

International Blue Carbon Initiative Scientific Working Group
Annual Meeting
October 9 – 12, 2017
University of Balearic Islands, Ibiza, Spain
SUMMARY AGENDA



Coordinating organizations:

CONSERVATION
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Commission

Workshop partner organizations:



Day 1 – Monday 9, 2017, University of Balearic Islands, Room: SA-CO2	
16:30 -	Registration on main campus
	Meeting Opening
17:00 - 19:00	<p>Session 1: Opening Remarks Moderated by: Dr. Jorge Ramos, <i>Conservation International</i></p> <p>Welcome, introduction to Blue Carbon Initiative and International Blue Carbon Scientific Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Emily Pidgeon, <i>Conservation International</i> • Dr. Steve Crooks, <i>Silvestrum Climate Associates</i> • Dr. Núria Marbà, <i>Institut Mediterrani d'Estudis Avancats (IMEDEA)</i> <p>Opening remarks by regional representatives</p> <p>Participant Introductions</p> <p>Presentations on Blue Carbon Ocean Teacher Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kirsten Isensee, <i>Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO)</i>
20:00 -	Welcome Reception and Dinner
Day 2 – Tuesday 10, 2017, University of Balearic Islands, Room: SA-CO2	
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival to University of Balearic Islands
9:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 2. Status of blue carbon science for Mediterranean and European ecosystems - Moderated by: Dr. Núria Marbà, <i>IMEDEA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short presentations by guest experts on recent blue carbon ecosystem science in the region. <p>Discussion</p>
	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:30	<p>Session 3. Key questions in Blue Carbon Science - Moderated by: Dr. Carlos Duarte, <i>King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and brainstorming session on summary results of the survey.
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch Provided

15:00 - 16:30	<p>Session 4. Seagrass ecosystems and carbon studies in the region. - Moderated by: Dr. Hilary Kennedy, <i>Bangor University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session addressing priority science for Blue Carbon science in seagrasses. Details to be confirmed.
16:30 – 16:45	Coffee Available
16:45 – 18:30	<p>Session 5. Seagrass ecosystems session continued - Moderated by Dr. James Fourqurean, <i>Florida International University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session addressing priority science for Blue Carbon science in seagrasses. Details to be confirmed.
	Dinner at local restaurants

Day 3 – Wednesday 11, 2017, University of Balearic Islands, Room: SA-CO2	
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome
9:00 - 10:30	<p>Session 6. Considering Other Coastal Ecosystems, Carbon Cycling vs. Carbon Storage - Moderated by Dr. Emily Pidgeon, <i>Conservation International</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify the role of kelp, other seaweed forests and other marine ecosystems in the context of carbon storage and carbon cycling. <p>Discussion</p>
	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 7. Blue Carbon Member and Partner Updates - Moderated by Dr. Jorge Ramos, <i>Conservation International</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Science and Data Network for Coastal Blue Carbon – Dr. Pat Megonigal, <i>Smithsonian Environmental Research Center</i> • The Nature Conservancy’s Blue Carbon Projects – Dr. Mark Spalding and Ms. Emily Landis, <i>The Nature Conservancy</i> • Developing the national synthesis of Mexico on Blue Carbon – Dr. Jorge A. Herrera-Silveira, CINVESTAV-IPN, Merida, Mexico • Updates on Blue Carbon work in the Philippines – Dr. Nicholas Hill, Zoological Society of London • IPCC Ocean and Cryosphere Review–Dr. James Kairo and Dr. Miguel Cifuentes, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute and CATIE • International Partnership for Blue Carbon – Mr. Karl Haby, <i>Department of the Environment and Energy, Government of Australia</i> <p>Discussion</p>

12:30 – 13:30	<p>Session 8. Policy Challenges of Blue Carbon Projects in the Region - Moderated by Ms. Dorothée Herr, <i>IUCN</i> and Dr. Maria del Mar Otero, <i>IUCN-Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of regional blue carbon offset projects and their marketability <p>Discussion</p>
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch – Provided
15:00 – 16:30	<p>Session 9. Uncertainties associated with blue carbon/coastal ecosystems - Moderated by Dr. Catherine Lovelock, <i>The University of Queensland</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss relative risk of blue carbon projects compared to terrestrial carbon projects. <p>Discussion</p>
	Coffee Available
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Session 10. Ecological Succession Blue Carbon in Coastal Ecosystems - Moderated by Dr. Jorge Ramos, <i>Conservation International</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of carbon stocks and fluxes of the three coastal ecosystems along ecological succession. <p>Discussion in breakout groups</p>
17:30 – 18:30	<p>Session 11. Concluding Remarks - Moderated by Dr. Núria Marbà, <i>IMEDEA</i></p> <p>Summary of 2017 IBCSWG workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Emily Pidgeon, <i>Conservation International</i> • Dr. Steve Crooks, <i>Silvestrum Climate Associates</i> • Dr. Núria Marbà, <i>IMEDEA</i> <p>2018 partnership with State Oceanic Administration, P.R. China.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Chen, Guangcheng, <i>Third Institute of Oceanography</i> <p>Discussion</p>
18:30 –	<p>Session 12. Closing Event, Organized by Dr. Núria Marbà, IMEDEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of historical Ibiza downtown Ibiza and closing reception hosted by the local government at the Sala Capítular del Ayuntamiento de Ibiza. • Dinner at local restaurants.

Day 4 – Thursday 12, 2017- Formentera Island Field Trip

- Ferry for Scuba diving field trip will depart at 8:00 and for snorkeling field trip it will depart at 10:00 to Formentera Island.
- Ferry will depart from Formentera at 18:30 with an estimated arrival around 19:30 in Ibiza.

Day 5 - Friday 13, 2017 - Departures