

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.

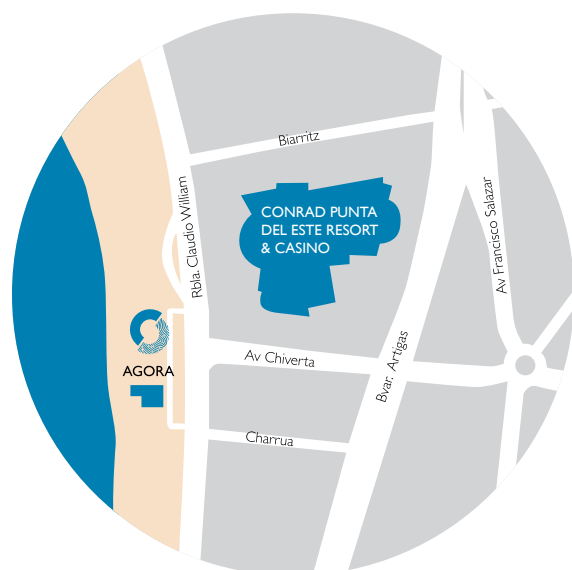


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The Mediterranean Agora has been declared as an Event of Cultural Interest by the city of Punta del Este and the authorities of the Maldonado Department.

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)

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.

# The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative at the Ramsar COP12

1 — 9 JUNE 2015



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The Mediterranean Agora is open non-stop from 08:00 until 22:00 unless otherwise mentioned

Monday 1st		Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY	Saturday 6th	Sunday 7th AGORA OPEN DAY	Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th
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. <i>Lecture by Dr. María José Viñals, Politechnic University of Valencia, Spain</i>  1. Presentation in English 50'  * MED Breakfast offered from 7:30 -08:15  2. Presentation in Spanish 50'	Changing status and trends of Mediterranean wetlands in the XX and XXI centuries. <i>Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory</i>	ENTRANCE OF THE CONRAD RESORT <i>Students welcome COP12 delegates at the entrance of Conference Centre with messages &amp; Mediterranean music</i> <i>20 Students &amp; 20 Med delegates go to plant native wetland species in the Maldonado wetlands with the support of the Local Authorities</i>	Meeting of Ramsar Regional Initiatives MedWet  * MED Breakfast offered to invited participants from 7:30 – 08:15	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  * MED Breakfast offered to invited participants from 7:30 – 08.15	Field trip to the Isla de Los Lobos (By invitation only)  The Agora remains open for delegates and observers  * MED Breakfast offered to invited participants from 7:30 – 08.15
LUNCH @ AGORA									
13:30 – 15:00	MED Lunch **	LUNCH OFFERED TO SIDE EVENT: PARTICIPANTS ONLY	MED Lunch **	MED Lunch **	NO LUNCH SERVED	MED Lunch **	MED Lunch **	MED Lunch **	CLOSING RECEPTION WITH MED MUSIC & SNACKS OFFERED
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 <i>Algerian Delegation &amp; MedWet</i>  Lunch offered to participants	Recreation and education roles of wetlands in the Mediterranean: a first Mediterranean assessment. <i>Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory &amp; partners</i>	Film: <i>The Wildlife of Slivnitsa Municipality, Dragoman Marsh Karst Complex (Ramsar Site), Bulgaria</i> * 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 <i>Department of Maldonado</i>  * open to the public  13:15 - 14:00 (in English) 14:10 - 15:00 (In Spanish)	Agora open to the public Guided visits of the Agora available Screening of films & videos	Round table on the implementation of the Resolution on Mediterranean Island Wetlands <i>Greek delegation, WWF Greece &amp; MedWet</i>	
DINNER @ AGORA									
18:00 – 20:00	NO DINNER SERVED	NO DINNER SERVED	NO DINNER SERVED	NO DINNER SERVED	MED Dinner **	NO DINNER SERVED	MED Dinner **	MED Dinner **	
EVENING SESSIONS									
18:30	Meeting spaces available until 20.00 *	Follow up meeting of the Mediterranean Wetlands Committee  * Dinner offered to MedWet / Com members and observers  Duration: 2hrs	SLOT AVAILABLE *	Event to honour the Mediterranean Ramsar Award winners: <i>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</i>	Presentation of the Satellite based Wetland Observation Service (SWOS) <i>Jena-Optronik GmbH</i>  * 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	Agora open to the public until 21:00 Guided visits of the Agora available Screening of films & videos	Film: <i>The Berbers of the mountains: a participatory water management project in Morocco</i> <i>B. &amp; S. Cedat, Y.N. Productions</i>  Duration: 35' Narration in English	
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					(TBC) Round table with three Ramsar Secretaries General: <i>How to raise the visibility and impact of the Convention with high-level decision makers, convened by Ramsar IOPs.</i>  Cocktails and snacks will be offered by MedWet.	