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RESULTS OF A PROJECT CARRIED OUT BY THE UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH

On 18 October 2017, a meeting was held at the Foundation's headquarters, Villa Girasole, in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, to evaluate the project devoted to the benefits of ecosystem services within Marine Protected Areas.

This project made it possible to study how ecosystem services interact with one another, as well as with human activities, in the context of MPAs and protected area networks.

A model was created to allow for the mapping of ecosystem services. This could be used in other areas and notably accompany the creation and delimitation of new MPAs.

WORKSHOP ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OCEAN ACIDIFICATION

A workshop on the economic impact of ocean acidification was held at the Oceanographic Museum from 15 to 17 October 2017.

The backdrop to this workshop was the role coral reefs play in biodiversity and with humanity.

Today, these reefs are the most endangered ecosystem in the world, and one in which the effects of climate change can already be seen. Rising temperatures in the oceans in 2016 and 2017 have led to the death of 50% of the corals in the Great Barrier Reef.

The organisation of this workshop was announced during the United Nations Conference in New York in June 2017, as a commitment shared by Monaco, France and the Scientific Centre of Monaco.

The Principality of Monaco is a pioneer in the study of ocean acidification (work started in the mid 1990s), in partnership with the work carried out by the Scientific Centre of Monaco.

"For us, ocean acidification is a major issue (...) because it was here that one of the first international warnings was issued on this subject, almost ten years ago (...). A few days ago, I took part in a dialogue on this issue in Malta with Prince Charles. We agreed to take advantage of 2018, which will be the International Year of the Reef, to make a statement on this subject, in order to warn the international community", announced HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.



HE Bernard Fautrier Vice-President and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation also took the floor at the workshop.

