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Subject: Letter of support to “*Mediterranean Acidification under Global Climate Change Scenarios: Ecosystem Impacts and Socioeconomic Consequences - MEDACID*” project proposal

Ref. FP7 Call: ENV.2010.1.1.5-1 Impact of ocean acidification in the Mediterranean in a changing climate

Dear dr. Kralj,

Current knowledge on ocean acidification supports the assumption that consequences will have large impact on the marine ecosystem and will be directly affecting the marine food web. Potential loss of biodiversity therefore present a real threat with long term effects on marine environment. As acidification research in marine ecosystems is still in its infancy, more studies are required to answer the numerous questions related to its biological and biogeochemical consequences.

Therefore, without reservation we support your intention to participate in a consortium that is preparing a proposal for a collaborative research project “MEDACID – Mediterranean Acidification under Global Climate Change Scenarios: Ecosystem Impacts and Socioeconomic Consequences”, within the European Commission’s 7th Framework Programme, with the goal of understanding how acidification is affecting the accessibility of ecosystems goods and services provided by marine systems.

The Blue World Institute of Marine Research and Conservation mainly deals with research and conservation of large marine vertebrates and sustainable coastal development that will be strongly affected with possible changes. As we are interested in learning what are the actual threats to Mediterranean and Adriatic sea and its biodiversity and what are the potential mitigation measures, we would be interested in active participation in national and international environmental initiatives as member of MEDACID Outreach Group.

Yours sincerely,




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