

Dear Friends,

let me express appreciation and gratitude for the support provided, in terms of thoughts and additional inputs, during the debate on the item related to Mediterranean CCI, as developed at the last General Assembly in Vienna.

Your oral comments allowed to supply the participants with a more collective vision of the key issues marking the Med Basin, overcoming my original document mainly based on the Italian available data, due to the lack of other national contributions.

You'll recognize that the Assembly agreed on this way of proceeding and endorsed, as next step, to receive a more informative paper related to the the Mediterranean, where Members of the Group can provide more details associated to the single geographical areas of their interest.

As expressed in reporting the sense of our debate to the Governing Body, the goal is to move towards a unique window which, for the whole Mediterranean Basin, could encompass information related to the:

- Maritime Spatial Planning's national State of Art;
- location of windfarms, oil rigs or any kind of frames to a safe boating;
- Marine Protected Areas and procedures to sail through;
- Mariculture and aquaculture fields.

On this ground, I kindly request you to start collecting these data and forward them to me in order to prepare, for the next April session in Palma, an updated, more comprehensive, and possibly final, document.

In order to harmonize the already available data, I'd suggest to prepare your contribution in line with the paper submitted in Vienna, which formed the basis of our debate.

Needless to say, this request is mainly addressed to colleagues whose Countries are facing the Mediterranean, in the assumption the due information is already available within their relevant Administrations and as such easily collectable.

Nonetheless, for those of landlocked Countries or who, anyway, sail the Mediterranean, any additional contribution in terms of data, observations and suggestions, will be extremely appreciated.

Grateful if I could receive your replies **by the 18 of March 2017.**

Best regards.

Giancarlo