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### Apologies for cross-posting

Electronic Conference announcement:

“Life on the blue Planet: Biodiversity research and the new European Marine Policies”

1<sup>st</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Dear colleagues,

The organisers of the Portuguese meeting of the European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy (EPBRS) and the BioStrat project coordinators invite you to participate in the electronic conference “Life on the blue planet: Biodiversity research and the new European Marine Policies” which will run from the 1<sup>st</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007. The results of this electronic conference will be presented at the EPBRS delegates meeting in Porto, Portugal on the 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November 2007. This meeting aims to bring biodiversity experts and policy-makers together to identify the key knowledge required to effectively protect marine biodiversity whilst ensuring the efficient and sustainable use of marine resources. The meeting will identify and discuss the strategic research needed in the marine environment, particularly in light of new EU policies.

The E-conference preceding the Portuguese EPBRS meeting will focus on the three following issues:

- Session I: Interactions between global change and marine biodiversity – what we know and need to know to allow for a more efficient protection of marine biodiversity and the sustainable use of the marine environment
- Session II: Effects of the different measures of mitigation and adaptation to climate change (coastal defences, renewable energies) on marine biodiversity and the role of marine biodiversity and coastal ecosystems in the mitigation to climate change effects.

- Session III: Stopping marine biodiversity loss – key scientific issues in the design, management and policy development related to MPAs; integration of biodiversity concerns in the different marine sectors; and reaching good environmental status in the marine environment.

The first 2 sessions will be chaired by Stephen Hawkins (Marine Biological Association), while the third session will be chaired by Ricardo Serrão Santos (University of the Azores).

You are kindly invited to subscribe to the electronic conference by filling the subscription form available at: <http://forums.ceh.ac.uk:8080/~biostrat>. In case of any difficulty subscribing, please e-mail Juliette Young on [j.young@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:j.young@ceh.ac.uk). Information on BioStrat e-conferences and how they function can be found by following the 'e-conference' link on the BioStrat website (<http://www.biostrat.org/>).

Note that there is no need to subscribe if you subscribed to previous BioStrat or BioPlatform e-conferences – you will automatically have access to this e-conference. *If you not longer wish to be subscribed to this forum please email [j.young@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:j.young@ceh.ac.uk) as soon as possible.*

Further information on the e-conference will soon be made available on the following websites:

- BIOTA Cluster: <http://www.nbu.ac.uk/biota/e-conference.htm>
- EPBRS: <http://www.epbrs.org/>
- BioStrat: <http://www.biostrat.org/>

We would greatly appreciate your help in forwarding this announcement to anyone who might be interested.

Kind regards,

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