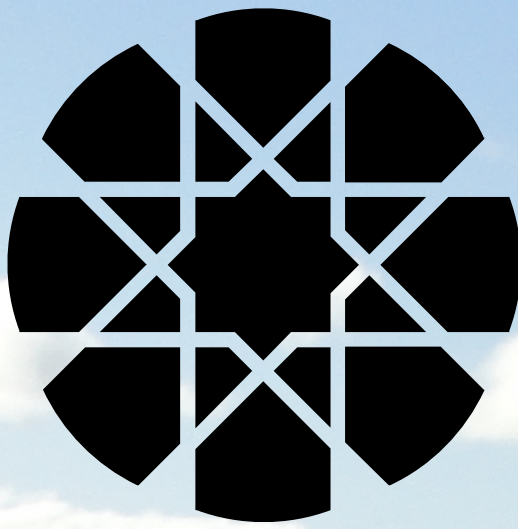


# Biodiversity conservation and cross-border management: progresses and challenges



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## ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Climate change and biodiversity crisis do not recognize national borders. Rather they point to the need to identify specific regions and ecosystems as main strategic areas for impactful interventions. But what happens when these areas belong to different countries, often with different environmental policies and governance practices? How to achieve more effective, structured and coordinated management of ecosystems across borders?

Moreover, cross-border territories are particularly significant, either because of the uniqueness of the ecosystems and high biodiversity rate, or because of their degree of threat and neglect. Hence, they demand special conservation efforts in order to establish common cooperation mechanisms that facilitate decision-making, as well as strong interconnected spaces that create safe biological corridors, such as Transboundary Biosphere Reserves.

This continuous exchange for community management of natural resources among institutions, experts and citizens, constitute authentic laboratories of social innovation where learning experiences, training and also scientific development are catalyzed.

The workshop aims to provide a platform for in-depth discussion on the challenges and opportunities of transnational, multi-stakeholder cooperation in sustainable environmental management and biodiversity conservation and restoration. It also addresses the key role of science in finding solutions that focus on strengthening ecosystem and community resilience.

## FORMAT

The workshop will bring together **12 specialists** representing different cross-border reserves, with a special focus on aquatic ecosystems. Renowned academic experts, developing innovative managing solutions will share their findings and experiences.

Conferences will take place during the morning, followed by general discussions and guided debates based on different case studies. The daily workshops will be closed in a general assembly highlighting main conclusions and recommendations.

Afternoons networking space will enable young and senior researchers to liaise, exchange ideas and discuss potential collaboration opportunities through dynamic activities and informal meetings such as mentoring sessions, thematic working groups and participative debates.

Up to 30 additional participants are encouraged to present Posters with brief explanations during intermediate sessions.

## VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held from **4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March at La Rábida-UNIA**, one of the official campus of the International University of Andalucía (UNIA), located in Huelva (Spain).

The site is provided with facilities for workshops and meetings, as well as a recently restored residence where speakers and participants will be accommodated, which will encourage social interaction and informal discussions.

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