

3rd Mediterranean Plant Conservation Week

“Plant Conservation Strategies: from Science to Practice”

Chania, Crete, Greece, 27 September to 1 October 2021

PROGRAMME



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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Monday 27 September	Tuesday 28 September	Wednesday 29 September	Thursday 30 September	Friday 1 October	Saturday 2 October
8.30 – 12.00	8.30-12.00	8.30-12.00	08.00 – 17.00	8.30-12.00	9.00-20.30
Arrivals / Internal meetings of GENMEDA, CEPF, etc.	Session 1: Taxonomy, inventories, Red Lists Chair: Lorenzo Peruzzi	Session 2: Conservation planning and <i>ex situ</i> / <i>in situ</i> techniques Chair: Maria Panitsa	Field trip (to Imbros gorge)	SESSION 3: Networking, learning and communication Chair: Pierre Carret	Post Meeting Excursion
	10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break	10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break		10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break	
12.00 – 13.30 Lunch	12.00 – 13.30 Group photo Lunch	12.00 – 13.30 Lunch		12.00 – 13.30 Lunch	
13.30 – 16.00 On-site Registration	13.30-16.00 Afternoon Workshops Session & Coffee break	13.30-16.00 Afternoon Workshops Session & Coffee break		13.30-16.00 Afternoon Workshops Session & Coffee break	
16.00 – 16.30 OPENING CEREMONY	16.00 – 16.15 Presentation of the website "Trees and shrubs natives of North Africa", by Jesús Charco	16.00 – 16.15 Conservation status of the endemic vascular flora of Sicily, by Emilio Di Gristina		16.00 – 17.30 Projects Market Place & Poster Session	
16.30 – 17.00 "Cretan Flora at a glance" (Mediterranean Plant Conservation Unit of MAICh)	16.15 – 17.30 Projects Market Place & Poster Session	16.15 – 17.30 Projects Market Place & Poster Session			
17.00 – 17.30 "Plant Conservation in Greece" (C. Thanos & K. Georghiu)					
17.30 – 18.30 Round-table: "Status of the Phyto-taxonomic investigation in the Mediterranean Area", coordinated by F. Raimondo and W. Greuter	17.30 – 19.30 Side event by CEPF: "A Bunch of Flowering Initiatives" (with reception cocktail)	17.30 – 19.30 Side Event: <i>Zelkova abelicea</i> project – final project workshop		CLOSURE	
18.30 Welcome cocktail			20.00 Gala Dinner		

Please note: All times as in EEST (UCT+3)

PROGRAMME

Monday 27 September 2021

8.30 – 12.00	Arrivals / Internal meetings of GENMEDA, CEPF, etc.
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 16.00	On-site Registration
16.00 – 16.30	OPENING CEREMONY Welcome from the Organising Committee, MAICH, Regional Authorities, guests Opening speech by the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of Cyprus, Dr. C. Kadis
16.30 – 17.00	“Cretan Flora at a glance” (Mediterranean Plant Conservation Unit of MAICH)
17.00 – 17.30	“Plant Conservation in Greece” (C. Thanos & K. Georghiou, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens)
17.30 – 18.30	Round-table: “Status of the Phyto-taxonomic investigation in the Mediterranean Area”, coordinated by F. Raimondo and W. Greuter, with the participation of G. Bacchetta, J. Moreno Saiz, A. Chiarucci, L. Peruzzi, P. Dimopoulos, B. de Montmollin
18.30	Welcome cocktail

Tuesday 28 September 2021

SESSION 1: Taxonomy, inventories, Red Lists

Chair: Prof. Lorenzo Peruzzi

The objectives of this first day are to share with the participants different methods for inventorying plants in the field, identifying and naming them adequately, referencing them in GIS, assessing their levels of threat and establishing priorities in terms of conservation. The afternoon session will allow participants to deepen their practical knowledge, test different tools and share experiences.

MORNING SESSION

8.30 – 9.05	Plant Taxonomy: The importance of a collaborative and integrated approach to taxonomic problems for the future of systematic botany, by Lorenzo Peruzzi
9.05– 9.40	Inventories: What are the field inventory techniques, how to assess and monitor the size of a plant population, what computer tools are available, by Panayotis Dimopoulos
9.40-10.00	Case study: Drafting a prioritized checklist of Crop Wild Relatives and Wild Harvested Plants of Italy: problems and solutions, by Gianniantonio Domina
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break
10.30 – 11.15	Mapping: Incorporating inventories in GIS and R environments for investigating plant species distribution patterns, by Mauro Fois
11.15 – 12.00	Extinction risk: How to mobilise expert capacities (and time) for implementing IUCN Red List assessments on Mediterranean Monocots? by Catherine Numa & Errol Vela
12.00 – 13.30	Group photo Lunch break

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS SESSION

- 13.30 – 14.30 **Workshop 1.1:** How to assess taxa for the IUCN Red List
(trainers: Catherine Numa, Errol Véla, Aline Perez-Graber)
- 14.30 – 15.30 **Workshop 1.2:** Inventories, mapping and data sharing for supporting
biological conservation and management planning: examples,
difficulties and prospects of implementation
(trainers: Mauro Fois, Eva Tankovic, Angélique Triguel)
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee break**
- 16.00 – 16.15 **Presentation** of the website “Trees and shrubs natives of North Africa”,
by Jesús Charco
- 16.15 – 17.30 **PROJECTS MARKET PLACE**

Project authors solicit support from experts on the themes of the day
- POSTER SESSION**
- 17.30 – 19.30 **Side event by CEPF**
“A Bunch of Flowering Initiatives” – Exploring how civil society can
strengthen botanical knowledge and conservation action

(with reception cocktail)

Wednesday 29 September

SESSION 2 Conservation planning and *ex situ* / *in situ* techniques

Chair: Prof. Maria Panitsa

In situ and *ex situ* conservation techniques are numerous. The aim of this second session is, on the one hand, to make an inventory of these techniques, on the other hand, to give examples of projects in which they have been successfully applied and, finally, to put the participants in contact with specialists who could help train them or work on concrete examples.

MORNING SESSION

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| 8.30 – 9.00 | Conservation planning: How to prepare a species conservation action plan – Action plans for plant conservation, by Nikolaos Karavas |
| 9.00 – 9.30 | Ex situ techniques: How to implement them, what are the skills in the Mediterranean, by Katerina Koutsovoulou |
| 9.30 – 10.00 | The RIBES strategy for ex situ conservation: conventional and modern techniques to inform seed storage, by Sara Magrini & Costantino Bonomi |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Coffee break |
| 10.30 – 11.05 | Importance of evolutionary and ecosystem-based approaches to in situ conservation practices of Mediterranean flora, by Frédéric Médail |
| 11.05 – 11.40 | In situ techniques: Criteria for area prioritization, basic data collection and monitoring – case study from the eastern Adriatic coast, by Sandro Bogdanović |
| 11.40 – 12.00 | Case study: <i>Lysimachia minoricensis</i> J.J. Rodr. on the way from EW to CR? by Pere Fraga |
| 12.00 – 13.30 | Lunch break |

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS SESSION

13.30 – 14.30 **Workshop 2.1:** From plant hunting to plant conservation, by Juan Carlos Moreno Saiz (coordinator), Emilio Laguna, Lorenzo Peruzzi, Costas A. Thanos, Errol Véla

14.30 – 15.30 **Workshop 2.2:** Novel initiatives for Plant conservation in the Mediterranean, coordinated by Costantino Bonomi

15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee break**

16.00 – 16.15 Conservation status of the endemic vascular flora of Sicily, by Emilio Di Gristina

16.15 – 17.30 **PROJECTS MARKET PLACE**
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POSTER SESSION

17.30 – 19.30 **SIDE EVENT**
Zelkova abelicea project – final project workshop:
“Guidelines and Recommendations for the Long-term Conservation of *Z. abelicea* in Crete” (www.abelitsia.gr)

Thursday 30 September 2021

08.00 – 17.00 **Field trip** (to Imbros gorge)

20.00 **Gala Dinner** (at MAICh Conference Centre Restaurant
“MEDITERRANEAN”)

Friday 1 October 2021

SESSION 3 Networking, learning and communication

Chair: Pierre Carret

Scientific and technical aspects alone are not sufficient to ensure effective and sustainable conservation of the flora. The exchange of information and best practices between experts is essential. However, raising the awareness of all stakeholders and the general public is also crucial. Finally, finding funding for conservation projects is an ongoing challenge. This session will allow participants to learn more about these different subjects from specialists and to deepen their knowledge.

MORNING SESSION

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| 8.30 – 9.00 | Networking – What are the main networks, projects, biodiversity conservation initiatives in the Mediterranean, by Mercedes Muñoz Cañas |
| 9.00 – 9.30 | Networking – PIM (Small Mediterranean Islands Initiative) , network of experts for the collection of environmental data from un-known Mediterranean islands – Initiative PIM, by Mathieu Thevenet |
| 9.30 – 10.00 | Networking & Learning – Tela Botanica – a network for botanists to promote the exchange of information and to animate projects through new communication technologies, by Christophe Girod |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Coffee break |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Learning – Higher Education Innovation in Plant Diversity. The blended program HEIPLADI developed within the Erasmus+ K2 Strategic Partnership, by Gabriella Stefania Scippa |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Communication – Why it is critical that we become better conservation communicators, by Lourdes Lázaro |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Fundraising and different financial instruments – Discussing different approaches to fundraising and important aspects to consider from a donor’s perspective, by Pierre Carret |
| 12.00 – 13.30 | Lunch break |

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS SESSION

- 13.30 – 14.30 **Workshop 3.1** The MOOC potential and how to collaborate on a botany MOOC project?- by Audrey Tocco
- 14.30 – 15.30 **Workshop 3.2** ‘Plant Blindness’ – How to make plant conservation a hot topic and prioritised more widely – improving outreach and messaging to different audiences, by CEPF
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee break**
- 16.00 – 17.30 **PROJECTS MARKET PLACE**
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POSTER SESSION

CLOSURE

Saturday 2 October 2021

POST MEETING EXCURSIONS – CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

A “walk” in the coastal area of Gramvousa – Balos (Option 1).

Alternatively, **only if the weather does not allow for the boat trip**, Option 2 destination will be Elafonisi – Kedrodasos.

Both destinations are part of the NATURA 2000 Network.

See schedule below.

SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER

OPTION 1

9.00 – 10.00 Bus trip from MAICh to Kissamos port (with stop in Chania centre if requested)

10.40 – 17.45 Cruise from Kissamos port to Gramvousa, Balos and return to Kissamos port (snack will be provided) – stop for 2 h at Gramvousa and 3 h at Balos

17.45 – 20.30 Return to Chania – MAICh with stop for early dinner

OPTION 2

9.00 – 11.30 Bus trip from MAICh to Chrysoskalitissa to Elafonisi (with stop in Chania centre if requested)

11.30 – 13.00 Walk around Elafonisi Islet (snack will be provided)

13.00 – 17.00 Walk E4 trail from Elafonisi to Kedrodasos, stay and return

17.00 – 20.30 Return to Chania – MAICh with stop for early dinner