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Knowing and loving the Natura 2000 marine sites to protect them



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The LIFE A-MAR NATURA2000 project aims to increase knowledge and awareness of the Natura 2000 sites through more sustainable management of human activities and the involvement of the main stakeholders who use the ecosystem services of these sites.

The project will carry out communication and information actions that will mainly concern the Natura 2000 marine sites in the Mediterranean, Italy and Spain and will see the participation of all sea users.

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Objective and scope of this activity

As part of the initial activities of the project (action A), one crucial step described in the *sub-action A.2 Attività iniziali*, was sharing the vision of the project's actions from the characteristics that the marine Natura 2000 Network has in each country, extension, situation, and conservation status, as well as the difficulties encountered so far in the field of designation, conservation, management, and communication and awareness of the marine Natura 2000 Network.

The main objective of this A.2 action is to start the project with a common baseline and knowledge, which helps the project partners to set the correct and concrete purposes to achieve the project actions and enhance the capacities of project partners and stakeholders involved.

According to the sub-action description, each project partner had to organise two capacity-building sessions with a primary focus on the following topics:

- Natura 2000 network, with a particular focus on marine sites, investigating issues of conservation, management and protection of marine ecosystems;
- Governance of Protected Areas;
- Communication and promotion of Protected Areas, with particular attention to marinas;
- Participatory management;
- Identification and participation of interested parties;

Therefore, an internal capacity-building plan was defined to share the experience working on the conservation and communication of the Natura 2000 Network in the project's scope and the lessons learned so far in implementing conservation activities, management, and communication. These internal capacity-building sessions should also allow the partners to extract strategic ideas for implementing the following project's actions.

It was considered three transversal axes:

- ✓ Communication and Awareness
- ✓ Participation and governance
- ✓ Training and improvement of capacities

Based on these axes, and with the aim of four crucial topics divided into two sessions have been identified:

- The Marine Natura 2000 Network in the project countries
- Communication and awareness of the Marine Natura 2000 Network
- Participation and governance in marine protected areas and Engaging Stakeholders in Marine Conservation
- Improve training and awareness processes with innovative tools and methodologies

Structure and Methodology

Responding to the planning expressed and following the aim of seeking synergies, sharing experiences, and improving skills and knowledge to interfere in enhancing the execution of project actions, the following calendar of topics was established in which each partner organised two meetings, adding a total of 8 panels that were divided into four mentioned thematic sessions.



Table 1_ Identifying topics and sessions with the leadership of each partner and planned dates

Topics	Description	Sessions: 8 hours per topic (4 hours for each session). Remote-mode event.	Partners leaders	Dates
The Marine Natura 2000 Network in the project countries	Present the situation of the marine Natura 2000 network in Spain, Italy and, with a vision in the other countries intended to be incorporated into the project: number of spaces, situation, management plans, etc.	Session 1: Marine Natura 2000 Network: number of sites, what areas these sites cover, overlapping with protected areas, difficulties in designation, data and information accessibility. In Italy and Spain	Federparchi-FBIO	19/12/2022
		Session 2: Marine Natura 2000 Network management: current management plans, overlapping with other marine planning instruments		20/12/2022
Communication and awareness of the Marine Natura 2000 Network	Develop practical communication tools that value the marine Natura 2000 network, identify communication strategies, successful cases, and lessons learned. How to communicate and raise awareness about the Natura 2000 marine network through this project and how these activities can impact Natura 2000 management and conservation.	Session 1: Review successful comms strategies, comms activities, campaigns, awareness actions, etc. In Italy and Spain	Lipu-Triton	18/01/2023
		Session 2: Examples of communication strategies, best practices and lessons learned		20/01/2023
Participation and governance in marine protected areas. Improving stakeholder engagement	Identify key stakeholders and the essential role of marine area users. Participative governance, its advantages, and difficulties. Participatory processes applied to improve governance and management of marine protected areas and how to apply them during the project implementation. Essential aspects of engaging the stakeholders involved in marine conservation.	Session 1: How to identify the stakeholders and involve them in the project. The role of these actors in the project and the best strategies to approach them. Examples of successful practices	Federparchi-Triton	16/02/2023
		Session 2: Examples of participatory processes applied to improve the governance and management of marine protected areas and how to apply them during project implementation		17/02/2023
Improve training and awareness processes with innovative tools and methodologies	Improve training capacities among project partners, implement innovative methodologies and learn about experiences from other projects, tackling topics such: as methods for capacity-building under the Natura 2000 subject, innovative tools for training activities, improving remote learning, training of trainers' processes and enhancing capacities through ambassadors (mentors).	Session 1: Capacity building programs, tools, materials, and actions implemented in projects related to the conservation of the marine environment.	FBIO-Lipu	22/03/2023
		Session 2: Successful examples of capacity-building and educational activities in the framework of nature conservation		23/03/2023

Activities implemented

As presented, four main themes were identified for which different mentors among the project partners and close stakeholders presented crucial questions and related projects. Each topic was divided into two four-hour sessions (usually from 9 am to 1 pm), according to the number of panellists and contents. The dates for each session were organised according to the availability of the partners and the speakers, celebrating one monthly session from December to March.

The participants in these workshops were mainly the project partner's teams. Still, we also had the participation of other participants, strategically as relevant stakeholders for the implementation of project actions, the co-funders of the project, Parco Nazionale dell'Arcipelago Toscano, Parco Nazionale delle Cinque Terre, Parco Nazionale dell'Asinara and other institutions including Rete Ecologica Regionale - Regione Sardegna, Marine Protected Area Regno di Nettuno. But also members of close projects that follow common environmental conservation objectives in Italy and Spain, such as LIFE INTEMARES, LIFE CONCEPTU MARIS, LIFE ELIFE, and ICONO project. The total number of participants by session was:

Total attendees		Participating institutions other than project partners	Leader
19.12.2022	31 participants	Ispra, Capitaneria di Porto, Parco Nazionale dell'Arcipelago Toscano, Parco Nazionale e AMP delle Cinque Terre, Parco Nazionale e AMP Isola dell'Asinara, Rete Ecologica Regionale - Regione Sardegna, AMP Regno di Nettuno	Fundación Biodiversidad
20.12.2022	27 participants		
18.01.2023	19 participants	Edinat Editorial, Focus Wild, Parco Nazionale dell'Arcipelago Toscano, Parco Nazionale e AMP delle Cinque Terre, Parco Nazionale e AMP Isola dell'Asinara	Triton
20.01.2023	23 participants		
16.02.2023	24 participants	Nazionale Legacoop Agroalimentare, Italian National Research Council CNR-IRBIM, Zoologica Anton Dohrn, Fishery Resources Officer from GFCM (FAO)	Federparchi
17.02.2023	25 participants		
22.03.2023	17 participants	ATECMA, SUBMON, CIMA Foundation, CETMAR, CENEAM (MITECO) and FUNGOBE.	Fundación Biodiversidad
23.03.2023	18 participants		

First two sessions: 19 and 20 December 2022

The Marine Natura 2000 Network in the project countries

The first capacity-building meetings were dedicated to maintaining the Natura 2000 network of marine sites in Italy and Spain. Federparchi and Fundación Biodiversidad organised these two first sessions with the contribution of Lipu, Ispra, Capitaneria di Porto and the co-financing protected areas in Italy.

The first session was focused on the number of N2000 marine sites, their location and possible overlap with protected areas, the difficulty of designation and the accessibility of data and information; speakers Víctor Gutierrez and Ana Iñigo (Fundación Biodiversidad) described the Spanish situation, Claudio Celada (Lipu) who also gave the example of some conservation projects dedicated to marine avifauna in N2000 sites, Leonardo Tunesi (Ispra) who spoke about the importance of monitoring, and finally, Emiliano Santocchini, Captain of the Marine Environmental Department of the Harbour Office Corps, who focused on the issue of

surveillance. The following day, there was a more detailed discussion on current management plans, already drafted or under implementation, overlapping with other marine planning tools, concerning the Marine Areas co-funded by the project. Speakers included Ilaria Lavarello, an official of the Cinque Terre NP, Vittorio Gazale, Director of the Asinara NP and Francesca Giannini, responsible for the Tuscan Archipelago NP. This was followed by Antonino Miccio, Director of the MPA Regno di Nettuno, who presented a more general excursus on the status and management of Marine Protected Areas in Italy. In conclusion, Ana Iñigo and Víctor Gutierrez (Fundación Biodiversidad) spoke about the Spanish experience regarding the governance of N2000 marine sites and, in detail, the INTEMARES project. At the end of the meeting, the importance of making N2000 marine sites better known and promoted to the public emerged to foster greater awareness of these areas and thus increase responsibility, care, and protection of the environment.

Second two sessions: 18 and 20 January 2023

Communication and awareness of the Marine Natura 2000 Network

The main objective of these two sessions was to identify the most effective communication strategies to enhance the natural beauty and biodiversity protection role of protected areas, specifically the marine sites of the Natura 2000 Network. It was organised by Triton Research in collaboration with Lipu, with the direction of Federparchi and the valuable contribution of Fundación Biodiversidad. On the first day, Claudia Fachinetti (Triton Research) explained the key messages of the communication strategy. Following this, Giorgia Gaibani from Lipu explained the policy messages and the key themes on which the project is based. Monica Timon (Fundación Biodiversidad) detailed the communication approach within the LIFE INTEMARES project, also dedicated to conserving and promoting the Natura 2000 marine sites. Giulia Luzi and Valeria Pulieri (Triton Research) explained the activities focused on replicating the project in France, Ionian Greece, Malta and Albania for a fruitful exchange of experiences. In conclusion, the communication and social strategies were illustrated, and the communication tools envisaged in the project were reviewed together with all partners involved. On the second day, however, presentations were extended to good examples and good strategies in the field of science communication and awareness, with Francesco Tomasinelli, journalist and nature photographer, as well as professor of science communication Chiara Borelli, head of the monthly magazine *Focus Wild*, for eleven years one of the main sources of information on the animal world for children. Pietro Greppi of Edinat, a publishing house with significant experience in the field of nature, disseminates its successful products such as the quarterly magazine *La rivista della natura* and the online magazine *Rivistanatura.com* as a means of scientific communication through magazines that reach the general public. Speaking for the Marine Protected Areas were Marzia Vivaldi, head of the Cinque Terre National Park press office, and Francesca Giannini, head of the Nature Conservation Office of the Tuscan Archipelago Park. Both parks are co-funder of the project and represent successful experiences mainly due to the diverse and timely environmental communication tools implemented in these areas. Two partners also joined the day; Gianni Montesano (Federparchi) and Carmen Berrio (Fundación Biodiversidad), who emphasised that the communication strategy must be 360°, combining more purely scientific-environmental themes with more playful and emotional aspects and using innovative and current tools.

Third two sessions: 16 and 17 February 2023

Participation and governance in marine protected areas. Improving stakeholder engagement

Strengthening the link with all interested parties is essential to improve the quality and sustainability of project actions. Because of this, two sessions were structured to present different experiences and good practices in participatory processes and how to improve the stakeholder's engagement. Federparchi organised these sessions in collaboration with Triton



Research. On the first day, we counted with Angelo Petruzzella, National Vice President of Legacoop Agroalimentare, who spoke about fishing cooperatives for the sustainable management of marine resources. This was followed by Corrado Teofili, CETS manager of Federparchi, who introduced the Charter of Sustainable Tourism. This activity is predominant in the MPAs and requires a participatory process at various levels. Ernesto Azzurro of the CNR reinforced this theme of participation by speaking of the Citizen Science Program and the Observadores del Mar (Sea Observatories in Spain) Programme. In the second part of the morning, Massimiliano Bottaro, from the Anton Dohrn Zoological Station of the CNR, brought the significant experience of the LIFE ELIFE (Elasmobranchs Low-Impact Fishing Experience) project in which fishermen, among all the categories of stakeholders involved, played a key in reporting species and incidental catches. Then Corrado Teofili and Giovanni Montesanto, Federparchi press office, presented the actions on the FishMPABlue2 project related to the good practices and communication tools to involve stakeholders and the methodologies used by Italian marine and coastal areas. The last intervention was by Antonella Servidio, of Triton Research, regarding the LIFE CONCEPTU MARIS project, explaining how they plan the involvement of volunteer observers at sea in different campaigns. On the second day, Víctor Gutierrez, from Fundación Biodiversidad, illustrated the Spanish actions in the context of LIFE INTEMARES and, more specifically, the strategies for involving stakeholders in marine conservation, participation and governance. Elisabetta Betulla Morello, fisheries resources officer of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) of FAO, instead spoke about the role of the different stakeholders in the management of fisheries in the GFCM. At the same time, Stefano Santi of the EUROPARC Federation explained the stakeholder involvement in the CETS in Europe and the cross-border project. Corrado Teofili reviewed the main tasks that envisage the participation of the different categories of stakeholders, and Claudia Fachinetti of Triton Research, went into more detail on the imminent sailing campaign scheduled for May 2023 as part of project activities, presenting possible strategies and actions to involve the public and achieve the project goals. Maria Villani finally moderated the two days, and at the end, she underlined the importance of combining the construction of participatory processes with technological and communication tools and the strategic role of the co-financing parks Tuscan Archipelago National Park Parco Nazionale delle Cinque Terre - Asinara Park Marine Protected Area in involving the public.

Fourth sessions: 22 and 23 March 2023

Improve training and awareness processes with innovative tools and methodologies

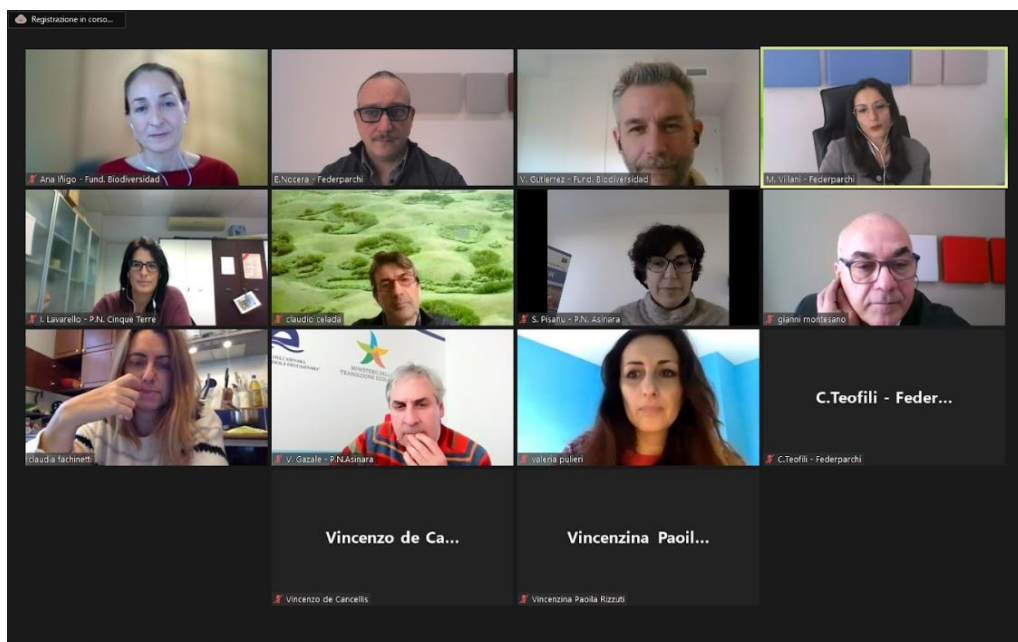
Another crucial task of the project is referred training and capacity-building. There are different training and environmental education activities designed for the project. For this reason, it was considered essential to review innovative experiences in training, and two sessions focused on capacity-building programs, tools, materials, and actions implemented in projects related to the conservation of the marine environment and successful examples of capacity-building and educational activities in the framework of nature conservation, were organised with the leadership of Fundación Biodiversidad in collaboration with Triton Research. On the first day, WWF presented the Capacity-Building Strategy for managers and primary users of protected marine areas of the Natura 2000 Network and the associated Action Plan of the INTEMARES project. Among the implemented programs of this action plan, Ernesto Ruiz from ATECMA presented the Training Program for managers, followed by the Innovative educational toolbox for awareness activities in the marine Natura 2000 network that SUBMON has developed. Another LIFE project closely related to the LIFE A-MAR project is the LIFE CONCEPTU MARIS project, which has specific experience in training the personnel of maritime companies to avoid the impacts that the circulation of ferries and other ships has on marine biodiversity. CIMA Foundation presented its program and activities. On the second day, Sara González from Fundación Biodiversidad presented the opportunities for green schools with content with the Natura 2000 marine network as a specific educational program. The ICONO project was focused

on centralising all the projects that work in the marine environment and creating a repository of experiences that were presented, followed by the resources and the educational program of the Ministry for Ecological Transition, who have taken the reins of the ICONO project to continue with this repository of experiences through the ReEduca program (Red y Recursos de Educación Marina). Finally, an exciting review was carried out of what has been a pioneer LIFE in promoting the creation of capacities through new approaches and learning methods to improve knowledge and ability among Natura 2000 managers in both public and private land across the EU; LIFE E-NATURA2000.EDU: Supporting e-learning and open education for Natura 2000 managers, and the introduction of a second stage of this project, the LIFE ENABLE—all these highly inspiring projects for the execution of the actions of the LIFE A-MAR project.

Annexes

Photos

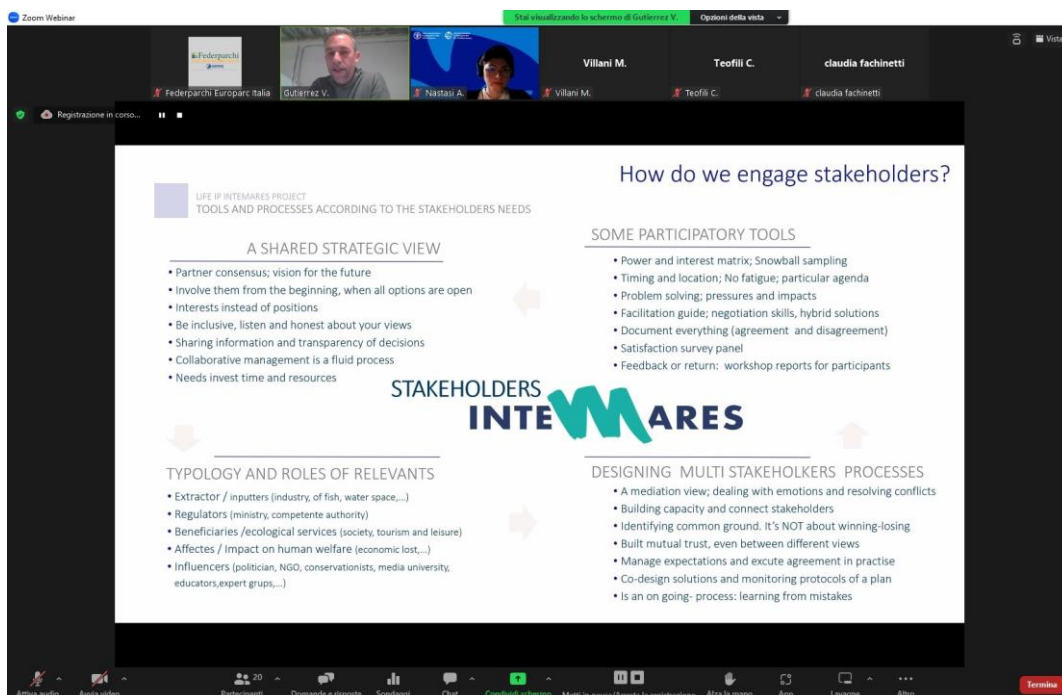
Speakers of the first seminar on 19 and 20 December 2022



Speakers of the second seminar on 18 and 20 January 2023



Speakers of the third seminar on 16 and 17 February 2023





Speakers of the fourth seminar on 22 and 23 March 2023



Capacity-building seminars agendas



The marine Natura 2000 network in project-involved countries.

Objective of the training program

Offer a global vision of the marine Natura 2000 network in Spain and Italy. To comment on the established designation process, the difficulties and advantages encountered in the process and future management. What difficulties can be strengthened for the project in terms of creating capacity and awareness raising through involved stakeholders.

Participants

Project leaders of the sessions: Fundación Biodiversidad and Federparchi

Project partners: Triton, Lipu

Session 1: Marine Natura 2000 Network in Italy and Spain: number of sites, surface overlapping with other protected areas, difficulties in designation, data, and information accessibility.

Online – 19 December 2022 (9 AM to 13:00 PM)

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nKaagIqxSn-Hgmj_FRZVzg

9:30 - 10:00	Marine Natura 2000 network in Spain; designation process, sites and location, occupancy. Which areas of the Marine Natura Network in Spain are relevant for the Project. How INTEMARES project is improving the identification of the Natura 2000 network	Víctor Gutierrez, Fundación Biodiversidad
10:00 - 10:15	How Spain is implementing international agreements and National and regional frameworks for the marine N2000 network conservation and management	Víctor Gutierrez, Fundación Biodiversidad
10:15 - 10:30	Main threats facing the Natura 2000 Network. Successful conservation measures carried out or underway in Spain	Ana Iñigo, Fundación Biodiversidad
10:30 - 10:45	Implemented surveillance in the Spanish Natura 2000 Network and the use of new technologies.	Ana Iñigo, Fundación Biodiversidad
10:45 - 11:00	Q&A	Fundación Biodiversidad
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>	
11:30 – 12:00	Marine Natura 2000 network in Italy; designation process, sites and location, occupancy. Analysis of the specific objectives of Natura 2000 sites, their conservation measures, and Prioritised Action Frameworks (PAFs). Which areas of the Marine Natura Network in Italy are relevant for the Project.	Giorgia Gaibani, LIPU
12:00 - 12:20	How Regione Sardegna is implementing international agreements and National and regional frameworks for the marine N2000 network conservation and management.	Silvia Serra, Responsabile servizio tutela della Regione Sardegna
12:20 - 12:35	Monitoring of Habitats Directive marine species, complementing those already underway for some habitats under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.	Leonardo Tunesi, Head of the Unit "Marine biodiversity, habitat and species Protection"
12:35 - 12:50	Implemented surveillance in the Italian Natura 2000 Network and the use of new technologies in surveillance.	RAM
12:50 - 13:00	Q&A	Federparchi



Session 2: Marine Natura 2000 Network management: current management plans, overlapping with other marine planning instruments

Online – 20 December 2022 (9 AM to 12:30 PM)

Register in advance for this webinar:

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9:00 - 9:20	Main difficulties and barriers to the implementation of the management plans.	Francesca Giannini, Responsabile Parco Nazionale dell'Arcipelago Toscano
9:20 – 9:40	Main difficulties and barriers to the implementation of the management plans.	Ilaria Lavarello, Funzionario Parco Nazionale e AMP delle Cinque Terre
09:40 - 10:10	Main difficulties and barriers to the implementation of the management plans.	Vittorio Gazale, Direttore Parco Nazionale e AMP Isola dell'Asinara Stefania Pisanu, Guida Parco Nazionale dell'Asinara
10:10 – 10:30	How the marine Natura 2000 Network is managed in Italy, the legal framework and other planning instruments.	Antonino Miccio, Direttore AMP Regno di Nettuno
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee-break</i>	
11:00-11:20	How the marine Natura 2000 Network is managed in Spain, the legal framework and other planning instruments. How INTEMARES project is improving the Natura 2000 network management	Ana Iñigo, Fundación Biodiversidad
11:20-11:45	Management of the marine Natura 2000 network in Spain – ongoing management plans	Ana Iñigo, Fundación Biodiversidad
11:45-12:10	Main difficulties and barriers to the implementation of the management plans	Víctor Gutierrez, Fundación Biodiversidad
12:10-12:30	Competences in the regulation of uses and activities of the marine environment in Spain	Víctor Gutierrez, Fundación Biodiversidad



Communication and awareness of the marine Natura 2000 Network

Objective of the training program

Offer tools to make the communication of marine Natura 2000 sites effective and uniform through the identification of key messages and adequate communication strategy / methods for: communicating and informing about the presence of Natura 2000 sites, valorise and promote the peculiarities of Natura 2000 sites, raise awareness and draw interest and attention to the sites, increase the presence and sustainable use.

To present some experiences and best practices in coastal areas and Marine Protected Areas of successful projects and activities in which communication strategy has been one of the keys to success.

Topic contents

Develop practical communication tools that value the marine Natura 2000 network, identify communication strategies, successful cases, and lessons learned. How to communicate and raise awareness about the Natura 2000 marine network through this project and how these activities can impact Natura 2000 management and conservation.

Participants

Project partners and their staff.

Agenda

Session 1: Review successful comms strategies, comms activities, campaigns, awareness actions, etc. In Italy and Spain.

Online – 18/01/2023 (9 AM to 12:30 PM)

Register in advance for this webinar:

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	Topic	Speaker
9:00-9:20	Identification of the general key message about Rete Natura 2000 marine site	Claudia Fachinetti (Communication Manager) - Triton Research
9:20-9:40	Identification of the general key message about marine sites of Natura 2000 Network (POLICY)	Claudio Celada e Giorgia Gaibani - LIPU Fundación Biodiversidad
9:40-10:10	Key communication activities for the implementation of LIFE projects and conservation of marine sites of N2000	Carmen Berrio & Mónica Timón, Fundación Biodiversidad
10:10-10:30	Networking and replication in communication activities: strategies and best practices	Valeria Pulieri (Project Manager) & Giulia Luzi (Project Assistant) - Triton Research
10:30-11:30	Coffee-break	
11:30-11:50	Social strategies and use of a photo database for effective non-verbal communication	Claudia Fachinetti (Communication Manager) - Triton Research
11:50-12:10	Life A-MAR communication tools and products, review	
12:10-12:30	Identification of the communication strategy, proposal from Italy and Spain - Enhancement of some ecosystem services that the Natura 2000 marine sites through communication activities; - Others...	All the partners - discussion



Session 2: Examples of communication strategies, best practices and lessons learned

Online – 20/01/2023 (9 AM to 13:10 PM)

Register in advance for this webinar:

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	Topic	Speaker
9:00-9:10	A brief recall from the preview session (18/01/2023)	Maria Villani - Federparchi
9:10-9:40	Scientific communication and dissemination through words and images - Good practices and strategic approach for an effective communication	Francesco Tomasinelli - Triton Research
9:40-10:10	Scientific communication through magazines (paper and online) to reach the general audience with a focus on children - "Focus Wild" experience	Chiara Borelli - Focus Wild
10:10-10:30	Q&A	Moderator: Maria Villani - Federparchi
10:30-11:00	Coffee-break	
11:00-11:30	Scientific communication through magazines (paper and online) to reach the general audience - "La rivista della natura" experience	Pietro Greppi - La rivista della natura
11:30-11:45	Per una comunicazione integrata dei siti Rete Natura 2000	Gianni Montesano - Federparchi
11:45-11:55	Institutional communication in the Natura 2000 Marine Sites - NP Cinque Terre	Parco Nazionale delle Cinque Terre
11:55-12:15	Institutional communication in the Natura 2000 Marine Sites - NP Arcipelago Toscano	Parco Nazionale dell'Arcipelago Toscano
12:15-12:25	Institutional communication in the Natura 2000 Marine Sites - NP Asinara	Parco Nazionale dell'Asinara
12:25-12:45	Lessons learnt on communication issues in executed LIFE projects by Fundación Biodiversidad	Carmen Berrio & Mónica Timón - Fundación Biodiversidad
12:45-12:50	Consolidation of Communication Strategy in LIFE A-MAR NATURA 2000	Claudia Fachinetti - Triton Research
12:50-13:00	The challenges of the LIFE A-MAR NATURA 2000 project: round table of the partnership	Moderator: Maria Villani - Federparchi Claudia Fachinetti - Triton Research
13:00-13:10	Q&A	Moderator: Maria Villani - Federparchi

Participation and governance in marine protected areas

Objective of the training program

The main objective of the project, which will last 4 years and will concern the N2000 marine sites of the Mediterranean in Italy (288) and Spain (272), is simple and achievable: to reduce the impacts on N2000 sites changing the behaviour during and after the project of 6 Million stakeholders (fishermen, divers, tour operators, boaters, organizations) and the target audience (residents, tourists, fishermen, boaters, divers, etc.). Citizen and stakeholder participation is a key element of a good governance system for the Natura 2000 network. It provides the opportunity to access information, monitor and evaluate decisions, processes and actions.

Topic contents

Identify key stakeholders and the essential role of marine area users. Participative governance, its advantages, and difficulties. Participatory processes applied to improve governance and management of marine protected areas and how to apply them during the project implementation.

With this capacity building activity we intend to understand how to strengthen the link with citizens and stakeholders to improve the quality and sustainability of project actions. To present some experiences and best practices in participatory processes of successful projects.

Participants

Organized by Federparchi and Triton.
Project partners and their staff.

Agenda

Session 1: How to identify the stakeholders and involve them in the project. The role of these actors in the project and the best strategies to approach them. Examples of successful practices.			
Topic 3		SubTopic	Speaker
Session 1	9:00-9:15	Welcome words and introduction	Maria Villani, Responsabile Progetto e relazioni Istituzionali Federparchi-Europarc Italia
	9:15-9:45	Fisheries cooperatives for the sustainable management of marine resources	Angelo Petruzzella, Vicepresidente Nazionale Legacoop Agroalimentare
	09:45-10:15	Methodologies from Italian Marine and Coastal Areas: Presenting the successful stories from the European Charter of Sustainable Tourism	Corrado Teofili, Responsabile CETS Federparchi-Europarc Italia
	10:15-10:45	The Citizen Science Program from Observadores del Mar	Dr Ernesto Azzurro, Senior Researcher, Italian National Research Council CNR-IRBIM
	10:45-11:00	Coffee-break	
	11:00-11:30	Stakeholder engagement: the key role of fishermen in the LIFE ELIFE project (Elasmobranchs Low-Impact Fishing Experience)	Massimiliano Bottaro - Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn
	11:30-12:00	Methodologies from Italian Marine and Coastal Areas: the FishMPABlue 2 Project	Corrado Teofili, Responsabile CETS Federparchi-Europarc Italia

	12:00-12:30	Best practices on stakeholder engagement: Fish 2 - Participation and communication tools	Gianni Montesano, Ufficio Stampa Federparchi-Europarc Italia
	12:30-13:00	Best practices on stakeholder engagement: the projects' experiences - LIFE CONCEPTU MARIS and LIFE PINNA	Antonella Servidio (Project Manager, LIFE CONCEPTU MARIS) - Triton Research Eleonora Ledda (Project Assistant, LIFE PINNA) - Triton Research
	13:00	Q&A	All the partners
		Conclusions	Maria Villani, Responsabile Progetto e relazioni Istituzionali Federparchi-Europarc Italia

Session 2: Examples of participatory processes applied to improve the governance and management of marine protected areas and how to apply them during project implementation.

Topic 3		SubTopic	Speaker
Session 2	9:00-9:15	Welcome words and introduction	Maria Villani, Responsabile Progetto e relazioni Istituzionali Federparchi-Europarc Italia
	9:15-9:45	Engaging Stakeholders for Marine Conservation, participation, and governance. The Spanish actions through LIFE INTEMARES	Victor Gutierrez, Fundación Biodiversidad
	09:45-10:15	The role of stakeholders in fisheries spatial management in the GFCM	Elisabetta Betulla Morello - Fishery Resources Officer from GFCM (FAO)
	10:15-10:45	The experience of stakeholder involvement in CETS i Europe and the transboundary project.	Stefano Santi, board di EUROPARC Federation
	10:45-11:00	<i>Coffee-break</i>	
	11:00-11:30	Engaging Stakeholders for Marine Conservation, participation, and governance. The Spanish actions through LIFE INTEMARES	Víctor Gutierrez, Coordinator of the Area of Conservation and Restoration of Ecosystems of the Biodiversity Foundation
	11:30-12:00	A brief review on different project an	Corrado Teofili, Responsabile CETS Federparchi-Europarc Italia
	12:00-12:30	Stakeholder selection in Italy: methodologies rules and the best strategies to approach them - extract from the communication strategy	Caludia Fachinetti, Responsabile comunicazione Triton
	12:30-13:00	Q&A	All the partners
	13:00	Conclusions	Maria Villani, Responsabile Progetto e relazioni Istituzionali Federparchi-Europarc Italia



Improve training and awareness processes with innovative tools and methodologies

Objective of the training program

The LIFE A-MAR project has three lines of action; communication, awareness, and training. A specific action of training and capacity building for N2000 marine site management bodies and stakeholders will be implemented into the project. To improve training capacities among project partners, implement innovative methodologies and learn about experiences from other projects, these two internal capacity-building sessions will cover topics such: as methodologies for capacity-building under the Natura 2000 subject, innovative tools for training activities, improving remote learning, training of trainers' processes and enhancing capacities through Ambassadors (Mentors).

Project partners

Project leader of the sessions: Fundación Biodiversidad

Other partners: Triton, Federparchi, Lipu

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12:30	<i>Closing of the session</i>	