

Lionfish Knowledge Exchange Workshop

Addressing Invasive Alien Species Threats at Key Marine Biodiversity Areas Project



It is our distinct pleasure to invite you to the Lionfish Knowledge Exchange Workshop of the "Addressing Invasive Alien Species Threats at Key Marine Biodiversity Areas Project" to be held on November 4th and 5th, 2020 between 15:00 – 18:00 through Zoom Online Platform. The project, aims to minimise negative impacts of invasive alien species in support of conservation of Turkey's globally significant marine biodiversity.

The event will gather various national and international audience from implementing partners, stakeholders and academicians to create an opportunity for knowledge exchanges between the representatives of biodiversity, climate change and sustainable development authorities.

We do hope that you will be able to confirm your attendance to this invitation on or before Wednesday, October, 28th, 2020 by just clicking the given link below.



November 4th - 5th, 2020

<https://bit.ly/31otzC2>



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Agenda

Zoom registration link: <https://bit.ly/31otzC2>

Objective: Knowledge transfer exchange between experts and Mediterranean practitioners/scientists and stakeholders on lionfish

Expected outcomes: Identify knowledge gaps beforehand, devise plan to fill in knowledge gaps, get Mediterranean experts up to date with best practices and partners to tackle the invasion of lionfish.

Subject 1: Current Situation in Med, in TR, Requirements in Med and in TR,

Subject 2: National and International Diving experiences; what are the obstacles, what should be done, the measures can be taken.

Subject 3: Fishery, safe handling, fishing/proper gear,

Subject 4: Industrial usage potential, jewellery alternatives, fish leather from lionfish, cooking, marketing and alternate use.

Moderator: Bayram Öztürk, Turkish Marine Research Foundation, TUDAV

Day 1 (November 4th)

15:00-15:05: MarIAS Movie Projection

15:05-15:10: UNDP-Turkey

15:10-15:15: GDFA, MoAF

15:15-15:20: GDNCP, MOAF

15:20-15:25: MarIAS Project, Mehmet Göge, MarIAS Project Manager

15:25-15:40: Caribbean Lionfish invasion history, Stacy Frank - James Hart, Co-Founder, Lionfish University (NGO), Florida

15:40-15:50: Mediterranean Lionfish invasion history, Aylin Ulman, MarIAS Project Incentive Expert

15:50-16:00: Current Knowledge on Lionfish in Turkey and monitoring Cemal Turan, MarIAS Project Samandag Field Expert

16:00-16:20: Coffee Break

16:20-16:25: LionFish Movie (5min)

16:25-16:35: Biology & Behavior- Alex Fogg, Coastal Resource Manager, Florida Fort Walton Beach

16:35-16:45: Distribution- Scott Gonnello, Founder, Lionfish Central Nonprofit Organization

16:45-17:05: Best practices learned from Caribbean invasion- Steve Gittings, Scientific Coordinator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Sanctuary Program, Holden Harris, Doctoral Researcher, University of Florida, Alex Fogg, Coastal Resource Manager, Florida Fort Walton Beach

17:05-17:10: Lionfish Movie – TUDAV

17:10-17:15: Why should we protect human health from invasive species: Lionfish? Dr. Selin Gamze Sümen, Turkish Marine Research Foundation, TUDAV

17:15-17:30: Coffee Break

17:35-18:00: Group Discussion/Summary/Knowledge gaps*

Day 2 (November 5th)

15:00-15:10: Fishery Regulations-Turkey: Mahir KANYILMAZ, Head of Department, BSGM

15:10-15:20: Economic Loss: a case of pufferfish, lessons for lionfish: Vahdet Unal, MarIAS Project Socio-Economic Expert

15:20-15:30: Fishing competitions (Safe handling and spearfishing techniques) & urgent need of help from scuba divers: Alex Fogg, Coastal Resource Manager, Florida Fort Walton Beach

15:30-15:35: Lionfish fishing competitions report from North Cyprus: Burak Ali Çiçek, Academic, Eastern Mediterranean University

15:35-15:45: Deep sea lionfish traps: Steve Gittings, Scientific Coordinator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Sanctuary Program, Holden Harris, Doctoral Researcher, University of Florida

15:45-15:50: Lionfish fishing in Turkey: Zafer Tosunoglu, Academic, Ege University

15:50-16:00: Coffee break

16:00-16:15: Marketing, Alternative uses: Phil Karp, Independent Citizen Scientist, Emre Yemiskien, Research Assistant, Istanbul University, Merve Karakuş, Engineer, BAYOMA Project

16:15-16:20: FoodKartel, Introducing alien species cuisine to tourists and restaurateurs: Nikos Doumpas, Alien Species Pillar Manager, iSea Environmental Organization

16:20-16:25: Economic Valorization of Lionfish and introduction to consumers in Turkey: Zafer Kızılkaya, Mediterranean Conservation Society, AKD

16:25-16:30: The Current Situation of the Lionfish in and around Antalya Province Mine Canikli, Sür-Koop

16:30-16:35: Lionfish in Turkey Coast: Tahsin Ceylan, Turkish Underwater Sport Federation, TSSF

16:40-17:00: Group Discussion/Summary/Knowledge gaps*

Live broadcast will be realized in two languages via UNDP Turkey Youtube channel



Day 1 Live Broadcasting Link
<https://youtu.be/bhH2nl5AqD4>



Day 2 Live Broadcasting Link
<https://youtu.be/UTY6M3fats0>

** Questions will be written, taken online through chat boxes, will be selected by the moderator from the chat boxes, remaining ones will be answered and included within the workshop report. (This should be written on the registration form)*

***TR/EN/TR simultaneous translation will be provided throughout the event.*



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