

AGENDA



**LIONFISH
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN III**
October 13 - 15, 2025
Monte Carlo - Monaco

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DAY 1 - Monday 13 October

Stelios Philanthropic Foundation

9:00 - 9:30 | Registration

9:30 - 9:35 | *Stelios Philanthropic Foundation Video*

9:35 - 9:55 | **Welcoming Remarks**

Dr. Laura Giuliano | Director General, Mediterranean Science Commission (CIESM)

Enrico Toja | President of Elafonisos Eco

Dr. Maria Th. Stoumboudi | Director, Institute of Marine Biological Resources & Inland Waters, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research

Prof. Silvio Greco | Scientific Director, Laboratory of Sustainability and Circular Economy / University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (UNISG)

Ecological and Socio-Ecological Perspectives

9:55 - 10:20 | *Gil Rilov*, National Institute of Oceanography, Israel Oceanographic & Limnological Research (IOLR), and Charney School of Marine Sciences, University of Haifa.
“Marine bioinvasions 101, and intro to the Lionfish invasion with insights from the Caribbean case study.”

10:20 - 10:40 | *Ernesto Azzurro*, National Research Council CNR-IRBIM
Institute for Marine Biological Resources and Biotechnology
“Lionfish on the move: Distribution updates and forecast models” - Remote Session

10:40 - 11:00 | *Paraskevi Karachle*, Research director at Hellenic Centre for Marine Research & *Francesco Cucinelli*, Biologist University of Salento
“Non-Indigenous fishes in the Mediterranean: low consumers or apex predators? And what do we know ex about the lionfish”

11:00 - 11:20 | *Bayram Ozturk*, Prof. Marine Sciences, Istanbul University; Founder of the Turkish Marine Research Foundation
“Lionfish distribution in the eastern Mediterranean coasts” - Remote Session

11:20 - 11:40 | *Louis Hadjioannou*, CMMI – Cyprus Marine & Maritime Institute
“Public perception of culling invasive lionfish in Cyprus”

11:40 - 12:00 | *Maria Zotou*, Department of Marine Sciences, University of the Aegean
“Managing Invasive Lionfish (*Pterois miles*) in the South Aegean Sea: A Case Study from Greece (Santorini and Crete) within the GuardIAS Project”

12:00 - 12:20 | *Raffaele Bracalenti*, Doctor, President Institute Physioanalytics for the Social Research
“Dealing with change: some psychoanalytic reflections”

12:20 – 12:40 | Karin Ahlberg, Researcher Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University

“Ethnographical study of people's adaptation to marine bioinvasions in the Mediterranean region”

12:40 – 13:00 | Discussion (Eco/Socio-Eco) – Moderators **Gil Rilov** and **Claudio Brinati-Linea Blu**

13:00 Family Picture 😊

13:05 - 14:00 | Networking Lunch

14:00 - 14:20 | Nathalie Hilmi, Senior researcher/Section head environmental economics Monaco Scientific Center -

“Exploring the Economic and Logistical Challenges of a New Mediterranean Fishery”

Remote Session

14:20 - 14:45 | Tunca Olguner, Scientific Monitoring Expert at the Mediterranean Conservation Society Turkey,

“Lionfish Strategic Management in Turkey” *Remote Session*

14:45 - 14:55 | Nicola Tavoletta, President Acli Terra

“ACLI TERRA engagement”

14:55 - 15:15 | Enrico Casola, Marine biologist, Director at the General Agency of Italian Cooperatives

“Building a Lionfish Fishery: the joint role of artisanal fishers and corporations in overcoming barriers to commercialization”

15:15 - 15:35 | Simone Perotti, Founder Progetto Mediterranea (TBC)

“2026 Proposal: Lionfish Expedition in the Mediterranean Sea” *Remote Session*

15:35 - 16:00 | Demetris Kletou, Marine scientist at marine and environmental research (MER)

“Lionfish Management in Cyprus during and after RELIONMED” *Remote Session*

16:00 - 16:20 | Davide Bottacini, PhD candidate Wageningen University and Research Behavioural Ecology Group

“Current research efforts on lionfish ecology and spread in the Mediterranean Sea - examples from Crete”

16:20 - 16:50 | Enrico Toja, President & Katerina Kokkinaki, Green Marketing & Project Manager Consultant - Elafonisos Eco

“Elafonisos Eco Role in Research & Networking”

16:55 - 17:30 | Matteo Accattino, CEO NOMAD Technologies **“Empowering the Lionfish Challenge: Why Advanced IT is the Key to Success”** & **Michel Granchi**, Entrepreneur

“Exploiting the database through AI”

17:30 - 18:00 | Discussion – Moderators **Gil Rilov**, **Giulia Frigo**

18:30 | Closing Dinner for Delegates (Day 1)

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DAY 2 - Tuesday 14 October

Marius Restaurant

9:00 - 9:30 | Registration

9:30 - 9:40 | Welcoming Remarks

Enrico Toja | President of Elafonisos Eco

Developing a Sustainable Supply Chain for Lionfish in the Mediterranean Part I

9:40 - 10:05 | **Luc Vandeveld**, Former Chairman and CEO of Marks & Spencer, Carrefour and JDEPeets - Founder and chairman of Change Capital Partners LLP.

“The Business Case”

10:05 - 10:25 | **Attilio Celant**, Economist and Geographer

“From Family Boats to Emerging Markets: How Small Enterprises Can Drive Lionfish Commercialization”

10:25 - 10:45 | **Carlotta Santolini**, Marine Biologist, CEO Marescadoras social company

“Weathering The Storm: Family business vs. Multinational Corporation a Personal Story”

10:45 - 11:05 | **Jamila Ben Souissi**, Full professor Biodiversity, Biotechnology & Climate Change Laboratory/ University Tunis El Manar

“Blue Alien crabs in Tunisia: From a crisis to an opportunity”

11:05 - 11:25 | **Francesco Terenzi**, KPMG Associate Partner (TBC)

“Blue Crab Experience in the Italian Market” - Remote Session

11:25 - 11:40 | **Salvatore Gerli**, General Manager Ermes In Fish We Trust

“Snapshots on operational & organisational steps”

Public Awareness

11:40 - 12:15 | **Round Table: Mission on Board** with **Andrea Zito**, Swan Hellenic Ltd & **Thomas Woods**, Chairman & Founder, Help Save The Mediterranean Org.

- **“Targeting tourism to advance with gastronomic positioning, wider adoption, market creation”**

- **“Three Years in the Mediterranean: Training Local Communities”**

12:15 - 13:00 | Fireside chat – Moderator: **Luc Vandeveld**

13:00 *Family Picture* 😊

13:05 - 14:00 | **Lionfish Culinary Experience by Marius Restaurant**

From Catch to Consumer: Lionfish on the Plate

14:00 – 14:10 | **Silvio Greco**, Scientific Director, Laboratory of Sustainability and Circular Economy / University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (UNISG)
“Pollenzo University Engagement”

14:10 - 14:30 | **Roberta Rainero**, Sustainability Lab and Innovation Projects, University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (UNISG)
“Gastronomic Methods for Invasive Species: Whole-Fish Utilization of Lionfish”

14:30 - 14:50 | **Andreas Karapanos**, Chef Adjoint - Le Louis XV Alain Ducasse (TBC)
“Gastronomic Experience”

14:50 - 15:05 | **Magda Krokida**, Professor in the School of Chemical Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)
“Lionfish Zero Waste Concept” - *Remote Session*

Developing a Sustainable Supply Chain for Lionfish in the Mediterranean Part II

15:05 - 15:25 | **Antonis Rokakis**, President at Chania Chamber of Commerce & Industry Greece, Union Of Hellenic Chambers Of Commerce
“Family Fisheries as Catalysts for Change – a voice from Greek experience”

15:25 - 15:45 | **Elina Mikroulea**, Special Advisor at Region of Lasithi, Crete
“Lasithi / Crete Pilot”

15:45 - 16:05 | **Katerina Kokkinaki**, Green Marketing & Project Manager Consultant Elafonisos Eco
“A multi-service platform: Elafonisos Lionfish Living Lab / Elafonisos Pilot”

16:05 - 16:20 | **Elinda Labropoulou**, Award-winning journalist, producer, media consultant & entrepreneur CNN International, The Washington Post, BBC, and Deutsche Welle
“Ionian Sea Pilot”

16:20 - 16:40 | **Paraskevi Karachle**, Research director at Hellenic Centre for Marine Research
“Perception of authorities on Lionfish (preliminary results)”

16:40 - 17:00 | **Marina Petrou** - Greek Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries(TBC)
“Support from Greece to the Lionfish Process”

Legal Issues

17:00 - 17:15 *Emanuele Del Duca*, Lawyer UNICAL – Diritto Commerciale

“An overview of international legislation for the introduction into the trade of alien species”

17:15 - 17:30 | *Mario Dogliani* - President SDG4MED

“Lionfish in the Mediterranean: trade challenges beyond the EU framework”

17:30 - 18:00 Fireside chat – Moderator: **Elinda Labropoulou**

18:00- 18:30 General Conclusions

18:30 - 20:00 | Closing Cocktail by Marius Restaurant (Day 2)

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9:30 - 9:40 | Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Laura Giuliano | Director General, Mediterranean Science Commission (CIESM)

10:00 - 12:00 | **Five Thematic Roundtable Sessions (Held in Parallel)** - Discussions and Writing the draft "CIESM policy series, Vol 4" (White paper, Opinion paper)

Thematic Axes:

- 1. Ecological and Socio-Ecological Perspectives**
- 2. Developing a Sustainable Supply Chain for Lionfish in the Mediterranean**
- 3. Public Awareness**
- 4. From Catch to Consumer: Lionfish on the plate**
- 5. Legal Issues**

12:00 - 13:00 | Report on the discussions

13:00 - 14:00 | Closing Lunch (Day 3)
