculture T3 Pollution & climate resilience T4 Marine monitoring & technology T5 Education & public awareness Special / invited sessions