

Date: Tuesday 7th September

**Med Stand Theme 4: Financing Nature Conservation in the Mediterranean
(Coordinated by Fondation MAVA)**

Session 3 (Hybrid): Conservation Trust Funds in the Mediterranean - Central stage B

Time: 14:30 – 15:15 pm (45 min)

- **Why attend**

What can trust funds offer to finance environmental issues in the Mediterranean? Why is this mechanism rarely used? Is there room for broader application? Reps of the two main CTF will debate the issues, followed by the launch in presence of Prince Albert II of Monaco of the Highly Protected Mediterranean Initiative of the MedFund supported by MAVA Foundation

- **Brief description of the event**

This session will feature two components: A panel discussion on Conservation Trust Funds, (14:30-15:00) and the launch of a new initiative within an existing CTF, The MedFund (15:00-15:15).

Panel discussion: In the Mediterranean, application of trust funds to environmental issues is recent and rare. The discussion will address how CTF can provide for long-term financing of Mediterranean conservation actions, and how can they contribute to financing at scale. Panellists will be experts with first-hand experience in The MedFund, a regional mechanism promoting the management effectiveness of marine protected areas, and the Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust (PONT), focusing on conservation and sustainable development in a transboundary lake basin of the Balkans.

Launch of the Highly Protected Mediterranean Initiative in presence of the Prince Albert II of Monaco: This initiative promotes Highly Protected Areas by demonstrating their ecological and socioeconomic benefits and supporting their financial sustainability

- **Format and agenda**

Introduction & Facilitation – Ms Minna Epps Director, Global Marine and Polar Programme, IUCN

Panel Discussion (30 min)

PONT :

Ms Lynda Mansson MAVA Director General

Ms Mirjam de Koning, PONT Executive Director

The MedFund :

Mr Bernard Fautrier, Medfund President

Mr Romain Renoux, MedFund Executive Director

Mr Gilles Kleitz, Directeur du département des transitions écologiques, Agence Française de Développement

2 short films highlighting MedFund & PONT activities in the field

Launch of the Highly Protected Mediterranean Initiative in presence of the Prince Albert II of Monaco (15')



Keynote address: The vital role of marine fully-strictly protected areas for biodiversity and society, by Mr. Paolo Guidetti, Marine Scientist at the Università del Salento, Italy

Mr Bernard Fautrier, Medfund President

Mr André Hoffmann, MAVA Fondation President

Signing ceremony in presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco who congratulates MedFund & Mava for this joint initiative for the Mediterranean in the frame of the PAMEX 2030/ post 2020 Barcelona convention and invite new donors and partners to join

Photo souvenir