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MEDPAN NORTH

A Transnational Cooperation Project to Enhance
Management Effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas
in the Northern Mediterranean

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It is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund while its total budget amounts to 2.38 M€. The project started in July 2010 and runs until June 2013.

The aim of the MedPAN North project is to improve MPA management effectiveness, including in the marine Natura 2000 sites and to contribute to the establishment of a network of MPAs, as part of the international commitments, and particularly the European commitments in this area.

This aim will be reached through various activities in 5 different components: Innovative aspects of MPA management; Sustainable management of fisheries in MPAs; Sustainable management of tourism in MPAs; Communication and Project management. For each component, structuring the cross-national activities of the network (common recommendations, common tools...) will be systematically ensured with the implementation of concrete management activities (monitoring, area planning, consultation, communication, etc...) in different MPAs. Two pilot projects will be implemented.

The project will contribute to the related European policies: Habitats Directive, Action Plan for Biodiversity, Marine Strategy Directive, Common Fisheries Policy, Maritime Policy, Tourism and their implementation in the territorial policies in each country concerned, as well as to national policies.

The aim of the activities for the sustainable protection of the marine environment, especially in terms of sustainable tourism and fisheries, is to maintain long-term employment and even to create new jobs in these two areas.

This project is officially supported by the Barcelona Convention, through the Regional Activity Center for Specially Protected Areas, which is partner to the project. The MedPAN North project supplements the MedPAN South project and the MedMPAnet project which aim at supporting MPA establishment and management in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries.

The project outcomes will be perpetuated by the MedPAN Organization.

The MedPAN North project is an independent project operating within the MedPAN network framework under the leadership of WWF-France. It brings together 12 key actors from 6 European countries bordering the Mediterranean : France, Greece, Italy, Malta and Slovenia and Spain.



PROJECT THEMES

INNOVATIVE ASPECTS OF MPA MANAGEMENT

Component leaders

IUCN Med and Consejería de Medio Ambiente, Junta de Andalucía

- Develop a harmonized methodology and create a team of experts in the evaluation of MPA management effectiveness.
- Develop operational guidelines to address the issue of climate change in Mediterranean MPAs and common strategic orientations in the network.
- Develop a monitoring programme to address the issue of invasive species in Mediterranean MPAs and common strategic orientations in the network.
- Providing MPA managers with a management toolbox specific to marine Natura 2000 sites and available online.
- Involve civil society in the monitoring of the marine environment in MPAs through a pilot project that involves scuba divers (Consejería de Medio Ambiente, Junta de Andalucía)



▲ Loggerhead Turtle at the National Marine Park of Zakynthos



Artisan fisherman at Cap de Creus, Spain

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES IN MPAS

Component leaders

Port-Cros National Park and WWF-France

- To support the implementation of management measures of traditional professional fisheries in the MPAs of 6 partners (Methodology to draw up a fisheries management plan, studies, consultation with stakeholders)
- Setting up the first meeting of Mediterranean MPA fishermen in partnership with European and Mediterranean organizations.
- To implement the sustainable management of recreational fisheries in MPAs (cross-national report on this issue, scientific studies, impact studies, consultation with stakeholders).

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF TOURISM IN MPAS

Component leader

Cinque Terre National Park

- Providing MPA managers with a methodological tool to monitor visitor activities in the MPAs
- Supporting the implementation of tourism observatories in the MPAs of 3 partners
- Supporting the implementation of underwater trails in the MPAs of 3 partners and develop guidelines
- Disseminating recommendations on eco-friendly mooring systems and implement eco-friendly mooring systems in the MPAs of 3 partners
- Providing MPA managers with a pilot tool to manage an emerging sport activity (Creation of a kayak trail, Cinque Terre National Park)



Harbour and village of Port-Cros, France

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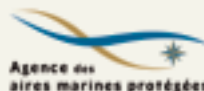
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