

International Forum on Marine Litter and Circular Economy

Mediterranean Region Session. Biodiversity and marine litter: research and measures

Marine litter management Cabrera Archipelago National Park - Balearic Islands

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Balearic Islands Cabrera Archipielago



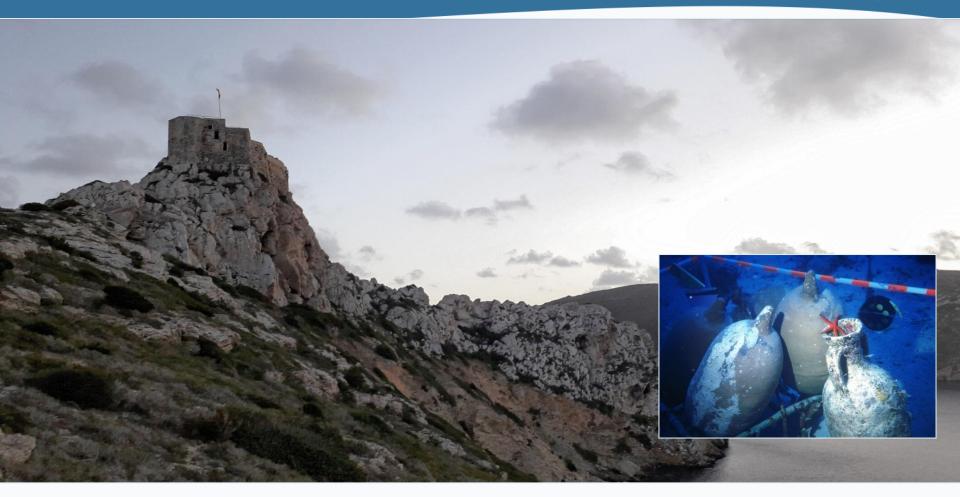
Rocky sea bottoms, caves and sand bottoms with Posidonia oceanica



Mediterranean maquis and endemic species



Aquatic birds and birds of prey



Cultural heritage

Cabrera National Park April, 29th, 1991 Declaration Law

Surface: 10,021 hectares (1316 hectares terrestrial and 8705 hectares marine)

Uses and activities

Allowed:

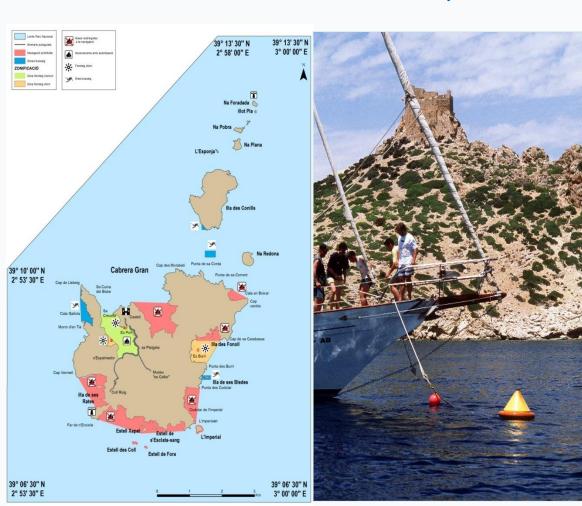
- Observing flora and fauna.
- Walking through the designated routes.

Required written authorization:

- Sailing and anchoring.
- Diving.
- Research, professional filming, photography, etc.

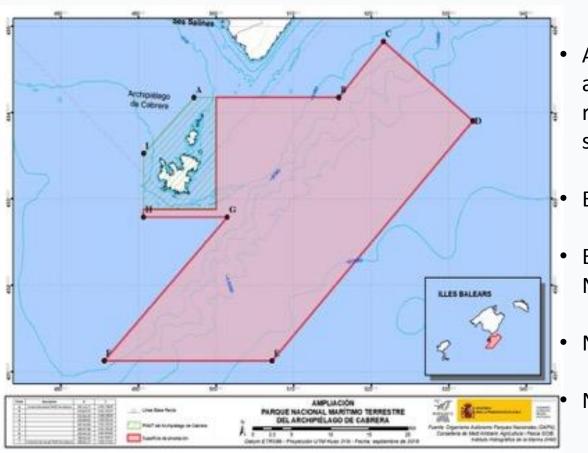
Forbidden:

- Littering.
- Collecting anything, live or inert.
- Lighting a fire



Cabrera National Park enlargement

February 1st, 2019. Agreement on the Ministries Council



 Agreed design after taking into account consultation workshops results and review of available scientific data.

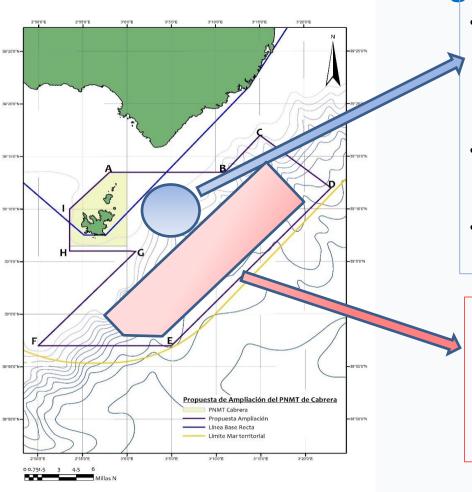
Extending area: 80,687.49 ha

Expanded Cabrera Archipelago National Park: 90,712 ha

New perimeter: 82.09 Km

New bathymetric range: 0-2000 m.

Reasons for final design



- Bottoms with high presence of natural special values. DEEP CORALS BANKS and CORALLIGENOUS COMMUNITIES
- Area with comprehensive information available to properly manage.
- Bottom trawl fishing is already forbidden.
- SCARPMENT 200-2000 m.
- PELAGIC AREAS OF PASSAGE, REPRODUCTION OR HABITUAL PRESENCE OF CETACEANS OR MIGRATING FISH.
- High presence of Sperm Whale.

Natural systems included, 12 of 13 described in the National Parks Law 30/2014 annexes.

2- Deep coral banks.





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6- Pelagic areas of passage, reproduction or usual presence of cetaceans or large migrating fish







Waste management Cabrera 1991









Waste management after being declared National Park





Marine litter management

Joint collaboration between park and military personnel.

2018: 15 tonnes of collected waste









Marine litter projects carried out in Cabrera National Park

Actively involving society in the fight against marine litter

RED CROSS Environmental Education

Volunteering project







ALNITAK Marine Research and Education Center

OASIS Project

Fishermen Custodians

All for the sea Project 2018



Cabrera National Park as Pilot MPA in the Plastic Busters



Activities to be developed by Work Packages (WP)

Studying

- Design of common monitoring approaches
- Identify marine litter accumulation areas

Testing

- Test the common monitoring approaches
- Validate the forecasting model developed
- Pilot measures to prevent, reduce and remove marine litter

Transferring

• Implement Knowledge transfer

Capitalization



Testing procedures in Cabrera with the Instituto Español de Oceanografía (IEO)



Balearic Islands Marine Littering

Unique Service in the Mediterranean: 30 cleaning boats operating from June 1st to September 20th.

2018: 44,70% of collected waste were plastics

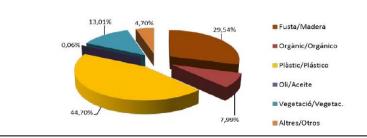


Total Illes Balears: 58.089,57 Kg

Mitjana total diària / illes: 427,80 Kg

Recollida de les embarcacions Semi-litoral + platja, sobre 153 dies treballats.

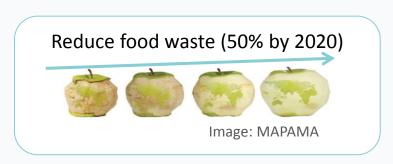
Mallorca: 34.113,62 kg Eivissa: 6.523,33 kg Menorca: 14.341,20 kg Formentera: 3.111,43 kg



WASTE MANAGEMENT LAW Balearic Islands March 2019 Main goal



Reduce the generation of waste (10% by 2020, 20% by 2030)



Prevenció
Preparació
reutilització
Reciclatge
Altres tipus de revalorització, inclosa la revalorització energètica
Eliminació

WASTE MANAGEMENT LAW

As of 2021: certain single-use plastic products can not be sold, distributed or used (Applicable to traditional and online commerce):

- Light and very light bags
- Rings for cans and bottles of beverages
- Glasses, dishes, cutlery and trays







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- Drinking straws and ear swabs and candies
- Lighters, razors, cartridges and not reusable toners of printer and photocopier
- Products containing microplastics or nanoplastics





WASTE MANAGEMENT LAW

Other measures

- Recyclable or compostable coffee capsules
- Monodosis and disposable utensils not allowed in hotels and restaurants for consumption in the premises
- Manufacturers will have to indicate that no wipes can be thrown down the toilet







THANKS

