

## Our Partners

Training Network for Monitoring  
Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas

The MMMPA ITN project aims to train the next generation of Marine Protected Areas (MPA) scientists and managers, equipping them with a flexible set of skills essential within a wide range of professional environments, including public administration, local authorities, industry and academia. They will focus on the main priorities needing adequate conservation for the effective management of Mediterranean MPAs.

In particular, researchers will mature the experience to:

- identify species listed in the Barcelona Convention (Protocol ASPIM Annex II)
- monitor their distribution and health state
- follow adequate experimental designs
- evidence spill-over effects
- develop fishery management at the local level
- develop management guidelines
- engage with stakeholders and the society at large.

Additionally, the network will develop broad-scale analyses stemming from standardised data sets to generate more accurate assessments of MPAs efficacy and better predictive capability.

### Universities and Research Centers

Università Politecnica delle  
Marche- Italy

Alma Mater Studiorum- Università  
di Bologna- Italy

Université de Nice- Sophia Antipolis-  
France

Universidad de Murcia- Spain

National and Kapodistrian University  
of Athens- Greece

Hellenic Center of Marine Research-  
Greece

### Small Medium Enterprises

UBICA s.r.l.- Italy

Studio Associato Gaia s.n.c.- Italy

MedIngegneria s.r.l.- Italy

OceanScan- Portugal

### Marine Protected Areas and National Parks

Cabo de Palos MPA- Spain

Parc Natural de Port Cros- France

Portofino MPA- Italy

Tavolara Capo Coda Cavallo MPA-Italy

Island of Ustica MPA- Italy

Tremiti Islands MPA- Italy

Messolonghi Lagoon MPA- Greece

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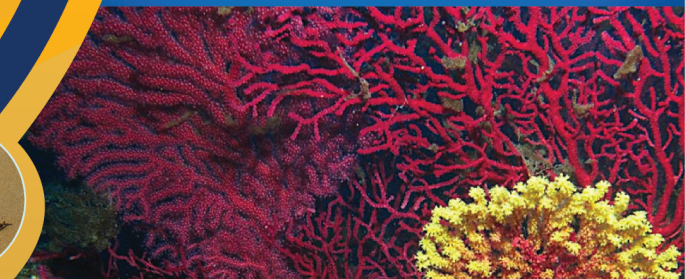
## FEEDING SCIENCE INTO DECISION MAKING



## Standardise methods for conservation

Participants will be trained in a range of soft skills including science communication/outreach, as it is essential at the delicate interface between science, the management of natural assets and the public at large. Training and hands-on experiences will be delivered by a strong network of world-class experts in MPA management which will provide a highly focused learning environment. Both Full and Associated partners of the ITN have strong collaborative links with other (MPAs) scientists, professionals and managers and are, therefore, well placed to deliver a comprehensive training network. This ITN will also enhance and facilitate interdisciplinary exchanges and strengthen the Mediterranean Research Area by developing an exciting programme that is attractive to the global research community.

### \* Integrated Coastal Zone Management



## SOCIETY

Universities,  
Research Centers

MPAs

Decision  
makers

ICZM\*

Standardise methods  
for conservation

Early Stage Researchers  
Experienced Researchers

Marine forests

Evolution and ecological restoration

Coralligenous biotic indexes

Lagoon ecosystem biotic tools

Sediment metabolism and macrobenthos  
indicators

Trophic relationships in Marine Protected  
Areas

Connectivity among populations  
of the genus *Patella* and reef fish

Community-based management (CBM)  
marine governance social capital and participatory methods

Benthic bio-cartography

innovative approaches and methodologies



## TO KNOW TO PROTECT

### What is a decision-maker?

A decision-maker is someone who have in charge to select the right management actions among several choices and define the rules that must be followed by government, businesses, and citizen. To be effective, these rules have to be accepted and shared by the stakeholders, which should be involved in the decisional processes.

### What is a scientist?

Scientists typically address specific questions (e.g. the resilience of a population to disturbance), or monitor systems to assess the effects of decisions on nature and human well-being. The concept of a scientist has expanded from someone who collects new data to someone who synthesizes existing datasets from varying sources.

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