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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 **Mr. Pablo Rodríguez**, coordinator of Marine Protected Spaces and 30x30 Strategy, Marilles Foundation.
- 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 the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS) and member of the Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (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

- **Ms. Tania López-Piñeiro**, Deputy Assistant Director of Terrestrial and Marine Biodiversity, Directorate General for Biodiversity, Forests and Desertification (Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge).
- **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. Araiz Basurko**, Deputy Director of the Spanish Shipowners Association (ANAVE).
- **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.