

MPAs and Fisheries Management

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18h30-20h30
Room A5E2
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Chaired by:

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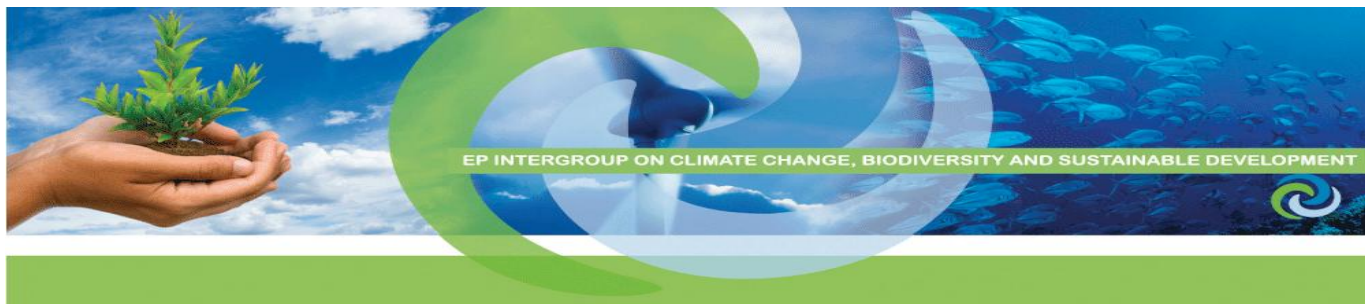
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The function of Marine Protected Areas (MPA) is usually to protect biodiversity by preventing or limiting human activities in controlled areas and their surroundings. Therefore they have positive and negative impacts on economic activities, which may be direct or indirect, that have not been entirely assessed yet. They can a priori be included in the set of tools used to manage fisheries, in synergy with more conventional solutions, under conditions to be determined case-by-case.

This event will hinge on the presentation of a world-wide report on the biological, socio-economic and governance-related impacts of MPAs on fisheries by the Chair of the IUCN Fisheries Expert Group. This presentation will be followed by a description by the French MPAs Agency and the European Commission of the goals, approaches and results of their action, and by a contribution of fisheries professionals. The event will provide the opportunity for a specific discussion on the utility but also the limits of MPAs for fisheries management.

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- 17h45-18h20** Registration, *Altiero Spinelli Building, Place du Luxembourg*
- 18h30-18h40** Opening remarks by **Isabelle Thomas**, MEP
- 18h40-19h00** Presentation par **Serge Garcia**, Chair of the IUCN Fisheries Experts Group (IUCN-CEM-FEG)
- 19h00-19h10** **François Gauthiez**, French Agency of Marine Protected Areas
- 19h10-19h20** **Ernesto Penas Lado**, Director for “Policy development and coordination”, DG MARE, European Commission
- 19h20-19h40** Representatives of the fishing sector:
- **Brittany: Armand Quentel**, Chair of the Environment Commission of the Brittany Fisheries Regional Committee, member of Bluefish
 - **Scotland: Bertie Armstrong**, Scottish Fishermen's Federation
- 19h40-20h25** Questions and discussion with the audience
- 20h25-20h30** Closing remarks by **Isabelle Thomas**, MEP

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