



SIMBIOTIC Project Kick-off Meeting

University of Malta, Msida, Malta
26/05/2011 – 27/05/2011

Day 1

Thursday 26/05/2011

Welcome session

08:30 Welcome by host (*Dr. Louis F. Cassar, Project Leader, University of Malta*)

Technical and Scientific Meeting (all project partner representatives)

08:45 Pilot Sites – Project Development, Planning and Management

University of Malta and Ministry for Gozo representatives

University of Catania and Comune di Pachino representatives

Moderator: *Dr. Malcolm Borg* Rapporteur: *Mr. Robert Caruana, Project Coordinator*

09:20 Genetic Characterisation of Indigenous Trees (*Quercus ilex* and *Ceratonia siliqua*)

University of Catania Mr. Stefano La Malfa and Ms. Alessandra Gentile

University of Malta Mr. Adrian Bugeja Douglas

Moderator: *Dr. Everaldo Attard* Rapporteur: *Mr. Robert Caruana, Project Coordinator*

09:55 Biodiversity Analysis – Vegetation Studies, Ecology, Ornithology

University of Catania Dr. Fausto Ronsisvalle

University of Malta Mr. David Dandria

Moderator: *Dr. Louis F. Cassar, Project Leader* Rapporteur: *Mr. Robert Caruana*

10:30 Landscape Assessment – Land-uses and Diachronic Analysis of Landscape Changes

University of Catania Representative

University of Malta Dr. Elisabeth Conrad

Moderator: *Mr. Robert Caruana, Project Coordinator* Rapporteur: *Dr. Malcolm Borg*

11:05 Stakeholders and Outreach Programmes

University of Catania and Comune di Pachino representatives

University of Malta *Dr. Elisabeth Conrad*

Moderator: *Dr. Louis Cassar, Project Leader* Rapporteur: *Dr. Malcolm Borg*

11:40 Wrapping up on technical issues

12:00 *Lunch Break*



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- 14:00 Adoption of project logo
Adoption of communication plan
Assessment of project progress for next six months
Agreement on any changes necessary to budget and AF
(to be endorsed via written procedure)
- 16:00 Overall management procedures for project implementation
(Sig. Marco Sambataro, JTS, Italy and/or Mr. Duncan Pulis, PPCD, Malta)
- 17:00 Project administrative matters
(Ms. Mariama Anthony Williams, Finance Office, University of Malta)
- 18:00 Closure

Day 2

Friday 27/05/2011

Project Steering Committee (Delegated SC members and WP leaders)

Chaired by Dr. Louis F. Cassar, SIMBIOTIC Project Leader

- 9:00 **WP1** Management and Coordination
(University of Malta)
Adoption and signature of SC ToR
Adoption and signature of Partnership Agreement
- 9:30 Presentations on project plan of activities per Work Package
- WP2** Area characterization and participatory planning for restoration
(University of Catania) Profs. Anna Guglielmo and Mr. Giovanni Spampinato
- WP3** Characterization, collection and propagation of Mediterranean plant germplasm
(University of Catania) Mr. Stefano La Malfa and Ms. Alessandra Gentile
- 11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 Presentations on project plan of activities, continued
- WP4** Improved protected area management and pilot habitat restoration
(Comune di Pachino)
- WP5** Dialogue for integrated planning and policy
(Ministry for Gozo)
- WP6** Communication and Publicity (University of Malta)
- 12:00 *Lunch Break*



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Technical and Scientific Visit

13:00	Pick-up and transfer to Gozo
14:30	Ministry of Gozo
15:00	Pilot Site Visit
15:30	Gozo Farm Visit
16:30	Gozo Tour
18:30	Transfer to Hotel/s (Malta)



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