



# The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative at the Ramsar COP12

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The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative (MedWet) welcomes the Mediterranean community and all other delegates and observers attending Ramsar COP12, at the **Mediterranean Agora**.

Inspired by the vibrant Agorae in ancient Greek city states, the Mediterranean Agora **is a place of knowledge and exchange, promoting cooperation and recognizing the rich variety of cultures. It is also a place to discuss, to relax and share good moments, in the best Mediterranean style!**

## WHERE

The Mediterranean Agora is **located opposite the Ramsar COP12 Conference Centre** (the Conrad Resort & Casino) on the **seaside across the street**. Big banners and flags show the way.

## THE HEART OF THE AGORA

Entering the Agora you are welcomed by an exhibition of thirty colourful posters on the theme **Our wetlands, our people**. Celebrating the beauty of Mediterranean wetlands and their people, the exhibition presents each of the 27 MedWet countries and posters are reproduced in postcards to take away (stamps are also available to mail them).

## THE AGORA ALSO OFFERS

- An interesting programme of presentations, film screenings and discussions.
- A display by various MedWet countries, partners and wetland related projects in the Mediterranean.
- Free Wi-Fi access and meeting places, such as the Arab corner!
- Mediterranean gastronomy for lunch and dinner (please consult the Agora programme for details)
- A bar open until 22.00 hours and a beach fire for those who love the open air!

The Agora is open to the local public at specific times in recognition of the hospitality of the Uruguayan people and offers guided visits to local school children.

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MedWet/OCC invite all delegates to buy at the Mediterranean Agora and at the Exhibition stand n° 17 their individual Carbon Footprint Offset Certificates. The funds will go to restoration efforts at the Maldonado wetland in the outskirts of Punta del Este, which delegates are cordially invited to visit.  
Cost of the certificate: 20 US Dollars or 20 Euros or 500 pesos.

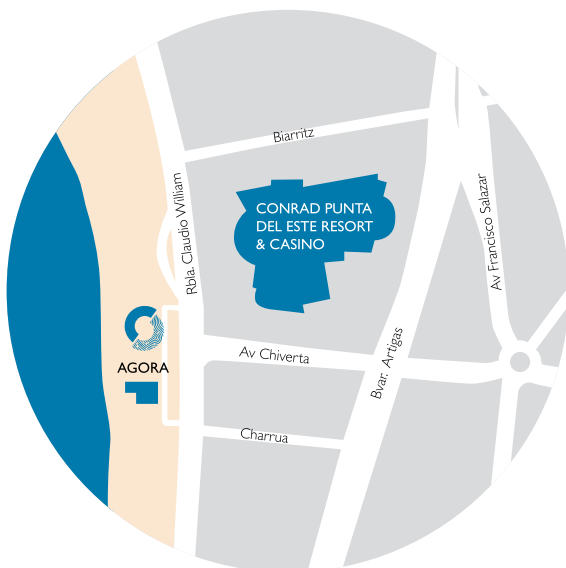


The Mediterranean Agora has been organized with the invaluable support of the Uruguayan NGO Organization for the Conservation of Cetaceans (OCC).

MedWet also acknowledges with thanks the support of the national and local Uruguayan authorities and the important contribution made to the Mediterranean Agora project by the communications consultant Coninne Brunois.

The Mediterranean Agora has been declared as an Event of Cultural Interest by the city of Punta del Este and the authorities of the Maldonado Department.

The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative (MedWet) a Ramsar Regional Initiative, is governed by the Mediterranean Wetlands Committee (MedWet / Com). Since its establishment more than 20 years ago, MedWet has mobilised major partnerships and substantial funds to develop innovative methods and tools tailored to the realities and needs of the Mediterranean wetlands. For more information please visit [medwet.org](http://medwet.org)



## MedWet at the Ramsar COP12 Conference Centre

### Stand N° 17 at the exhibition hall, shared with the Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory and the Organization for Conservation of Cetaceans

#### Meetings / Side events

**1 June** 18:30 – 19:45

**Meeting of the Mediterranean Wetlands Committee**  
Room Rio de Janeiro A  
(English / French)

**3 June** 18:15 – 19:45

**Working for wetlands in the Mediterranean – Progress and Challenges**  
MedWet & Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory  
Room Rio de Janeiro A  
(English / French / Spanish)

**4 June** 13:15 – 14:45

**An Observatory to monitor and manage wetlands: lessons learned from the Mediterranean.**  
Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory, Tour du Valat  
Room Punta del Este A (English)

**4 June** 13:15 – 14:45

**“Maghreb Wetlands Sentinels”: The MedWet Civil Society Network in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia**  
WWF MedPO / Bureau Nord Afrique  
Room Rio de Janeiro A  
(English / French)

#### MedWet involvement in other side events

**3 June** 13:15 – 14:45

**The Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation: a new label for local action**  
Korea and Tunisia  
Room Rio de Janeiro A

**5 June** 18:15 – 19:45

**Conservation of Mediterranean island wetlands**  
Greece  
Room Bariloche (English)

**6 June** 13:15 – 14:45

**GlobWetland Africa, towards satellite-based Wetland Observatories in Africa**  
European Space Agency  
Room Punta del Este A  
(English / French)

**9 June** 13:15 – 14:45

**Wetlands and agriculture**  
Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic  
Room Bariloche (English)



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Monday 1st

Tuesday 2nd

Wednesday 3rd

**MORNING SESSIONS**

**8:00 – 9:30**

Agora open for Ramsar COP12 Delegates / Observers all day!!

Meeting spaces available \*

SLOT AVAILABLE\*

Public use of wetlands and visitors management. Lecture by *Dr. María José Viñals, Politechnic University of Valencia, Spain*

1. Presentation in English 50'

\* MED Breakfast offered from 7:30 -08:15

2. Presentation in Spanish 50'

**LUNCH @ AGORA**

**13:30 – 15:00**

MED Lunch \*\*

LUNCH OFFERED TO SIDE EVENT: PARTICIPANTS ONLY

MED Lunch \*\*

**LUNCH TIME SESSIONS**

**13:30 – 14:45**

Meeting spaces available \*

The National Wetlands Strategy of Algeria: an innovative participatory exercise based on the ecosystems approach Algerian Delegation & MedWet

Recreation and education roles of wetlands in the Mediterranean: a first Mediterranean assessment. Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory & partners

Lunch offered to participants

**DINNER @ AGORA**

**18:00 – 20:00**

NO DINNER SERVED

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**EVENING SESSIONS**

**18:30**

Meeting spaces available until 20.00 \*

Follow up meeting of the Mediterranean Wetlands Committee

SLOT AVAILABLE \*

\* Dinner offered to MedWet / Com members and observers

Duration: 2hrs

**20:00 – 22:00**

**FORMAL OPENING OF THE AGORA**

followed by reception (By invitation only)

21:00 – 22:30 \*\*\* Concert by The Mediterranean Music Band Klezmeron @ the Municipal Theatre of Maldonado City MedWet & OCC.

Open to the public / limited seats reserved for COP delegates

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Thursday 4th

Friday 5th

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Saturday 6th

**MORNING SESSIONS**

8:00 –  
9:30

Changing status and trends  
of Mediterranean wetlands  
in the XX and XXI centuries.  
*Mediterranean Wetlands  
Observatory*

ENTRANCE OF THE  
CONRAD RESORT  
Students welcome COPI2  
delegates at the entrance  
of Conference Centre with  
messages & Mediterranean  
music  
20 Students & 20 Med  
delegates go to plant native  
wetland species in the  
Maldonado wetlands with the  
support of the Local Authorities

Meeting of Ramsar Regional  
Initiatives MedWet

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to invited participants  
from 7:30 – 08:15

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15:00

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**LUNCH TIME SESSIONS**

13:30 –  
14:45

Film: *The Wildlife of Slivnitsa  
Municipality, Dragoman Marsh  
Karst Complex (Ramsar Site),  
Bulgaria*  
\* followed by discussion  
with the Head of Bulgarian  
delegation

NO PLANNED ACTIVITIES  
AT THE AGORA

Host country event at the  
Conference Centre

Possible visit of President  
Tabaré Vázquez to the Agora,  
with toast offered by MedWet

Presentation of the Maldonado  
Wetland EcoPark  
*Department of Maldonado*

\* open to the public

13:15 - 14:00 (in English)  
14:10 - 15:00 (In Spanish)

**DINNER @ AGORA**

18:00 –  
20:00

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**EVENING SESSIONS**

18:30

Event to honour the  
Mediterranean Ramsar Award  
winners: Lectures by Ms. Giselle  
Hazzan, Manager, Ein Afek Nature  
Reserve (EANR), Israel; and  
Mr. Jean Jalbert, Director General  
of La Tour du Valat, France.  
Followed by a reception offered  
by MedWet

Presentation of the Satellite  
based Wetland Observation  
Service (SWOS) *Jena-Optronik  
GmbH*

\* Dinner offered  
to the participants

Special talk:  
Whales stories & Modern  
Western Belly Dancing show  
The message of the whales  
OCC & MedWet

Light cocktail & snacks  
offered to participants

20:00 –  
22:00

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**Sunday 7th**  
**AGORA OPEN DAY**

**Monday 8th**

**Tuesday 9th**

**MORNING SESSIONS**

**8:00 – 9:30** – Agora open to the public from 09:00  
Guided visits of the Agora available  
Screening of films & videos

**Meeting of Advisory Committee of the MedWet Civil Society Project**

**Field trip to the Isla de Los Lobos (By invitation only)**

\* MED Breakfast offered to invited participants from 7:30 – 08.15

**The Agora remains open for delegates and observers**

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**LUNCH @ AGORA**

**13:30 – 15:00** – MED Lunch \*\*

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**CLOSING RECEPTION WITH MED MUSIC & SNACKS OFFERED**

**LUNCH TIME SESSIONS**

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**Round table on the implementation of the Resolution on Mediterranean Island Wetlands**  
*Greek delegation, WWF Greece & MedWet*

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**Film: *The Berbers of the mountains: a participatory water management project in Morocco***  
*B. & S. Cedat, Y.N. Productions*

Duration: 35'  
Narration in English

**20:00 – 22:00**

**(TBC) Round table with three Ramsar Secretaries General: *How to raise the visibility and impact of the Convention with high-level decision makers, convened by Ramsar IOPs.***

Cocktails and snacks will be offered by MedWet.

THEMATIC KEY

MedWet events have been colour coded according to their relevance to the four goals of the 4th Strategic Plan of the Ramsar Convention for the period 2016-2021, to be adopted during the Ramsar COP12.

**Goal 1: Addressing the drivers of wetland loss and degradation**

**Goal 2: Conserving and managing a Ramsar Site network**

**Goal 3: Wisely using all wetlands**

**Goal 4: Enhancing the implementation of the Ramsar Convention**

\* Meeting spaces are available; please ask MedWet Secretariat staff at the Agora for information on availability.

\*\* Servings limited to 40 people (first come, first serve) – 20 US\$ / per person

\*\*\* The Maldonado City is adjacent to the Punta Del Este City; please ask your hotel reception for directions.



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