

La Serena-Coquimbo, Chile, September 4-8, 2017





IMPAC 4

Since 2005, the Marine Protected Area (MPA) global community has convened every four years at the International Marine Protected Area Congress (IMPAC), an event designed for managers and practitioners of marine conservation through MPAs. IMPAC provides an opportunity for participants to share knowledge, experience and best practices for conserving marine biodiversity and protecting natural and cultural heritage of the oceans.

The three previous Congresses were held in Geelong, Australia (2005), Washington, D.C., United States of America (2009) and Marseille, France (2013). Since its inception, participation in the Congress has increased in both numbers and diversity. IMPAC has developed into a highly relevant international platform to promote MPAs as an important tool for ocean conservation.

Chile will have the privilege of hosting IMPAC4, which will be held in La Serena-Coquimbo from September 4th- 8th, 2017.

During the past few years, Chile has established several large oceanic and coastal MPAs and dedicated new resources toward improving MPA management effectiveness and implementing best practices for ocean conservation. We are committed to the conservation and sustainable use of marine ecosystems to benefit coastal communities.

IMPAC4 will be one of the last international conferences on marine conservation before the 2020 deadline for the Aichi Targets. The Congress will be an important opportunity to evaluate and review our MPA practices to achieve Target 11.



About the La Serena-Coquimbo:

La Serena and Coquimbo are the main metropolitan areas of the semi-desert region of Coquimbo. Located 470 km north of Santiago, La Serena and Coquimbo are gateways to the Atacama Desert. La Serena is the second oldest city in Chile and Coquimbo is an old fishing and trading port. Rich in history and colonial architecture, La Serena and Coquimbo are located by the Pacific Ocean, and close to sandy beaches, fishing villages, valleys, The Andes, astronomical observatories, local MPAS and much more.

More info: http://www.visitalaserena. cl/ or http://chile.travel/en/where-to-go/ atacama-desert/la-serena-and-coquimbo/

IMPAC4 will provide opportunities for networking and collaboration among participations. Our goals for the Congress include:

- involving new generations of MPA leaders
- achieving strong youth engagement
- connecting diverse global stakeholders engaged in MPAs
- promoting innovative ideas and initiatives for improving community participation and engaging constituencies.

In addition to the topics addressed at IMPAC3 in France, IMPAC4 will include discussion on key issues such as the role and contribution of MPAs to ecosystem and social resilience; improving relations between MPAs and commercial activities; rebuilding of fisheries; women and MPAs; indigenous communities and MPAs; MPAs and climate change; impacts of El Niño Southern Oscillation on MPAs; MPAs and marine spatial planning; technology for MPAs; MPA challenges in the developing world; and much more.

Cross-cutting issues that should be part of these matters include: engaging youth in MPAs; communicating about MPA relevance; MPA challenges in polar & subpolar ecosystems; large and remote MPAs; MPAs in the high seas; the role of MPAs in reducing the impacts of natural disasters; and MPAs ecosystem services.

We hope that the international MPA community will have a productive and fruitful meeting in La Serena and Coquimbo in September 2017. We look forward to your participation at IMPAC4.

¡Nos vemos pronto en Chile!

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