



## GREAT Med project

### BRIEF PRESENTATION

**PROJECT TITLE:** Generating a Risk and Ecological Analysis Toolkit for the Mediterranean

**ACRONYM:** GREAT Med

**PARTNERS:** Sapienza University of Rome (Italy); Aix-Marseille University - Mediterranean Institute of Marine and Terrestrial Biodiversity & Ecology (France); American University of Beirut – AUB (Lebanon); National Council for Scientific Research - CNRS-L (Lebanon); University of Sfax - BIOECOS-MA (Tunisia), Saint Joseph University - Lab. Genomic Characterization of Plants, (Lebanon).

**ASSOCIATES:** PAP/RAC - Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre of the Mediterranean Action Plan; Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and sea / General Directorate for Nature and Sea Protection; - Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research / General Directorate for International Research; Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils.

**PROJECT DURATION:** from 14/12/2013 to 13/12/2015.

#### SUMMARY:

The project deals with the crucial issues of biodiversity conservation, management and monitoring on Mediterranean coasts, and focuses in particular on the design and implementation of an integrated strategy based on ecological indicators and risk analysis. It will be implemented in five selected study areas: Gulf of Cagliari (Italy), coastal area of Provence (France), the area of Byblos (Lebanon), the area of Beirut (Lebanon) and the Gulf of Gabès (Tunisia), to assure a range of examples sufficient to elaborate a transferable product.

#### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

(A) **Create an implementable collaborative network** of institutions, agencies and local administrations of the partners countries for monitoring coastal areas in the Mediterranean and for the integration of local interventions in a macro-scale action plan at basin level ( GREAT Med network, see WP3, A3.1). The network aims to transfer knowledge and expertise among organisations and local actors and to share perspectives on priorities for conservation and management at the Mediterranean Basin scale;



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(B) **Develop a specific toolkit for assessing biodiversity at plant species and community levels and their vulnerability to potential risks (GREAT Med toolkit).** Risks concern oil and HNS (Hazardous and Noxious Substances) spills, urbanisation and tourism pressures. On one hand, the toolkit will provide basic information about environmental status, human pressures and potential risks of the coastlines where it will be applied, providing a prioritisation of the analysed shorelines and pinpointing areas where interventions are most required.

On the other hand, the toolkit will define the experimental design and the methodological procedure for applying the same approach in any coastal Mediterranean area and over time, serving as a tool for monitoring purposes;

(C) Plan and realise actions for the **dissemination of the GREAT Med toolkit** and its products among the main organisations charged with coastal environment conservation in the partners countries (see WP2 and WP3).



# GREAT Med NETWORK

## LETTER OF INTEREST

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I the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_,  
confirm on behalf of my organisation, \_\_\_\_\_ (please insert the  
name of your organisation) our interest in the GREAT Med project. We would like to be  
kept informed about the progress of this project and support the GREAT Med Network.

**In my capacities as above mentioned, I declare:**

√ to join the project **GREAT Med as Network member**, submitted by the Sapienza  
University of Rome as Applicant, in the 2nd Call for proposals for standard project of the  
"ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2007/2013";

√ to cooperate with efficiency, transparency and due diligence with the project partners, in  
order to reach the objectives, results and impact of the project Network.

**As well as, I confirm having been informed:**

√ that the institution I represent will not receive any financial contribution from the  
Programme and cannot act as supplier in the implementation of the project;

√ that information and data included in the project can be used and recorded by authorized  
people, and only used for statistic, control and publicity purposes of the GREAT Med  
project, in accordance with the law in force.

This document has not a legally binding character.

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*Place and date*

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