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Regional Marine and Coastal Forum in West Africa

Conservation, resilience and sustainable development of the West African coastline in the face of global change

11th edition @ Bissau – April 23 to 27, 2024

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FOMACO, the largest gathering of conservation stakeholders in West Africa

The Regional Marine and Coastal Forum is a framework for direct discussions on West African marine and coastal zone issues between stakeholders from government institutions, international and community organizations, national parliamentarians, the private sector, environmental civil society, professional organizations, research institutes, the media and many others.

It is a place for disseminating and appropriating innovations and successful practices in the conservation of coastal and marine spaces and resources, through interactive exchange sessions.

Hosted every two years by 300 to 400 stakeholders in one of the capital cities of the PRCM countries, the Forum provides an opportunity for broad consultation on crucial conservation issues, with the aim of reaching a strong agreement.

The Forum in figures



+400
participants
expected



+150
national and
international
organizations
expected



+50
national and
international
media



+30
countries
represented



+25
side events



+05
plenary
sessions

An 11th edition with an evocative theme

The theme of the 11th edition is:
“Conservation, resilience and sustainable development of the West African coastline in the face of global change”

A number of sub-themes will be addressed through plenary sessions and round-table discussions, where conservation experts will deliver high-impact speeches. These include the interaction between science, local knowledge and policy for a sustainable coastline, coastal resilience solutions, the Blue Economy and ocean protection, and youth engagement, among others.

An exceptional venue for a unique event

The Regional Coastal and Marine Forum will be held at the Dunia Hotel in Bissau. The venue is perfectly equipped to host such a large-scale event.



Suitable formats for each activity

- **Plenary lectures**, welcoming experts and leaders from various ocean-related fields to discuss current and emerging issues in sustainable coastal and marine management.
- **Roundtable sessions**, gathering experts to discuss current and future challenges of sustainable coastal management, focused on the forum's sub-themes.
- **Parallel activities** in the form of learning sessions, technical workshops and organization fairs

An overview of the Forum agenda can be consulted [here](#).

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