

Sustainable Tourism & Coastal Management Week

Gran Canaria, Canary Islands
21st – 25th November 2005

From the Canarian Institute of Marine Science (belonging to the Canarian Government) and the Centre on Biodiversity and Environmental Management (at Las Palmas de Gran Canaria University), we have the pleasure to announce an international event where a set of workshops and meetings related to sustainable tourism and coastal management will take place. The *Sustainable Tourism & Coastal Management Week* will be co-financed by the Interreg IIIC¹ projects:

- ✧ CoPraNet – The Coastal Practice Network, Interreg IIIC West Network
- ✧ DestiLink – Network on Sustainable Tourism Destination Development: linking rural regions and research institutions in Europe, Interreg IIIC North Network.

The Interreg IIIC South project SUVOT - Sustainable and Vocational Tourism will also be participating. After the identification of common points of all three projects, this is the first time that the *Sustainable Tourism Development Cluster Meeting* will take place, with the aim of trying to share and complement experiences.



All this activity will be taking place during the week from the 21st – 25th of November in Gran Canaria Island (Canary Islands, Spain).

The event developed will consist of:

- ✧ *CoPraNet Workshop* on “Sustainable Littoral & Tourism Management”.
- ✧ *DestiLink Workshop* on “Nature Quality: sustainable tourism in nature sensitive areas”.
- ✧ *Sustainable Tourism Development Cluster Meeting*. (For CoPraNet, DestiLink and SUVOT project partners).
- ✧ *Study visits* will show the tourist and natural values of Gran Canaria Island.

Some practical details

When: The events will take place on week 47: 21st – 25th November 2005. Arrivals are expected on the 20th of November.

Where: Gran Canaria Island, Spain. Participants must fly to Gran Canaria Airport.

How to get to Las Palmas City Centre: Regular buses leave the airport (see document for Line 60 timetables). Some get to Santa Catalina Park, area where most of assistants' hotels will be. Also, if the timetables for buses do not suit the arrival times, a taxi from the airport to Santa Catalina Park / Las Canteras Beach area should be about 25€.

¹ *Interreg IIIC projects enable regions to share the knowledge and experience that will help them develop new solutions to economic, social and environmental challenges.*

Accommodation: A list of hotels will be provided within the next week. We expect to be able to obtain special prizes for the group. Anyway, if you are trying to book accommodation by yourselves, you must take into account that it should be in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria city centre (North – East of Gran Canaria), preferably in the area of Las Canteras Beach / Santa Catalina Park. Transfers to the workshop venues will be organised from this area. Be very careful not to book in the South area of the island (the really tourist area)!!

Transfers to the workshops / meeting venues: transfers will be arranged to / from the main hotels. **Attention:** workshop venues are outside the city and losing the transfer will mean needing to take a taxi.

For more information on the island: Please visit the webpage of the Gran Canaria Island Government at <http://www.grancanaria.com>

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If you need further advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Following you will find the Programme and the Registration Form for the *Sustainable Tourism & Coastal Management Week*. Please, fill in this last document and return it to the detailed contact.

Provisional Programme

The following is a provisional programme including all timetables and activities to be developed during the week. The final programme, detailing the different presentations will soon be provided. If you are planning to make a presentation in one of the workshop sessions, please contact us.

Sunday 20th: Arrivals to Las Palmas. Check-in at chosen hotels.

Monday 21st: Workshops' Sessions

8:00 – 8:15	Pick-up at indicated points (further details will be given, depending on the chosen hotels) to go to the Canarian Institute of Marine Science.
8:45 – 9:00	Handling of workshop materials.
9:00 – 10:00	Welcome and Opening Session.
10:00 – 11:00	Visit to the Canarian Institute of Marine Science and Coffee.
11:00 – 13:00	<i>CoPraNet Workshop Session 1.</i> - Coastal Management: case studies in the Canary Islands. <i>DestiLink Workshop Session.</i> - Nature Quality in Sustainable Tourism: presentations.
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:30 – 17:30	<i>CoPraNet Workshop Session 2.</i> - Tools for Sustainable Coasts: <i>DestiLink Workshop Session.</i> - Nature Quality in Sustainable Tourism: presentations.
17:30 – 17:00	Coffee break
18:00 – 19:00	<i>CoPraNet Workshop Session.</i> – Round table: discussion on the themes of the day. <i>DestiLink Workshop Session.</i> – Round table: discussion on the themes of the day.
19:30	Arrival at Las Palmas and free night.

Tuesday 22nd: Workshops' Sessions

8:15 – 8:30	Pick up attendants
9:00 – 10:30	<i>CoPraNet Workshop Session 3.</i> – <i>QualityCoast</i> Label <i>DestiLink Workshop Session.</i> – Nature Quality in Sustainable Tourism: presentations.
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 13:00	<i>CoPraNet Workshop Session 3.</i> – <i>QualityCoast</i> Label <i>DestiLink Workshop Session.</i> – Nature Quality in Sustainable Tourism: presentations.
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:30 – 17:00	<i>CoPraNet Workshop Session.</i> – <i>QualityCoast</i> Label conclusions and future actions. <i>DestiLink Workshop Session.</i> – Round table: discussion on the themes of the day.
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:30 – 19:00	<i>CoPraNet Meetings:</i> Bussiness and Steering Group. <i>DestiLink Meetings:</i> Bussiness and Steering Group.
20:00	Arrival at Las Palmas and free night

Wednesday 23rd: Workshops' Study Visits

8:00 – 8:15	Pick-up of attendants
9:30 – 12:30	Visit to Maspalomas Dunes Natural Park.
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch
16:00 – 18:30	Boat excursion and possible whale-watching.
20:00	Back to hotels at Las Palmas and free night

Thursday 24th: "Sustainable Tourism Development" Cluster Meeting

8:30 – 8:45	Pick-up of attendants and transfer to Las Palmas de Gran Canaria University headquarters.
9:30 – 10:00	Official Opening
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 13:00	"Sustainable Tourism Development" Cluster Meeting
13:00 – 14:30	Light Lunch
14:45 – 17:00	"Sustainable Tourism Development" Cluster Meeting (continued)
17:00 – 17:20	Coffee break
17:20 – 18:30	"Sustainable Tourism Development" Cluster Meeting (conclusions)
18:30 – 19:30	Project's closing dialogues: each project will have some time to discuss internally their commitments or other issues.
21:00	Official Farewell Dinner

Friday 25th: Workshops' Study Visits

8:30 – 9:00	Pick-up of attendants
9:30 – 11:30	Visit to "Viera y Clavijo" Endemic Botanic Garden
12:00 – 19:00	Visit to the central area of the island, identifying some of the island's cultural and natural values.
20:00	Back to hotels at Las Palmas and free night

Late Friday 25th and Saturday 26th: Departures

REGISTRATION FORM

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Please complete this Registration Form for every delegate from each partner and return it as soon as possible (but please before the Wednesday 12th of October) to Yaiza Fernández-Palacios either via email (yaizafv@iccm.rcanaria.es) or fax (+34 928 13 29 08).

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Institution: _____

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✧ Please, mark which Project do you belong to and your Partner no.:

CoPraNet DestiLink SUVOT

Partner nr. _____

✧ Please, indicate your dates of arrival and departure if you already know them. If not, let us know as soon as you do, so that arrangements for all activities can be done.

Arrival day: 20th November (recommended) other, _____

Departure day: 26th November (recommended) other, _____

✧ A list of recommended hotels and prizes (when special prize offered) will soon be provided. If you want to make your own booking, please do so in Las Palmas City, preferably in the area of Santa Catalina Park / Las Canteras Beach. We can advise you in case you are not sure about the area where the hotels you get offers for are.

✧ Please, indicate any personal requirements or wishes (meals, mobility or others):

Thank you very much!