



Coast Day 2020 - 25 September 2020

Messages from the Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Planning, Dr. Aaron Farrugia, and Ms. Michelle Borg, Planning Authority and PAP/RAC National Focal Point

On the occasion of the Mediterranean Coast Day 2020 in Malta, the Ministry for the Environment, Climate Change and Planning has produced a video, as part of a campaign on environmental measures for the sea, in which took part Ms Michelle Borg, Planning Authority and PAP/RAC National Focal Point and Dr Aaron Farrugia, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Planning.

Ms Michelle Borg highlighted the fact that the coast supports our daily lives since it connects us with other countries, serves for electricity supply, maritime trade and also provides Malta with most of the drinking water through desalination. In addition to it being the frontier between two different environments, the coast is also a fertile space for marine life and it defines Malta with its island identity which also shaped its history.



The Minister Dr Aaron Farrugia, about the future for the coast, reminded the viewers that there are a lot of impacts on the coast from tourism and infrastructure related uses. He also stated that during the Coast Day it is important to remember that we need to continue working together to safeguard the coast and ensure to the future generations a better coastal environment than the one we have inherited.



Other people intervened in the video, in particular the daughter of a fisherman, Monica Caruana, who recalled the fact that, throughout her life, the sea was a safe place, a healthy environment that provided food, but in today's world if we are not responsible in our actions it is easy to damage and harm this fragile place, and the General Manager of the Hilton hotel in Malta, Richard Cuello, who spoke about the perspective of good practice in tourism.

The video has been uploaded on the main page of the Ministry's Planning Authority website: <https://www.pa.org.mt/> and the direct link to it is the following: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OtSJL5tTMxA&feature=emb_title