

Participation in side events – Tour du Valat



Monday, 7th November

[Wetlands as Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Development and Climate Change Mitigation](#)

Time: 19:45 CET

Venue: Room 3

Details: Wetland-based Solutions project gathers a powerful network of expert organizations working to preserve and restore Mediterranean wetlands, which pool their expertise and experiences to improve skills, identify successful solutions, raise awareness, and spread best practices across the basin.

Lead organisation: MedWet

Partner organisations: MedSea Foundation, EuroNatur, WWF Tunisie, WWF Spain, Tour du Valat, IUCN ECARO, BirdLife Europe, IUCN-Med, MAVA Foundation

Wednesday, 9th November

Wetlands in Morocco : A Strategy and Partnerships for conservation and development of the Ramsar site network

Time: 18:30 CET

Venue: Hôtel Warwick

Lead organisation : ANEF (Agence Nationale des Eaux et Forêts)

[3 key steps for successful wetland restoration](#)

Time: 19:45 CET

Venue: Room 14

Details: This session aims to disseminate tools and good practices for Contracting Parties and other stakeholders to embrace and implement national wetland restoration programmes. The session will

particularly emphasize three key steps: how to develop/strengthen capacities, how to define a large-scale prioritisation strategy that integrates science-based evidence and social considerations, and how to monitor results.

Lead organisation: Ministry of Ecological Transition, France.

Partner organisations: Ministry of the Environment, Finland; IUCN Commission for Ecosystem Management; Tour du Valat; Metsähallitus, Parks & Wildlife Finland

[Selected key results of the RESSOURCE project: \(1\) Promoting waterlily cultivation in the Senegal delta; \(2\) supporting the designation of the 4th Sudanese Ramsar site and \(3\) developing a MOOC on African waterbirds and wetlands](#)

Time: 19:45 CET

Venue: Plenary E

Details: The RESSOURCE Project, launched in 2017, is coordinated by FAO and implemented by technical partners with recognized expertise in birds & wetlands conservation and food security. Co-funded by the French Facility for Global Environment and the European Union, the project is the Sahelian component of the Sustainable Wildlife Management Programme (SWMP). During this side-event, three major results of the RESSOURCE project will be displayed: (1) Promoting waterlily cultivation in the Senegal delta; (2) supporting the designation of the 4th Sudanese Ramsar site and (3) developing a MOOC on African waterbirds and wetlands.

Lead organisation: Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

Partner organisations: Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources (Sudan) Tour du Valat (Unité de Soutien Technique à l'initiative africaine de l'AEWA) Office Français de la Biodiversité OMPO (Oiseaux Migrateurs du Palarctique Occidental) Fondation François Sommer

Thursday, 10th November

[Wetlands mapping: Focus on National Initiatives](#)

Time: 18:30 CET

Venue: Room 14

Details: The side event would present a few national initiatives aiming to implement Earth Observation-based mapping tools in support of wetland inventories, by focusing on existing projects in different countries, in particular in Europe and Africa.

Lead organisation: Tour du Valat

Partner organisations: Ministère de la Transition Écologique (France), Office Français de la Biodiversité, Group on Earth Observation, GEO Wetlands, Agence Gabonaise d'Études et d'Observations Spatiales, European Space Agency, Wetlands International, MedWet

[GEO Wetlands Initiative: Supporting Global and National Wetlands Inventories with Earth Observations](#)

Time: 19:45 CET

Venue: Room 14

Details: Participants will learn about the current applications of Earth Observation for wetlands, the future developments, and how GEO Wetlands intends to contribute to the implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan and support Contracting Parties in building their national wetland monitoring.

Lead organisation: Group on Earth Observations

Partner organisations: JAXA, ESA, Tour du Valat, AIRCAS, Data Terra Frenh Research Infrastructure, AGEOS, Wetlands International, soloEO, Earth Research Institute UC Santa Barbara, NASA, USGS, UNEP

[Funding at Scale Wetlands and Freshwater Conservation and Sustainable Water Resource use: examples of successes and challenges from the Mediterranean](#)

Time: 19:45 CET

Venue: Room 4

Details: Taking the Mediterranean as an example, this session will explore where are the opportunities for both fundraising and investment, based on demonstrated successes.

Lead organisation: MAVA Foundation

Partner organisations: Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative (MedWet), French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, Wetland-Based Solutions, Wetlands for Mediterranean Resilience, Vertigo Lab consultancy and Private Sector partner, MAVA Foundation

Saturday, 12th November

[The Future of Wetlands – an Intergenerational Dialogue](#)

Time: 19:45 CET

Venue: Plenary C

Details: This side event will involve an intergenerational dialogue between youth who are working on wetlands, and a number of experienced wetland professionals. They will discuss the implementation of the youth draft resolution, key challenges to the wise use of wetlands in coming decades, synergies with other MEAs, and how to stay positive.

Lead organisation: Youth Engaged in Wetlands

Partner organisations: East Asia-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP), Wetlands International (WI), Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), Ramsar Convention on Wetlands Secretariat (TBC), Mangrove Conservation