vigilie GLOBAL LIFE OBSERVATORY



An alliance for the knowledge, monitoring and protection of living organisms through technological innovations including environmental DNA





PRESS RELEASE

Official launch 3 september 2021 on the occasion of the IUCN world nature Conservation Congress

VIGILIFE: A global partnership platform that puts innovation at the service of knowledge, monitoring and protection of life, is officially launched at the IUCN world Conservation Congress

Biodiversity is being eroded at an ever-increasing rate, with ever greater impacts on the planet. Because the living conditions for living beings, including humans, are threatened, a group of actors - from research, technological innovation and environmental management - has decided to mobilise their expertise and efforts in favour of the knowledge, monitoring and protection of living organisms.

The mission of the Vigilife Alliance is to put innovation at the service of knowledge and the protection of life.

The first technology deployed within the Alliance is environmental DNA allowing the detection of organisms from DNA traces in environmental samples (e.g. soil, water). After more than 10 years of Research & Development efforts to offer territorial stakeholders the most effective analysis methods in the field (recognised by the international scientific community thanks to more than 50 scientific publications and tested on an international scale via numerous scientific expeditions), the Alliance's objective is to deploy and consolidate largescale biodiversity monitoring networks, in particular by transferring technologies to its members, in order to improve knowledge and strengthen actions to protect terrestrial, aquatic and marine ecosystems, in particular through the «Sentinel rivers» and «Sentinel marine areas» programmes.

Vigilife is a platform that encourages the development of scientific, technological and applied cooperation for the benefit of territories and their biodiversity conservation policies.

The Vigilife alliance is based on the commitment of actors from public institutions, companies, non-governmental organisations and scientific research, a list of which can be found on the website vigilife.org

From 3 to 11 September 2021, France will host the World Conservation Congress organised by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in Marseille. This is the largest international event in the field of biodiversity, bringing together more than 170 countries and more than 1,400 civil society organisations around this theme. This largescale event is also a precursor to the fifteenth Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) which will be held in China in 2022.

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VIGILIFE AT THE WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS





International distribution of the magazine Vigilife Mag

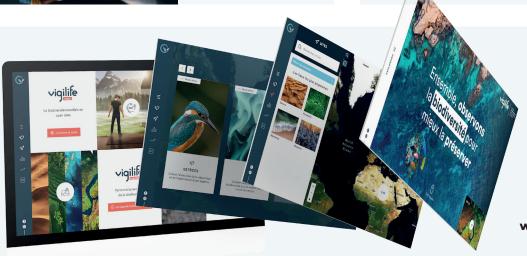






Thematic events during the Forum

Stand located in the main exhibition area of the Congress F10 - F11



Launch of the website www.vigilife.org

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VIGILIFE'S 4 THEMATIC EVENTS AT THE WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS



Presentation of the technology «environmental DNA»

- 6 sept. 2021 4 pm
- Room H8-1 Perche
- English



Program «Sentinel marine areas»

- 4 sept. 2021 6.30 pm
- Salle H8-1 Perche
- English / French



Program «Sentinel Rivers»

- 7 sept. 2021 2.30 pm
- Salle Rélmagine Pavillon France
- FR French



Vigilife Press Conference

English / French

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PRESENTATION OF THE « ENVIRONMENTAL **DNA » TECHNOLOGY**





Kakemono to discover on the Vigilife stand F10 - F11

PRESENTATION OF THE « ENVIRONMENTAL DNA » TECHNOLOGY

6 sept. 2021 - 4 pm - Room H8-1 Perche

This session will present the «environmental DNA» technology, demonstration of its use in various ecosystems, and the objectives of the Vigilife Alliance for the deployment of its new technologies to consolidate the global observation of life.

INTERVENANTS:

Arnaud Collin, Vigilife Consortium, Secretariat

Loïc Pellissier, Prof. Dr, Dep. of Environmental Systems Science, ETH Zurich & WSL

Manuel Lopes Lima, Dr, Coordinator of the Red List Authority on Freshwater Bivalves, SSC, IUCN, CIBIO/InBIO, Portugal

David Mouillot, Prof. Dr, University of Montpellier, MARBEC

Arnaud Lyet, Dr. Senior Wildlife Scientist, WWF US

Captain Francisco A. ARIAS-ISAZA, Director General, INVEMAR, Colombie

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THEMATIC SCIENTIFIC **PROGRAMMES**



SENTINEL MARINE **AREAS PROGRAMMES**

4 sept. 2021 - 6.30 pm - Room H8-1 Perche

This session will present the results obtained during the last years on the use of eDNA for monitoring biodiversity in coastal and marine ecosystems, as well as the prospects for strengthening monitoring networks in these environments based on the use of eDNA technologies.

INTERVENANTS:

Arnaud Collin, Vigilife Consortium, Secretariat David Mouillot, Prof. Dr, University of Montpellier, MARBEC **Emilie Boulanger,** University of Montpellier, MARBEC Virginie Marques, University of Montpellier, CEFE

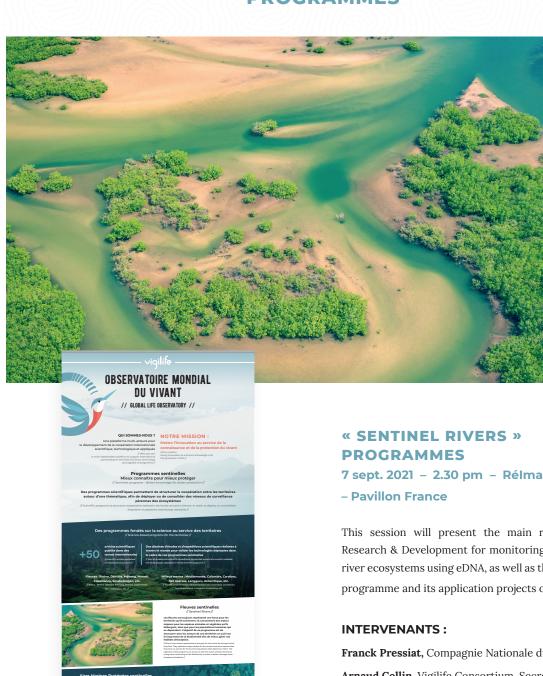
Pierre Boissery, Agence de l'Eau Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse



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7 sept. 2021 - 2.30 pm - Rélmagine room

This session will present the main results obtained in Research & Development for monitoring the biodiversity of river ecosystems using eDNA, as well as the «Sentinel Rivers» programme and its application projects on a global scale.

Franck Pressiat, Compagnie Nationale du Rhône (CNR)

Arnaud Collin, Vigilife Consortium, Secretariat

Elisabeth Ayrault, Présidente, Compagnie Nationale du Rhône (CNR)

Erik Orsenna, Président, Initiatives pour l'Avenir des Grands fleuves (IAGF)

Vincent Prié, Directeur de projet « Fleuves sentinelles », SPYGEN

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VIGILIFE PRESS CONFERENCE



VIGILIFE, A PLATEFORM FOR THE COOPERATION BETWEEN ACTORS

This session will present Vigilife, as an international platform to support scientific, technological and applied cooperation between partners based on eDNA technology.

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Find out more:

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Official launch of the website on 3 September 2021

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Thank you for your interest!



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