"Fishing governance in MPAs: potentialities for Blue Economy 2" (FishMPABlue2)

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

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FishMPABlue2 project main facts

Donor: Interreg Programme MED 2014-2020

Location of activities: Italy, Spain, France, Greece, Croatia, Slovenia

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Budget: 3.500.000,00 Euro (2.975.000,00 ERDF)

Partnership

	NAME OF THE ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	TYPOLOGY
Lead Partner	Federparchi – Europarc Italy	Italy	PAs Federation
Partner 1	MedPAN	France	MPAs Network
Partner 2	CONISMA	Italy	Universities Consortium
Partner 3	WWF Adria	Croatia	International NGO
Partner 4	University of Nice - ECOMERS	France	Public University
Partner 5	WWF Mediterranean	Italy	International NGO
Partner 6	IUCN Med	Spain	International Organization
Partner 7	APAM Varois	France	Fishermen Network

Advisory Panel (Associates)

	NAME OF THE ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	TYPOLOGY
Associate 1	GFCM-FAO (PP6)	Italy	International Organization
Associate 2	Croatian Ministry of Environment and Energy (PP3)	Croatia	National Institution
Associate 3	MedWet (PP1)	France	International Organization
Associate 4	French Biodiversity Agency (PP4)	France	National Agency
Associate 5	RAC/SPA-UNEP (PP1)	Tunisia	International Organization
Associate 6	Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature conservation (PP3)	Slovenia	National Agency
Associate 7	Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment (PP5)	Spain	National Institution
Associate 8	Greek Ministry of Rural Development & Food (PP4)	France	National Institution
Associate 9	Italian Ministry of Agriculture and fishery (LP)	Italy	National Institution
Associate 10	CRPM (LP)	Belgium	International Organization

Overall Goal

To increase the capacities of Mediterranean MPAs to sustainably govern small scale fisheries

Objectives

- To **test** the "**Governance toolkit for small scale fishery**" in different typologies of MPAs, in order to have an upgraded version of it (WP3)
- To **disseminate** the **tested toolkit** among the maximum feasible number of Med MPAs (WP4)
- To enhance **integration** of principles and recommendations **in national and international policies** to ease informal/formal engagement of stakeholders in small scale fishery management within MPAs (WP5)

The 11 pilot MPAs
(identified during FishMPABlue1)

Main achievements

WP3

- **11 LGCs established**: in each pilot MPA, establishment of a “Local Governance Cluster” (MPA+ SSF-related fishers)
- **11 PPIPs adopted and implemented**: selection of tools from «SSF Governance toolkit» and implementation
- **Capacity building**: 2 training events (on ecological-socio-economic monitoring of SSF, and on SSF governance measures)
- **“Before” and “after” monitoring campaigns:** comparison of environmental-socio-economic status of SSF in each pilot MPA

The SSF Governance Toolkit

- **5 components** for a successful governance system of SSF (enforcement, fishers engaged in MPA activities and in MPA Board, incentive for sustainable fishing, management plan)
- **A list** of ready-to-use **management measures** to reduce the catching pressure on halieutic resources

The SSF Governance Toolkit (2)

Typology	To address conflicts and resolution	To improve MPA governance
Enforcing MPA capacities	Setting limits and quota for fishing licenses (all types) in order to reduce fishing effort inside the MPA	Clarify the governance structures, i.e. roles and responsibilities of different authorities and organizations
	Establishment of territorial rights to safeguard the fishing efforts of local fishermen and limit the entrance of new fishermen	Better coordination between central and regional government systems
	Involve the local fishermen in the surveillance activities	Increase the time units and surface of MPA surface surveilled
	Involve the local fishermen in the monitoring activities	Increase the number of monitoring campaigns and species monitored
	Development of specific regulations to promote other inter-sectorial income-generating activities (e.g. pesca-tourism)	Coordinate national and regional legislation on conservation, fishery and tourism
	Strict enforcement of the management plan (technical measures, market traceability, etc.)	Design a management plan on small scale fishery with the involvement of local fishermen
Participative	Institutionalization of a stable relationship with stakeholders, particularly SSF fishermen, aiming to a transparent exchange of information and cooperation	Partnership programs/agreements between fisheries and MPA management body
	Identify actual fields where the participation of different stakeholders groups, in particular professional fishermen, in the decision making process is feasible	Adopt legal frameworks to involve fishermen in decision making procedures
	Strengthening organizations representing local fishermen	

The SSF Governance Toolkit (3)

Knowledge	**Promoting recognition of the actual benefits of MPAs for fisheries (i.e. spill-over effects, exchange of fishermen experience) to build community support**	**Increase the monitoring of actual positive effects of SSF management within own MPA**
	Promoting recognition of the benefits of fisheries reserves to biodiversity conservation	Develop a methodology in order to design management plan with this dual objectives (IUCN Category VI of MPA)
	Promotion the integration of scientific with traditional knowledge and dissemination of both	
	Promoting the awareness of MPA zoning, objectives, and regulations e.g. use of GIS location devices)	
Economic	Allocation or re-enforcement of fisheries rights to local fishermen	Specific fund-raising for joint activities involving MPA managing body and local artisanal fishermen
	Support to local fishermen for the development of a “short supply chain” for the fish sector	Increase the fish-related promotion skills and actions of the MPA
	Certification or labelization of halieutic products	Increase the fish-related marketing skills and actions of the MPA
	Promoting cooperation among local fishermen	Supporting the establishment of fishermen cooperatives
Interpretative	Promote public communication, education and awareness raising	Increase the understanding of policy makers on small scale fisheries and their issues

Main achievements (2)

WP4

- **Transferability Plan:** 3 customized exchange-visits, sharing-experience regional workshop, adoption of Governance Toolkit by at least 5 additional MPAs, national dissemination events

WP2

- **Communication Strategy:** 3 press-trips, 8 video "pills", photographic exhibition, Final Conference

Main achievements (3)

WP5

- **Capitalization Plan**: Advisory Panel Workshops, national workshops with regional and national policy makers, guidelines for sustainable SSF in the Mediterranean basin, definition of new models and procedures for exploiting in an integrated approach existing tools for conservation (MPA) and sustainable fishery (FRA), identification of potential sites for applying the "governance toolkit"

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