

NetBiome-CSA

Strengthening European research cooperation for smart and sustainable management of tropical and subtropical biodiversity in Outermost Regions (ORs) and Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

“Boosting sustainable development from high biodiversity: Prospects for green and blue growth in ORs and OCTs”

The main goal of this event is to provide an overview of potential scenarios for green and blue development in ORs and OCTs based on the high biodiversity of these (sub)tropical European entities. Moreover, the NetBiome-CSA project and its progress to date will be presented, enabling the discussion of the four most pressing challenges related to biodiversity in ORs and OCTs found by the consortium. The latter will lead to the establishment of four multidisciplinary workgroups focused on addressing those challenges. In addition, it will be an opportunity to obtain guidance and innovative ideas from international experts.

PLACE: PLOCAN facilities (Gran Canaria Island, Canary Islands, Spain)

DATE: Tuesday, 27th of May 2014

When	What
8:00h	Bus transport from meeting point to PLOCAN / Registration of participants
9:00h	<p>Session 1: Welcome and institutional opening Chair: Octavio Llinás, Oceanic Platform of the Canary Islands - PLOCAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Welcome and introduction</i> (Octavio Llinás, Director of PLOCAN). - <i>Institutional opening</i> (José Regidor, Rector of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria). - <i>Institutional opening</i> (Juan Ruiz Alzola, Director of the Canary Islands Agency for Research, Innovation and Society of Information – ACIISI. Regional Government of the Canary Islands).
9:40h	<p>Session 2: The NetBiome-CSA project: biodiversity in ORs and OCTs Chair: José Azevedo, Portuguese Regional Fund for Science - FRC</p> <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The NetBiome-CSA project: where we came from and where we are going</i> (José Azevedo, FRC). - <i>A view on the characteristics of stakeholders involved in tropical and subtropical biodiversity in ORs and OCTs</i> (Vanessa Weck, Guadeloupe Region - RG). - <i>Terrestrial and marine bioclimatic characterization of the ORs & OCTs</i> (Niels Raes, Stichting Naturalis Biodiversity Center - NATURALIS). - <i>Evidence on the economic value of biodiversity and ecosystem services in ORs and OCTs</i> (Holger Gerdes, Ecologic Institute - ECOLOGIC).

11:00h	Coffee break
11:30h	<p>Session 3: Sustainable development from high biodiversity in ORs and OCTs Chair: Marimar Villagarcía, PLOCAN</p> <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The European Initiative BEST, a new European scheme dedicated to ORs and OCTs</i> (Carole Martinez, International Union for Conservation of Nature – IUCN). - <i>Enabling a diversity approach - General overview of OCTA's research priority lines, network, challenges & innovation examples in ORs and OCTs</i> (Janice Panton & Jimena Arango M., Overseas Countries and Territories Association – OCTA). - <i>Biodiversity on the road to Green Economy</i> (António Abreu, Biologist). - <i>Information technologies to build a sustainable future and a transition to green societies based on knowledge; Interactive Mapping Tool for Biosphere Reserves and similar territories</i> (Javier P. Marrero, Interra SL). - <i>European ORs and OCTs: The role of green and blue growth in the exploitation, protection and continuing evolution of cultural biodiversity</i> (Colin Hindmarch, Ecological Consultant).
13:30h	Lunch Break
15:00h	<p>Session 4: Challenges related to biodiversity management and conservation in ORs and OCTs Chair: Soraya Sierra, NATURALIS</p> <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Smart and sustainable management of (sub)tropical biodiversity: Collective definition of 4 common challenges and implications for research collaboration and policy landscape</i> (Pablo Chavance, Economic Development Agency of New Caledonia). <p>Plenary debate with general public Facilitators: Vanessa Weck (Guadeloupe Region – RG); Josiane Irassin-Mangata (Reunion Region – RR); Soraya Sierra (NATURALIS); José Azevedo (FRC); Pablo Chavance (ADECAL).</p> <p>Wrap-up, conclusions and next steps (Pablo Chavance, ADECAL)</p>
17:00h*	End of Conference

*17:00 – 18:00h: WP4 meeting - preparation of the workshops (only for Consortium)

20:00h: Dinner – Restaurant to be confirmed