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Marco Barbieri is a conservation biologist by training. His university qualifications include a degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Genoa (Italy) in 1983 and a Doctorate in Environmental Sciences in 1992. Between 1985 and 1992 he combined work as Research Assistant at the Institute of Zoology of the University of Genoa and freelance work mainly in the field of Environmental Impact Assessment in marine and coastal environment. In 1992 he took up the position of Programme Officer in the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA) of the Mediterranean Action Plan of UNEP. In September 2000 he joined the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (UNEP/CMS) as head of the Scientific and Technical Unit of the Secretariat, the position which he is currently holding. In his present position, his chief responsibilities include organizing and facilitating the work of the CMS Scientific Council, the main scientific and technical advisory body of the Convention, and the development and management of the CMS Small Grants Programme. At the international level, he has gained significant experience in the organization of international meetings, both intergovernmental and scientific. As regards the latter, in recent years he has been a member of the Organizing Committee of the First (Rome, 2001) and Second (Antalya, 2005) Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles, member of the Scientific and Programme Committee of the Flyway Conference « Waterbirds around the world » (Edinburgh, 2004) and of the Steering Committee of the Conference 'Biodiversity Science and Governance' (Paris, 2005).