

Conference
TCD Dublin
Sept 2-3rd 2019

Bigger and Better

Marine Protected Areas in EU and Irish Waters

Organisers: Coastwatch in cooperation with Irish Wildlife Trust, SWAN, Seas At Risk and Client Earth
Location: M17, Museum Building, New Square, Trinity College Dublin and fieldtrips to Dublin Bay

Draft Programme

September 2nd

2.00 pm Registration

2.15 pm Welcome in TCD and the MPA conference

Opening Session

- Keynote address, *Damien English TD Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government*
- From coastal to EEZ MPA designations and UN negotiations on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdictions. *Richard Cronin, Principle Advisor Marine Environment, DHLG*
- Marine Natura 2000 sites around Ireland - size, status and future plans, *Dr David Lyons, NPWS*
- The international MPA project – *Marc-Philip Buckhout, Policy Officer, Seas at Risk*

3.15 pm Bigger MPAs around the Island of Ireland Panel Discussion

Introduction: offshore site designations, inshore/coastal fill and transboundary sites - *Karin Dubsky, Coastwatch, Cormac Nolan, SWAN, Regina Classen, IWT*
Panel Discussion on making it happen

4.10 pm Coffee

4.30 pm Break-out sessions running in parallel (M17, Geog Lect. Room 5 A and B)

1. Law: Overcoming obstacles to designation in Ireland including X-border with Brexit
2. Designation proposals – Where, why and how: with 2 x 10 min input papers: (i) Bantry Bay - Dolf d'Hondt and Thomas O Sullivan Kelp Campaign and (ii) inshore salmon sites
3. Marine Spatial Planning - providing for key features, designated and future MPAs

6.30 pm Dinner in Cornucopia with imaginative feedback from break-out groups





September 3rd

8.30 am	Registration M17 Museum Building New Sq. TCD
9.00 am	Better MPAs - MPA design, monitoring, public participation and enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fundamental legal principles for a successful MPA network, <i>Tatiana Lujan, Client Earth</i>• Good practice and issues in France, case study <i>Sophie Mjati, France Nature Environ.</i>• Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, <i>Dean Eaton, Dublin City Council</i> Discussion
10.40 am	Coffee
11.00 am	Better MPAs break-out session with short input papers to inform and draft recommendations <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fisheries and Aquaculture2. Appropriate Assessment of plans and activities which may impact on MPAs3. Monitoring and Enforcement
12.15 pm	Feedback from breakout groups
1.00 pm	Close Picnic lunch with fieldtrips
2.00 – 5.00 pm	Field trip Dublin Biosphere and N 2000 sites <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tackling urban MPA issues: land – sea interphase and climate change, fragile biota, seagrass bed and birds at Merrion strand, people information, engagement and pressure.• Managing Fishing in MPAs: from intensive, over extensive traditional lobster/crab to no take zones ferry to Dalkey island weather permitting.

