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THE ROLE OF SHIP SPEED REDUCTION IN THE PROTECTION OF LARGE WHALES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN CETACEAN MIGRATION CORRIDOR

Going slow: saving whales, reducing ocean noise and helping the climate

The conference will take place in person **on Tuesday 9 July 2024, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, at the headquarters of the Biodiversity Foundation** of the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (**Calle de las Peñuelas 10, Madrid, Spain**)

AGENDA

9:30 - 10:05 - Opening

- Welcome speech by one of the organising NGOs.
- Official opening by **Mr. Hugo Morán**, Secretary of State for the Environment of the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge.
- **Mr. Rémi Parmentier**, Director of Varda Group & Coordinator of Let's Be Nice to the Ocean.

10:05 - 11:30 - Presentations

- **Mr. Simone Panigada**, President of the Tethys Research Institute, Chair of the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS and member of the Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force of the IUCN.
- **Ms. Natacha Aguilar**, research scientist at the Oceanographic Centre of the Canary Islands (IEO/CSIC)
- **Mr. Thomas Folegot**, President & CEO of Quiet Oceans.
- **Ms. Valérie Pimentel**, OceanCare's legal advisor.

11:30 - 11:45 - Coffee break

11:45 - 13:15 - Round table

- Representative of the **Directorate-General for Biodiversity, Forests and Desertification** of the Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge.
- Representative of the **Directorate-General for Merchant Shipping** of the Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility.
- **Mr. Simone Panigada**, President of the Tethys Research Institute, Chair of the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS and member of the Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force of the IUCN.
- **Ms. Elena Seco**, Director General of the Spanish Shipowners Association (ANAVE) (*tbc*).
- **Mr. Carlos Bravo**, OceanCare's Policy Expert.

13:15-13:30 - Closing

- **Ms. Cristina Narbona**, President of the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge Committee of the Spanish Congress of Deputies.

Moderated by **Mr. Antonio Cerrillo**, senior journalist at La Vanguardia.