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THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO ONCE AGAIN ACTIVELY SUPPORTS OCEAN CONSERVATION



The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and its partners have reaffirmed their commitment to increasing the awareness of environmental dangers, particularly for oceans, with a second edition of the Monaco Ocean Week in April. **A week of events will be held from 8 to 14 April 2018 with the aim of providing solutions to protect marine environments faced with climate changes.**

Conferences and debates will be held firstly in Edinburgh on Monday 9 April during the Monaco Blue Initiative (MBI).

In the Principality, conferences, workshops, symposiums, seminars, award ceremonies, exhibitions, documentary film screenings and public awareness workshops will be held in the Oceanographic Museum, Science Centre, the Monaco Yacht Club and Stars'N'Bars until the 14 April. **The events will bring together local and international experts, the scientific community, the voluntary sector, financial stakeholders and public authorities to focus on one objective : raise ocean protection awareness and involvement in participative actions.**

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A HOST OF KEY PERSONNALITIES WILL ATTEND THE SECOND EDITION OF THE MONACO OCEAN WEEK

In addition to many actors from the scientific community and international organisations, the Monaco Ocean Week will also be attended by recognised sea-loving autodidacts such as:

- **Jorge CARLOS FONSECA**, Cabo-Verde president
- **Peter THOMSON**, UN Special Correspondent for Oceans
- **Sylvia EARLE**, marine biologist and Ocean Elders explorer and member
- **Juan ARBELAEZ**, Columbian chef based in France
- **Dr Drew HARVELL**, Cornell University Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology marine biologist
- **Cory TRÉPANIÉ**, Canadian landscape artist and filmmaker
- **Yvan GRIBOVAL**, sailor
- Etc...

A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME TO ALERT, RAISE AWARENESS AND SHARE KNOWLEDGE

- **Fascinating Explorations:** feedback on two Monaco Expedition missions launched in Yersin in April 2017, during the first edition of the Monaco Ocean Week.
- **Conferences to raise awareness and involvement:** monk seal conservation, a species verging on extinction; toxic microalgae and environmental, food chain and health risks; the strengths and potential development of traditional fishing in the Mediterranean to tackle overfishing, etc.
- **Blue Finance workshops:** responsible ocean development investment opportunities, etc.
- **Film screenings followed by public question time:** *Fragile Legacy*, *Into The Arctic 3*, *Sargasses and Cabo Verde missions*, *Blue* by Disneynature.
- **Concrete projects to tackle plastic pollution:** BeMed 2018 winners and 2017 winners' feedback.
- **Events for the public:** "From the sea to our plates" - a public awareness event for the sustainable consumption of seafood products and a photographic exhibition of cetacean conservation in response to negative impacts from anthropogenic activities, etc.
- **Events to raise awareness amongst children:** fun workshops to enhance understanding of plastic pollution, marine nursery (Biohut) presentation and installation in Monaco port, etc.

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