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Letter of support for the MEDACID project

Dear Sirs,

The current threats oceans face due to climate change are a major concern. Project AWARE Foundation Europe, a registered non profit organisation, is particularly interested in any research helping to understand the effects of ocean acidification on marine ecosystems. The absorption of CO₂ by oceans leads to serious impacts on marine life. Any disturbance of these fragile ecosystems will also have considerable socio-economic implications. Having comprehensive scientific information on the situation of the Mediterranean Sea in this regard is crucial to be prepared for future challenges.

Project AWARE Foundation Europe is looking forward to supporting the project "Mediterranean Acidification under Global Climate Change Scenarios: Ecosystem Impacts and Socioeconomic Consequences (MEDACID)" being submitted to the ENV.2010.1.1.5-1, Activity 6.1 Climate Change, pollution and risks, FP7 Cooperation program", and to participating in the Outreach Group activities. Any results will be disseminated by Project AWARE to tens of thousands of PADI dive professionals, leisure divers and water enthusiasts in Europe through newsletters, website and other means of communication.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JCM", written over a horizontal line.

Jean-Claude Monachon
Member of the Board