

Name of event: Marine biodiversity: current knowledge, research tasks, responses to threats
Keyword: General nature conservation concepts, theory, policies

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| Country | Spain |
| Title of Event | World Conference on Marine Biodiversity |
| Date/Time | Nov. 11-15 2008 |
| Location | Valencia, Spain |
| Organising body | CSIC-UIB (University of the Balearic Islands), on behalf of the international organising committee and scientific committee |
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| Language (s) of event | English |
| Financial arrangements | Conference fee 415€ |
| Brief description | The conference will: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. review the current understanding of marine biodiversity, its role in marine ecosystem functioning and its socio-economic context2. assess current and future threats and potential mitigation strategies for conservation and regulation of marine resources3. identify future research priorities. More specific topics include, inter alia, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patterns and drivers in the distribution of marine biodiversity;• Taxonomic aspects of marine biodiversity• Biodiversity in coastal, deep sea and polar environments• Biodiversity-ecosystem relationships: sources of variation, genetic aspects• Marine bio-invasions• Historical change in Mediterranean marine biodiversity• Assessing the consequences of large-scale biodiversity change• Societal and economic benefits of marine biodiversity• Biodiversity and bio-prospecting: ecological roles of marine natural products• Conserving marine biodiversity: making policy, management tools and scientific knowledge work together• Emerging paradigms in coastal research and related management and policy implications |