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Actions for Marine Protected Areas



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## Biodiversity Protection

10 PARTNERS	36 MONTHS	2.7 M €
5 Countries	Nov. 2016- Oct. 2019	Project Budget



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## AMAre overview

**MARINE PROTECTED AREAS** (MPAs) ARE VITAL FOR THE CONSERVATION OF **BIODIVERSITY**. HOWEVER MANY SPECIES AND HABITATS IN MPAs ARE STILL EXPOSED TO A VARIETY OF **STRESSORS** AND HUMAN ACTIVITIES ARE NOT **SPATIALLY MANAGED**.

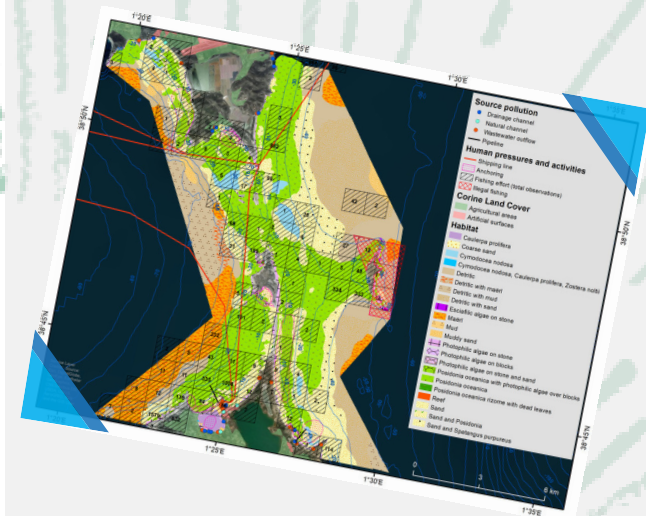


## The focus is on

- ◆ THE MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES THROUGH **MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING**
- ◆ THE DESIGN OF **COMMON MONITORING PLANS** ACROSS MPAs AND HABITATS
- ◆ THE DEVELOPMENT OF **TRANSFRONTALIER REGULATIONS**, BEST PRACTICES AND WARNING INDICATORS TO DEAL WITH PRESENT AND FUTURE DRIVERS OF CHANGES



## GIS map



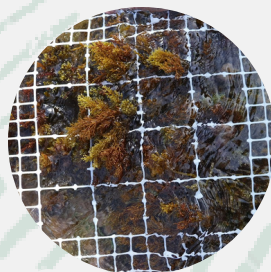
## AMAre aims

- ◆ TO DEVELOP **SHARED STRATEGIES** FOR MEDITERRANEAN MPA MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING
- ◆ TO SOLVE **HOT SPOTS OF CONFLICTS** AFFECTING MARINE BIODIVERSITY AND THE SERVICES IT PROVIDES, THROUGH PILOT ACTIONS IN **SELECTED MPAs**



## AMAre achievements

- ◆ DEVELOPMENT OF **GEOSPATIAL TOOLS** FOR MARINE ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT ([HTTPS://AMARE.INTERREG-MED.EU/TOOLBOX/GEOPORTAL](https://amare.interreg-med.eu/toolbox/geoportale))
- ◆ PRODUCTION OF **MAPS** TO DISPLAY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITHIN THE SELECTED MPAs
- ◆ **SAMPLING ACTIVITIES** TO ASSESS THE ECOLOGICAL STATUS OF VULNERABLE HABITATS (*P. oceanica* MEADOWS AND CORALLIGENOUS FORMATIONS)



## Next steps

- ◆ TO CREATE A **NETWORK** OF MPA MANAGERS AND SCIENTISTS FOR MANAGEMENT PURPOSES
- ◆ TO PROVIDE **GUIDELINES** TO ASSESS THE BIODIVERSITY STATUS AND TO PRESERVE VULNERABLE HABITATS FROM HUMAN PRESSURES



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