

The Biodiversity Protection Community

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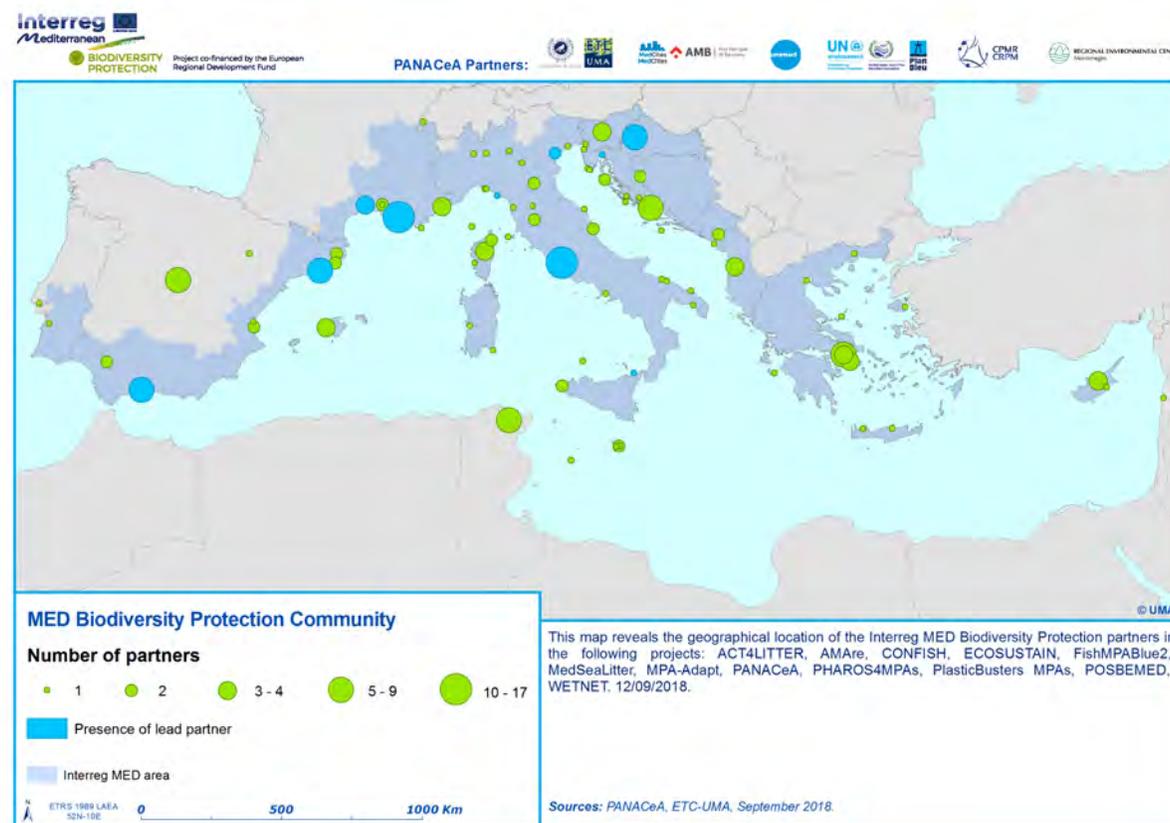


The Biodiversity Protection Community

... brings together a comprehensive **network of experts from public & private institutions** actively working to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems in Mediterranean Protected Areas.

Objectives:

- Filling the current gap between Science, Management and Policy
- Identifying and generating synergies amongst the work of relevant Mediterranean stakeholders, including Protected Area managers, policymakers, socioeconomic actors, civil society and the scientific community
- Increasing the visibility and impacts of the results of different thematic biodiversity protection projects that are being undertaken by members of its Community



The Horizontal Project PANACeA

... protects and manages Mediterranean Biodiversity through:

- Monitoring and networking **11 thematic projects**
- Fostering a **constant dialogue** among policy makers, MPA managers, scientists and experts
- Promoting and defending an effective biodiversity management through participatory processes and an **ecosystem-based approach**

ACT4LITTER (Joint measures to preserve natural ecosystems from marine litter in the Mediterranean Protected Areas) - **AMAre** (Actions for Marine Protected Areas, integrated management and maritime spatial planning) - **ConFish** (Connectivity and knowledge transfer among Mediterranean fishery stakeholders and scientists resolves connectivity of fishery populations) - **EcoSUSTAIN** (Ecological sustainable Governance of Mediterranean Protected Areas) - **FishMPABlue2** (Fishing governance in Marine Protected Areas: potentialities for Blue Economy) - **MEDSEALITTER** (Developing Mediterranean-specific protocols to protect biodiversity from litter impact at basin and local Marine Protected Areas' scales) - **MPA-ADAPT** (Guiding Mediterranean MPAs through the climate change era: Building resilience and adaptation) - **PHAROS4MPAs** (Blue Economy and Marine Conservation - safeguarding Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas in order to achieve Good Environmental Status) - **PLASTICBUSTERS** MPAs (Preserving biodiversity from plastics in Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas) - **POSBEMED** (Sustainable management of the systems Posidonia-beaches in the Mediterranean region) - **WETNET** (Coordinated management and networking of Mediterranean wetlands)

Specific activities

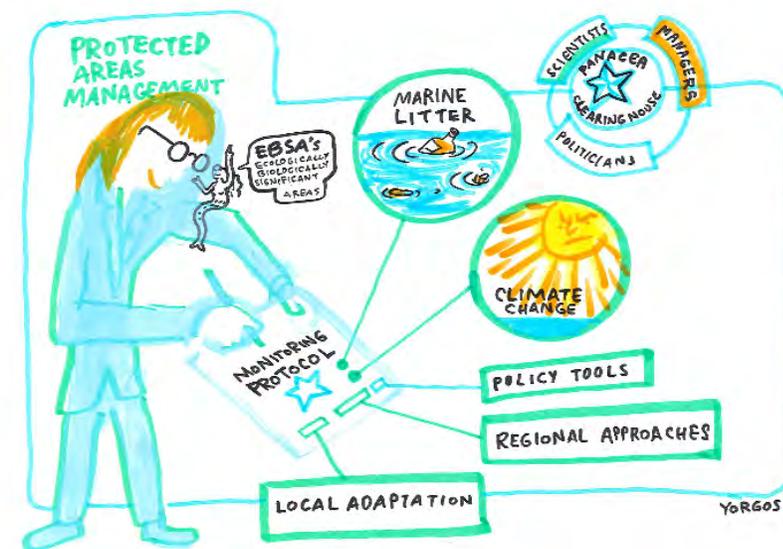
- 1) Synthesizing outcomes on natural protection and biodiversity conservation efforts;
- 2) Engaging a stakeholders' community and transferring knowledge beyond the project's lifetime;
- 3) Implementing a communication and dissemination strategy;
- 4) Developing a long term capitalization tool ensuring evidence based policy enforcement.



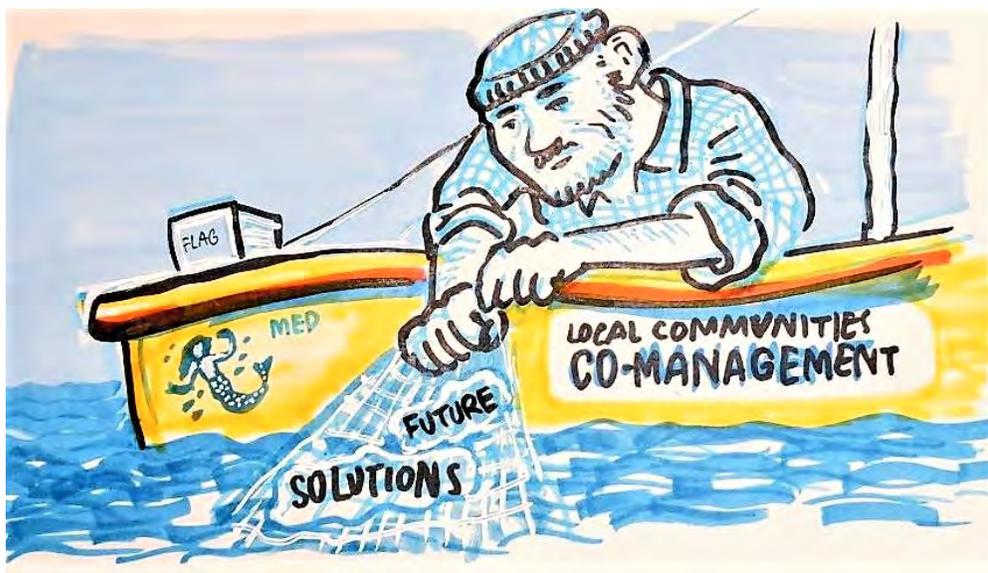
WG1: Biodiversity management and protection

- Targets Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and **ecoregions** as conservation areas facing **common increasing threats** like marine litter and climate change across the Mediterranean.
- Aims at **raising awareness** on the cumulative impacts and environmental challenges on Mediterranean ecosystems.
- **Shares best practices** for an effective eco-system based management.

Current activity: participation in key events and production of a joint Policy brief and factsheets on Marine Litter assessment and management and impact on biodiversity from an MPA perspective.



WG2: Sustainable use of natural resources



- Looks for **synergies and collaboration** among small scale fisheries representatives, scientists, MPA managers and local / regional political decision makers.
- **Exchanges best practices** to find solutions for tackling common challenges.
- Promotes **co-management**, defending a multi-stakeholders participatory governance.

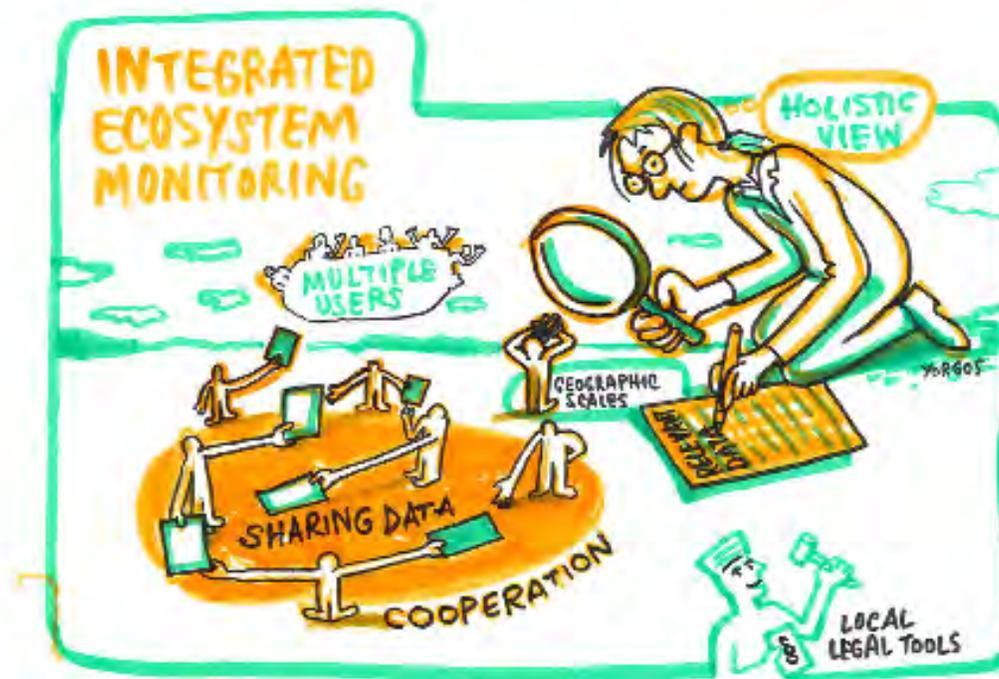
Current activity: Organisation of a workshop for the GFCM- General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean Fishforum (10th December 2018) in Rome and production of a technical paper on co-management.



WG3: Integrated ecosystem monitoring and management

- Builds up an **integrated approach** to ecosystems' **interactions** with human activities.
- Fosters common monitoring and management tools, collecting and providing spatial data.
- Strengthens **Science – Policy collaborations**.
- Develops an **action plan** for general and thematic **policy / instruments recommendations**.

Current activity: Production of 1 Technical factsheet on wetlands and 1 Technical factsheet on Land Sea interactions (February 2019).



Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Knowledge Platform

Online **communication and capitalization tool** available for the MED Biodiversity Protection Community to transfer synthesized projects' outcomes and disseminate them across and beyond the region

- Gathers **best practices and recommendations**
- Includes **documents and spatial data** coming from all 11 modular projects + external sources
- Gives **visibility** to effective methodologies, partners and project results



Detail – MED Biodiversity Protection Community in Brussels

DAY 1: Collaborative Workshop

ENHANCING AN ECOSYSTEM-BASED APPROACH: FROM LOCAL TO REGIONAL BIODIVERSITY ACTIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Sharing best practices, lessons learnt and achievements from ongoing projects

Discussing the **role of local communities and public authorities** in managing their **natural resources**

Using an ecosystem-based approach to **tackle environmental issues and reduce cumulative impacts** on species and habitats

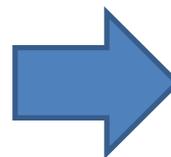
Fostering a dialogue with policymakers and managers at various scales to reach an ecosystem-based approach to preserving natural resources in the Mediterranean

DAY 2: Public hearing at the EP

MEDITERRANEAN ECOSYSTEMS IN DANGER: ENHANCING EU POLICY RESPONSE *Towards an integration of ecosystem based approaches in policies*

Objective: make sure **key recommendations and observations** from the Biodiversity Protection community is **considered for integration** into up-coming **European policies** and **implemented** at all governance levels

Discussions will address how to **overcome legal boundaries issues** to enhance biodiversity management, how to **harmonize methodologies and tools** for better protection, how to **streamline governance and cooperation** to gain shared benefits for people and nature



DECLARATION

Ecosystem-based approaches for biodiversity protection and management

A Consensus Statement towards understanding and managing transboundary and cumulative impacts in Mediterranean Ecosystems

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