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## EUROPEAN INLAND FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

### EIFAAC Management Committee and Technical and Scientific Committee Meeting 2023

Rome, Italy, 28-29 March 2023

### Report on the status of the preparations for EIFAAC 32 and related symposium

This report presents the initial ideas for the symposium and session in 2024, including the potential venue, general info about the location, field visit options, draft symposium title and themes for discussion at the meeting.

#### A. Potential venue(s) and dates of the symposium and session

The organizers plan to hold thirty-second Session of the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC) and related symposium in the Park Plaza Histria Hotel (<https://www.arenahotels.com/en/hotel/park-plaza-histria>) in Pula, Croatia, at the beginning of the October 2024.



#### B. General information about Pula

Pula (Croatian pronunciation: [pǔ:la] (listen); also known as Pola, Italian: Pola ['pɔla], Hungarian: Póla, Venetian: Pola; Istriot: Puola, Slovene: Pulj) is the largest city in Istria County, Croatia, and the seventh-largest city in the country, situated at the southern tip of the Istrian peninsula. It is known for its many ancient Roman buildings, the most famous of which is the Pula Arena, one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres. This amphitheatre is still in use today during summer film festivals. Two other well-preserved ancient Roman structures are the 1st-century AD triumphal arch, the Arch of the Sergii, and the Temple of Augustus, built on the forum during the

reign of the Roman emperor Augustus. A pearl nearby is Brioni island or Brijuni national park visited by numerous world leaders since it was the summer residence of Josip Broz Tito. Roman villas and temples still lie buried among farm fields and along the shoreline of the dozens of surrounding fishing and farming villages. The coastal waters offer beaches, fishing, wreck dives to ancient Roman galleys and World War I warships, cliff diving, and sailing to unspoiled coves and islands large and small. The city has a long tradition of wine making, fishing, shipbuilding, and tourism. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pula#>



### C. Field visits options

#### Aquarium Pula

The largest aquarium in Croatia is located in a 130-year-old Austro-Hungarian fortification. Fort Verudela and Battery San Giovanni, where, for more than 20 years, the unique mix of natural and cultural heritage has been emphasised. <https://aquarium.hr/en/home>



#### Brijuni National Park

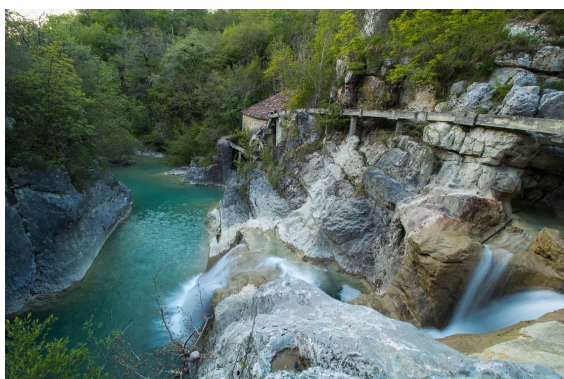
The Brijuni (pronounced [brijū:ni]) or the Brijuni Islands (also known as the Brionian Islands; same as Italian: Brioni) are a group of fourteen small islands in the Croatian part of the northern Adriatic Sea, separated from the west coast of the Istrian peninsula by the narrow Fažana Strait. In more recent history Brijuni were a residence of late President Tito of Yugoslavia.

The islands are rich in natural beauties, flora and fauna brought here from various parts of the world. On Brijuni there is an attractive archaeological site with a Byzantine castrum and luxurious Roman villa, an ethnographic collection, collection of frescoes, archaeological Museum and natural history exhibit. <https://www.np-brijuni.hr/en>



### **River Mirna**

The source of Mirna river is near Hum, the smallest town in the world. According to a legend, it was built by giants using rocks left over from the building of towns in the Mirna valley. Hum is also called the Town of Biska, a traditional Istrian schnapps made of mistletoe. It is believed that the almost 2000-year-old recipe for biska originated in Hum. Kotli village is nearby is located next to one of the most beautiful parts of the Mirna River course. It is an abandoned village once inhabited by rich millers and tailors.



### **Kamenjak Protected Nature of Southern Istria**

The Kamenjak Peninsula is located in the southernmost part of Istria. The scents of medicinal herbs and sea salt, the buzzing of bees and the murmur of the sea merge at Kamenjak into a true sense of nature. The area used to be covered in holm oak forests that have been degraded over the centuries by timber harvesting and cattle grazing and have finally turned into grasslands with an abundance of plant species. These open habitats are a treasure trove of biodiversity and are protected under the Habitats Directive of the EU. The particularly distinctive and valuable landscape of Kamenjak is a combination of forests, grasslands, garrigue, maquis and rocky ground. <https://kamenjak.hr/en>





**D. Symposium title suggestions**

New challenges in era of multiple stressors on inland waters and aquatic resources

**E. Symposium theme suggestions**

1. Stock assessment and freshwater fish management
2. Migratory fish - problems and conservation
3. Robotics and artificial intelligence in function of freshwater fish monitoring
4. Inland water biodiversity conservation and invasive species challenges
5. Climate change and impacts on inland waters and fishery
6. Advances in aquaculture in function of inland aquatic resources conservation
7. Freshwater protected areas - challenges
8. Citizen science and socio-economic aspect of freshwater fishery

**F. Organizational committee composition suggestions**

- Marina Piria
- Ivan Špelić
- Josip Suić
- Ante Mišura

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**G. Scientific committee composition suggestions**

- Marina Piria
- Ana Gavrilović

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