



## **MARCIAL BARDOLET RICHTER**

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### **Professional Summary**

Expert in marine conservation, environmental governance, and Natura 2000 spatial planning, with a consolidated career in public administration and Mediterranean marine policy. Since 2017, I have served as Head of the Posidonia Surveillance Service at the Government of the Balearic Islands, where I conceived and directed one of the regional programmes in the Mediterranean for the protection of *Posidonia oceanica* seagrass meadows.

This pioneering initiative combines monitoring, geospatial mapping, and citizen engagement mechanisms to safeguard seagrass ecosystems and ensure regulatory compliance. Acting as a bridge between science, governance, and civil society, I collaborate closely with national and international institutions (including MITECO, WWF Mediterranean, IUCN Med, OFB, and SPA/RAC) to enhance Mediterranean marine governance frameworks and promote the integration Next Generation funding and management into regional environmental policies.

## **Professional Experience**

Government of the Balearic Islands – IBANAT / Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Natural Environment

### **Head of the Posidonia Surveillance Service (2017–present)**

- Creation and leadership of the Balearic Posidonia Surveillance Service, combining environmental policy, science, and operational enforcement.
- Direct supervision of 18 vessels and more than 181,000 annual surveillance actions. (2017-present)
- Implementation of AIS-based monitoring, digital cartography, and public outreach tools.
- Enforcement of Decree 25/2018 on Posidonia Conservation, a benchmark for Mediterranean policy.
- Coordination with Maritime Captaincies, Guardia Civil, local councils, and MITECO.
- Representation of the Balearic Government at national and international forums (UNOC, WWF, IUCN, MPN).
- Associated partner in Interreg ARTEMIS. Carbon, biodiversity credit and ecosystem services for the conservation of the posidonia oceanica.

### **Mallorca Preservation Foundation**

President (2024–present)

- Strategic leadership of Mallorca’s environmental foundation, part of the Conservation Collective network.
- Coordination of more than 30 active projects on marine protection, sustainable agriculture, and education.

### **Mediterranean Posidonia Network (MPN)**

Co-founder & Task Force Contributor (2019–present)

- Founding representative for the Balearic Islands within a 15-country Mediterranean network for seagrass conservation and blue carbon governance.
- Collaboration with WWF, IUCN, OFB, and SPA/RAC in policy alignment and restoration planning.
- Contribution to regional passive restoration, awareness, and eco-mooring initiatives.

## **Other works:**

### **Government of the Balearic Islands**

#### **Directorate-General for Biodiversity and Environmental Planning**

Project Coordinator (2005–2012)

- Management of GIS databases and biodiversity planning for the regional government.
- Coordination of EU-funded projects (LIFE Posidonia, Interreg SITMUN, QUATER MEDOCC, UNESCO Serra de Tramuntana Biosphere Reserve).
- Technical supervision of mapping and GIS data infrastructure.
- Lecturer in GIS and Remote Sensing at the University of the Balearic Islands.

## **Education**

\* Master in Geographic Information Technology (GIS).

Autonomous University of Barcelona, 2003

\* Bachelor's Degree in Geography; University of the Balearic Islands, 2001

\* Erasmus at University of Aberdeen, UK

## **Key Skills and Competencies**

Marine and coastal governance • Blue Carbon and Nature-Based Solutions • GIS and Remote Sensing (ArcGIS, QGIS, PostGIS), Natura 2000 and Marine Protected Area management • Policy development and strategic planning • Environmental communication and education.

## **Languages**

Spanish | Catalan (B1) | English (advanced) | German (mother language)

## **Selected Conferences and Presentations**

2025 – UN Ocean Conference (UNOC), Nice (France) – Digital Ocean Pavilion (UN Ocean Decade)

Presentation: “From Monitoring to Governance: Integrating Real-Time Surveillance into Blue Carbon Policy”

2025 – Mediterranean Posidonia Network (MPN) International Seminar, Tunis / Marseille

Presentation: “Policy, Science and Operations: The Balearic Islands Case in Posidonia Conservation”

2024 – Marine Forum of Ibiza & Formentera, Talamanca

Presentation: “From Diagnosis to Action: The Future of Seagrass Meadows in the Balearics”

2023 – 6th World Ocean Forum, Bizerte (Tunisia)

Presentation: “Posidonia oceanica: A Natural Ally for Blue Carbon and Coastal Resilience”

2023 – Blue Carbon Financing Workshop, Marseille (WWF-MPN)

Presentation: “Financing Mechanisms for Mediterranean Seagrass Protection”

2023 – Posidonia Soundscapes / Voices of the Sea, Palma de Mallorca

Presentation: “The Sound of Seagrass: Science, Art and Awareness”