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International Perspectives on Preventing Wildlife Crime



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AGENDA

Friday, 23 November 2018

- 17:00** Registration
- 18:30** Opening – Welcome
- 19:00 – 19:30** Biodiversity of Greece
Nikos Petrou, President of the HSPN Board of Directors
- 19:30 – 20:00** LIFE Programme
George Protopapas, Green Fund Director
- 20:00 – 20:30** LIFE Natura Themis project
*Michalis Probonas, UoC – NHMC,
LIFE Natura Themis Coordinator*
- 20:30** Welcome Reception – End of the first Conference day

Saturday, 24 November 2018

SESSION I: Wildlife Crime Legislation and Implementation

- 09:00 – 09:30** Wildlife crimes and protection of biodiversity: Economic, social and environmental interactions
Joseph Van Der Stegen, Policy Officer, Nature Unit, DG Environment, European Commission
- 09:30 – 10:15** The EU legislation related to wildlife crimes
Ludwig Krämer, Former Head of Unit, Environmental Department of the European Commission
- 10:15 – 11:00** Overview of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) case law on wildlife crimes
Valerie Fogleman, Professor of Law, Cardiff University School of Law and Politics; Consultant, Stevens & Bolton LLP
- 11:00 – 11:15** Discussion
- 11:15 – 11:45** Coffee Break

SESSION II: Focus on Wildlife Trafficking

- 11:45 – 12:45** Enforcement of EU wildlife protection and implementation by domestic judges
Matthias Keller, Presiding Judge, Aachen Administrative Court
- 12:45 – 13:15** Special focus on illegal trade of birds: A journey through Europe
Jan Van den Berghe, Vice President of the Court of First Instance, East Flanders

13:15 – 13:45 IMPELs contribution to the implementation of the EU action plan against wildlife trafficking
John Visbeen, Representative of the European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL)

13:45 – 14:00 Discussion

14:00 – 15:30 *Lunch*

SESSION III: Cross-cutting Issues on Wildlife Crime and Biodiversity Protection

15:30 – 15:50 Sanctions for wildlife crimes: A thorny problem
Georgios Almpouras, ENPE Working Group Member

15:50 – 16:10 Combating biodiversity loss and wildlife crime through environmental liability
Stavroula Pouli, Head of the Coordination Office for the Implementation of Environmental Liability, Ministry for the Environment and Energy, MEEN – COIEL LIFE Natura Themis coordinator

16:10 – 16:30 Economic instruments as a complement to biodiversity protection
Angeliki Kallia – Antoniou, Attorney at Law, PhD, EU Environmental Law Expert, Professor at the National School of Public Administration

16:30 – 16.45 Discussion

SESSION IV: The LIFE Natura Themis Project – its Role and Added Value

16:45 – 17:00 Wildlife crime in Greece: Out of sight, out of mind
Konstantina Ntemiri, Hellenic Ornithological Society (HOS), Environmental Policy Officer, Antipoison Task Force Coordinator

17:00 – 17:15 Beyond Themis. Capitalizing experience in combating environmental crime.
Dr Georgios Sbokos, Bar Association of Heraklion (HB), Head of HB Environmental Committee, HB LIFE Natura Themis Coordinator

17:15 – 17:30 LIFE Natura Themis: Public access to environmental information in Greece through the experience of the Environmental Law Observatories of Crete
Maria Maniadaki, Bar Association of Chania (CB), CB LIFE Natura Themis Coordinator

- 17:30 – 17:45** LIFE Natura Themis: Preventing wildlife crime by using IT tools
Christos Georgiadis, Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature Projects Coordinator, HSPN LIFE Natura Themis Coordinator
- 17:45 – 18:00** Discussion
- 18:00** *End of the second Conference day*

Sunday, 25 November 2018

SESSION V: Wildlife Crime in EU Landscape

09:30 – 11:00 Panel Discussion on National Experiences:

- Slovenia, *Lea Tomazic, Representative of EcoLexLife*
- Malta, *Antaia Christou, Representative of BirdLife Malta*
- Cyprus, *Nikolaos Kasinis, Representative of Game and Fauna Service of the Ministry of Interiors, Cyprus*
- Hungary, *Lilla Barabas, Representative of PannonEagle Life*

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 13:00 Wildlife Crime in Greece: The role of NGOs

- Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature (HSPN)
Dr Irimi Vallianatou, Biologist, Hippocrates 2500 Years
- Hellenic Ornithological Society (HOS – BirdLife Greece)
Victoria Saravia, Egyptian vulture LIFE project Conservation Officer
- Hellenic Society for the Study and Protection of the Monk Seal (MOM)
Dr Panagiotis Dendrinis, President of the MOM Board of Directors
- ANIMA – Wild Life Conservation Society
Anna Kazazou, Zoologist
- ARCHELON – The Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece
Panagiota Theodorou, Conservation Coordinator

13:00 – 13:15 Discussion

SESSION VI: Reflections for the Future and Final Conclusions

13:15 – 13:45 Wildlife crime and biodiversity protection: The way forward
Ludwig Krämer

13:45 - 14:00 Final words and future actions
LIFE Natura Themis Project Representative

14:00 *Light Lunch & End of the Conference*