



MEDIA ADVISORY

IMPACT OF UNDERWATER NOISE

A side event, where experts will discuss the urgent need to assess, regulate and address the impacts of underwater noise, a transboundary threat, will be held on the side lines of the 19th United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea taking place from 18 to 22 June 2018 in New York.

Experts will present the latest information about the risk of noise for food supply and prey species, including impacts on the wider food web, best practices, and the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) guidelines, developed to assess underwater noise impacts on marine species prior to licencing of noise generating activities. The Guidelines were endorsed by over 120 Government Parties to CMS in October 2017 and provide a proactive, solution oriented tool.

- Who:** UN Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), Government of Monaco, OceanCare
- What:** Side Event on the Role of Environmental Impact Assessments in Managing the Impacts of Noise on Marine Food Web and Higher Trophic Levels
- When:** Monday, 18 June 2018, 1.45pm to 2.45pm
- Where:** UN Headquarters, Conference Room B
- Speakers:** Florian Botto, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Principality of Monaco to the United Nations
Dr. Bradnee Chambers, Executive Secretary of the Convention of Migratory Species (CMS)
Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma, UNEP/CMS Secretariat
Dr. Linda S. Weilgart, Dalhousie University, Canada
Joanna Toole, OceanCare
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The 19th United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (ICP19) taking place from 18 to 22 June 2018 in New York will focus on Anthropogenic Underwater Noise with a view to regulating and limiting the harmful impacts on marine wildlife. The outcome will be reported to the President of the General Assembly and might be integrated into its Ocean Resolution.

This meeting will address human-made noise in the oceans where sound travels five times faster than in air. Underwater noise stemming from oil and gas exploration at sea, coastal and offshore construction works, military activities, shipping and vessel traffic and other industrial activities has reached alarming levels.

Request for interviews of the experts and further information can be sent to:

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