TOGETHER FOR THE MED to reduce fishing pressure on marine biodiversity
Partnership and Strategy

WHERE DO WE WORK?

46 partners
16 ongoing projects
100 sites

PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE FISHING
ENGAGE MEDITERRANEAN COMMUNITY
IMPROVE LEGAL & POLICY FRAMEWORK
VALORISE SUSTAINABLE SEA FOOD
FOSTER FINANCIAL TRANSITION
Preliminary results

In 5 countries:
- 3,400 on-board observations on fishing vessels
- 9,800 port-based questionnaires to fishers for assessing bycatch
- 16 science-based multi-taxa mitigation measures tested
Preliminary results

- 2 new NTZ created in Turkey
- 4 new NTZ to be designated/under consideration in Italy & Croatia
- Nursery habitats for charismatic species (e.g. Angelshark in Molat, Croatia) and increase in fish biomass, biodiversity and size in MPAs assessed (e.g. Gyaros MPA, Greece)

We map vulnerable habitats to design MPAs

We carry out research leading to strong knowledge for restoration
Preliminary results

➢ 40 MPA managers trained on business planning
➢ New Guide on Sustainable Financing for MPA managers developed & published
➢ New Mechanism for small-scale fishers to access European funds created towards shifting to sustainable fishing practices
Preliminary results

- Extension of the legal protective status of the Gyaros MPA, Greece
- Ministerial approval of the National Action Plans for the Conservation of Marine Vegetation and Coralligenous Habitats, Turkey
- Post-2020 SAP BIO adopted by Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention
- Post-2020 Marine and Coastal Protected Areas and OECM Regional Strategy developed
- 15 countries engaged in the Common Fisheries Policy
Going forward

6 Collaborative projects & partnership consolidation (under development)


CO-MANAGED MPA / NO-TAKE ZONES
Scaling up co-managed and financially sustainable No-take Zone and Marine Protected Area.
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MEDBYCATCH
Developing a standardized multi-taxa approach to study and mitigate bycatch in the Mediterranean.
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FOODNECTED - TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE AND FAIR FOOD SYSTEMS
Building a widely shared approach about sustainable food.
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GFCM-LEX
Developing a region-wide legal framework for the conservation of Mediterranean living marine resources and ecosystems.
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MEDPATH
Supporting fisheries to achieve higher degrees of environmental sustainability
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BLUE INCUBATOR
Leveraging marine conservation through entrepreneurship.
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