



Prof. Alan Deidun, a marine biologist by training, is Malta's first-ever Ocean Ambassador. He directs the International Ocean Institute- Malta Training Centre and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology (London). He is also an Associate Professor within the Faculty of Science of the University of Malta and is currently a contributor to the UN's second World Ocean Assessment. He sits on the Board of the Environment and Resources Authority (ERA) of Malta and is Malta's national focal point for the International Commission for the Scientific Exploration of the Mediterranean Sea (CIESM). Prof. Deidun has co-authored over 130 peer-reviewed papers on the main thematic areas which interest him, including coastal and marine ecology, biological oceanography, ecology of invasive species, Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and dynamics of jellyfish outbreaks, for a current total number

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