



17-25 July 2021 - Zakynthos Marine Protected Area, Greece
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WWF sailing boat will be at Old Port (Porto) of Zakynthos
<https://goo.gl/maps/T2Dd99N76HktDptW6>

SATURDAY 17/7

19:00 - 21:30: WWF Greece's information point at the Port, in front of the Blue Panda, will be open to public. WWF staff will inform on the sailing trip, 30by30 campaign, ghost gears and the Greek petition on MPAs governance. For this reason, there has been produced relevant communication material (banners/posters).

+ **Side event** Opposite WWF's information point, until 25/7, an exhibition on marine litter will take place in collaboration with the cultural organization "Platirofos". [Exhibition - MARLISCO](#)

SUNDAY 18/7

17.30 - 20.00: Visit Sekania with major donor (not on board)

The aim is to make our donors acquainted with the work WWF Gr carries out in Zakynthos - importance of the area and challenges.

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+ **Side event** (see above)

MONDAY 19/7

19.30 - 20.30: Concert with Onirama band on board, near the port.

<https://goo.gl/maps/gqbeVRodmbirkPru7>.

Onirama is a well-known Greek pop band, established in 2000. WWF Greece had a successful collaboration on Earth Hour 2021, the band is also the ambassador of WWF Greece's campaign against plastic. This concert is aiming to raise awareness on the protection of the Mediterranean and Greek Seas.

[Bio in English | Onirama the band](#) The concert will be livestreamed on [WWF Greece - YouTube](#)

TUESDAY 20/7

10.30 - 12.30: Tour in the MPA with Onirama band and TV crew for communication purposes - on board. Interviews with the band, social media coverage e.t.c.

WEDNESDAY 21/7

17.00 - 19.15: Ghost gears seminar for small-scale fishermen

The seminar organized by WWF Gr in collaboration with [Enaleia](#) will aim to highlight the importance of the protection of the marine habitat and MPAs and to make a presentation on the consequences of ghost gears on the marine habitat and fisheries and ways of alternative use for the abandoned gear.

At the seminar local authorities, MPA representatives and small-scale fishermen will be present.

[Enaleia](#) is a pioneer non-profit social enterprise with a mission to make the marine ecosystem sustainable by tackling both overfishing and plastic pollution. Its director Lefteris Arapakis has been awarded in 2020, the European Young Champion of the Earth by the United Nations Environment Programme.

17.30 - 20.30: Visit Sekania with journalist Katerina Christofillidou as part of the media trip - not on board

Katerina Christofillidou is a prominent environmental journalist working for Greek National TV (ERT), she will be reporting with interviews and live streams for 2 consequent days.

19.30 -20.30: Visiting the Blue Panda with the fishermen – TBC

THURSDAY 22/7

Morning - time TBC: Departure for the location of the ghost gears, retrieval and media coverage – on board. There will be at least another 3 vessels accompanying the boat, one from the diving center, one fishing boat which will carry the net and one from the Marine Park.

FRIDAY 23/7

Morning - time TBC: Departure for the location of the ghost gears, retrieval and media coverage – on board. There will be at least another 3 vessels accompanying us, one from the diving center, one fishing boat which will carry the net and one from the Marine Park.

SATURDAY 24/7

10.30-13.30: Blue Panda Lab: “Tourism and Marine Protected Areas in the post-Covid era”

The “Blue Panda Lab” that will be hosted for the first time by WWF Greece, starts its journey from Zakynthos, with main theme “Tourism and Marine Protected Areas in the post-Covid era”, to discuss about the co-existence of people and nature in a Marine Protected Area (MPA) which also happens to be a top tourism destination. The “Blue Panda Lab” will host 7 speakers from different fields with their own expertise on the subject, and will draw special attention to the connection between the traveling experience and nature on the island of Zakynthos, in the Mediterranean Sea, and around the world. [Blue Panda Lab Program 24.7.2021.docx - Google Docs](#)

People on board for the Blue Panda Lab:

- [Laurent Sourbes](#), Deputy Director, Zakynthos National Marine Park, [Zakynthos National Marine Park | \(nmp-zak.org\)](#)
- [Maria Lougari](#), Owner of Castelli Hotel, Zakynthos. Pls see the hotel’s green profile [Our Philosophy | Castelli Hotel Zakynthos](#)

- [Joakim Odelberg](#), Swedish wildlife and underwater photographer and conservation filmmaker who has covered many stories on marine pollution and other important environmental issues, and a friend of Sekania. Pls check his profile here [Joakim Odelberg \(@joakimodelberg\) • Instagram photos and videos](#) [Fellow Explorer. In science we trust. - YouTube](#)

SUNDAY 25/7

Morning: Local WWF supporters' tour with the boat, on board. More information coming soon.

Afternoon: Virtual Q&A event with supporters and Joakim Odelberg_ TBC

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