

## Announcement



### Invitation to the Workshop:

#### **Monitoring of saproxylic beetles and other insects protected in the European Union (24th – 26th May 2017, Mantova, Italy) organized by the Life Project MIPP**

The staff of the Project LIFE NAT/IT/000252 “*Monitoring Insects with Public Participation*” (MIPP) invites you to the Workshop entitled:

***Monitoring of saproxylic beetles and other insects protected in the European Union***, which will be held in Mantova (Italy), from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The main objective of the workshop is to present the results of the research carried out in the last five years within the LIFE Project MIPP and the Guidelines for the monitoring of the saproxylic beetles: *Osmoderma eremita*, *Lucanus cervus*, *Cerambyx cerdo*, *Rosalia alpina* and *Morimus asper/funereus*.

We would like to share the Italian experience and to discuss our results and methods with entomologists from other European realities and listen to experiences from other areas. The workshop is open to any entomological research on the following topics:

- monitoring protocols,
- conservation and management,
- habitats and biodiversity,
- citizen science.

The emphasis is on species listed in the Annexes of the Habitats Directive.

A visit to the Nature Reserve Bosco Fontana (one of the last remains of floodplain forests in the Po Valley) is planned during the workshop, and some of the proposed monitoring methods will be presented live.

Participation is free of charge (registration mandatory); coffee breaks and social dinner are offered by the Life Project MIPP. If the number of applicants exceeds the capacity of the workshop (ca. 80 participants), precedence will be allocated in function of the information provided in the form "Expression of interest" (see: <http://www.wsmipp2017.eu/registration>).

If you are interested in presenting an oral communication, please submit the Abstract before the **23th of January 2017**. The Abstract should consist of: title, author(s) name(s), affiliation(s), maximum of 5 keywords, text with a maximum of 250 words.

We offer the opportunity to publish the accepted contributions for the Workshop as research articles in a special issue of the peer-reviewed international journal *Nature Conservation* (impact factor 1.12). If you are interested to publish a paper on that issue, please submit the complete Manuscript together with the Abstract or anyway before the **28th of February 2017**. Please, structure the Manuscript strictly following the indications for the journal [Nature Conservation](#). Please, be aware that acceptance for the oral presentation to the Workshop does not imply that the corresponding article will be automatically accepted for publication in the special issue, as the publication of each manuscript submitted to the journal *Nature Conservation* will be decided by the editors and anonymous referees.

Abstracts or Abstracts + Manuscripts should be sent to **Giuseppino Sabbatini Peverieri**: [giuseppino.sabbatini@crea.gov.it](mailto:giuseppino.sabbatini@crea.gov.it)

Details on the workshop, registration, practical information, program, etc. are published on the Workshop's website: <http://www.wsmipp2017.eu>.

Any queries concerning the workshop should be addressed to **Alessandro Campanaro**: [ale.naro@gmail.com](mailto:ale.naro@gmail.com)

We hope to meet you in Mantova.

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