



Final Conference Report

1. Purpose of Conference

The purpose of the Conference was to present the main results / achievements of the Activities pursued under the CAMP Cyprus Programme and highlight the key recommendations to the Government of Cyprus.

The Conference was attended by over 50 high-level participants from almost all Government Departments as well as from the private sector organizations and NGOs. *The Programme of the Conference and the List of Participants are attached as Annex 1 and 2 respectively.*

2. Opening of the Conference

The Conference opened with welcoming addresses by the Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, the Director of the Environment Service, the representative of MAP and desk officer for the CAMP Programme, the Director of PAP/RAC, and the National Programme Coordinator.

3. The organization of the Conference

The main organizational principle of the Conference was, for each Activity, to give the floor to the Activity Team Leaders / Experts, who represent the corresponding lead Government Agency, and offer their remarks on the contributions they had made, their role and to express their comments on the conclusions. The speakers expressed support for the results achieved and for the proposals put forward. The Speakers were:

- Ms Alexia Georgiadou of the Department of Town Planning and Housing for ICAM
- Ms Nasia Dikigoropoulou of the Environment Service for Public Participation / *Imagine*
- Ms Myroula Hadjichristoforou of the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research for Biodiversity for Biodiversity
- Ms Georgia Christofidou of the Planning Bureau for Environmental Economics
- Ms Joanna Constantinidou of the Environment Service (on behalf of Ms Christina Pandazi) for Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Ms Athena Meyaxa of the Cyprus Tourism Organization for Carrying Capacity Assessment

Equally, opportunity was given to the Activity National Specialists to introduce each Activity and present their own role and contributions. The Speakers were:

- Mr Panicos Nicolaides for ICAM
- Ms Anna Karamontani and Mr Achilleas Kalopedis for Public Participation / *Imagine*

- Mr Andreas Demetropoulos on behalf of Mr Pambos Panayiotou for Biodiversity
- Mr Savvas Maliotis for Environmental Economics

Following the statements made by the above key resource persons, the International Consultants briefly elucidated the conclusions and recommendations of the Individual Activities for which they were responsible. The Speakers were:

- Prof. Harry Coccossis for ICAM
- Dr Simon Bell for Public Participation / *Imagine*
- Mr Andreas Demetropoulos for Biodiversity
- Mr Glafkos Constantinides for Environmental Economics
- Mr Aleksandar Bjelica on behalf of Dr Jiri Dusik for Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Dr Zoran Klaric for Carrying Capacity Assessment

Finally, Mr Glafkos Constantinides, CAMP Cyprus Task Manager, presented the *Summary Report* of CAMP Cyprus, circulated at the Conference, containing the main results, the proposals of CAMP Cyprus and the recommendations for follow-up actions put forward for consideration by the Government of Cyprus. Mr Constantinides thanked the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment and the Environment Service for their support and stressed the support he had throughout the implementation of the Programme by Ms Joanna Constantinidou, National Programme Coordinator. He also thanked MAP and PAP/RAC for their support.

4. Main conclusions

The participants agreed that CAMP Cyprus is a successful Programme and that the proposals reached and put forward in the *Summary Report* presented at the Conference will fulfill an important need in the policy framework of Cyprus with regard to coastal management.

An agreement on the contents and usefulness of the conclusions reached by CAMP Cyprus was expressed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, the Environment Service and the Activity Team Leaders / Experts.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment, the Environment Service (through the Director of the Environment Service) extended their thanks primarily to MAP and PAP/RAC as well as to Blue Plan and SPA/RAC for their scientific, professional and financial support to the Government of Cyprus through the CAMP Cyprus Programme, and congratulated the Team Leaders, National Specialists and the International Consultants for their contributions.

5. Comments from the participants

The participants who took the floor expressed their positive views on the results and their expectations that the proposals will be implemented and put into practice.

A critical but constructive comment was made, and noted, that not sufficient attention had been given to the issue of sea level rise urging the Conference to focus on this in the

follow-up actions. The Task Manager responded that this issue is highlighted in the goals and objective of the ICAM Strategic Framework and furthermore, acknowledging this need, one of the three proposed follow-up actions concerns local level issue including sea level rise together with local biodiversity and foreshore protection measures (reference was made to the relevant parts of the *CAMP Cyprus Final Conference Summary Report*).

6. Closing statements

In the closing remarks, Ms Tatjana Hema of MAP expressed her satisfaction with the results of the Conference and congratulated the Government of Cyprus, the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment and the Environment Service, as well as all the engaged representatives, for their cooperation and good work. She added her thanks to the management team (Mr Glafkos Constantinides and Ms Joanna Constantinidou). She concluded by stressing the importance of the *ICZM Protocol* and her confidence that it will soon be signed by the Government of Cyprus.

The Conference was concluded by closing remarks by Mr Ivica Trumbic, Director of PAP/RAC, who reiterated the emphasis given by MAP and PAP/RAC to the *ICZM Protocol* and he strongly urged for the early signing of the Protocol. He expressed support for the recommendations of CAMP Cyprus and asked for their closer consideration by the Government of Cyprus with a view to their implementation. He noted the added value of CAMP Cyprus to the CAMP Programme through its novel focus on policy level issues and finally he reiterated the willingness of MAP and PAP/RAC for continuing their support to the Government of Cyprus in the context of the proposed follow-up actions. He underlined that *ownership* of CAMP Cyprus is with the Government of Cyprus and the initiative for follow-up actions should come from the Cyprus side.

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Annex 1

Programme of Final Conference CAMP Cyprus, Nicosia, 13 June 2008

08:30	Registration and coffee (30')	
09:00	Welcoming speech	Mr Michael Polyniki Charalampides (5') <i>Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment</i>
09:05	Welcoming speech	Mr Antonis Antoniou (5'), <i>Director of Environment Service</i>
09:10	Welcoming speech	Ms Tatiana Hema (5'), <i>Mediterranean Action Plan</i>
09:15	Welcoming speech	Mr Ivica Trumbic (5'), <i>Director PAP/RAC</i>
09:20	Introduction to CAMP	Ms Joanna Constantinidou (10') <i>Environment Service</i>
09:30	Activity 1: ICAM	Ms Alexia Gerorgiadou (5') <i>Department of Town Planning and Housing</i> Mr Panikos Nikolaides (10') <i>National Specialist</i> Dr Harris Coccossis (15') <i>International Consultant</i>
10:00	Activity 2: <i>Imagine</i> methodology	Ms Nasia Dikigoropoulou (5') <i>Environnement Service</i> Ms Anna Karamontani (10') <i>National Specialist</i> Dr Simon Bell (15') <i>International Consultant</i>
10:30	Coffee break (15')	
10:45	Activity 3: Biodiversity Concerns	Ms Myroula Hadjichristoforou (5') <i>Department of Fisheries and Marine Research</i> Mr Charalampos Panayiotou (10') <i>National Specialist</i> Mr Andreas Demetropoulos (15') <i>International Consultant</i>
11:15	Activity 4: Environmental Economics	Ms Georgia Christofidou (5') <i>Planning Bureau</i> Mr Savvas Maliotis (10') <i>National Specialist</i> Mr Glafkos Constantinides (15') <i>International Consultant</i>
11:45	Activity 5: Strategic Environmental Assessment	Ms Christina Pantazi (5') <i>Environnement Service</i> Mr Aleksandar Bjelica (15') <i>International Consultant</i>
12:05	Activity 6: Carrying Capacity Assessment	Ms Athena Metaxa (5') <i>Cyprus Tourism Organisation</i> Dr Zoran Klaric (15') <i>International Consultant</i>

12:25	Draft final report	Mr Glafkos Constantinides (20') <i>Task Manager</i>
12:45	Discussion (45')	
13:30	Conclusion of Conference	



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