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Problematiche ambientali dell' eolico offshore nel Mar Adriatico

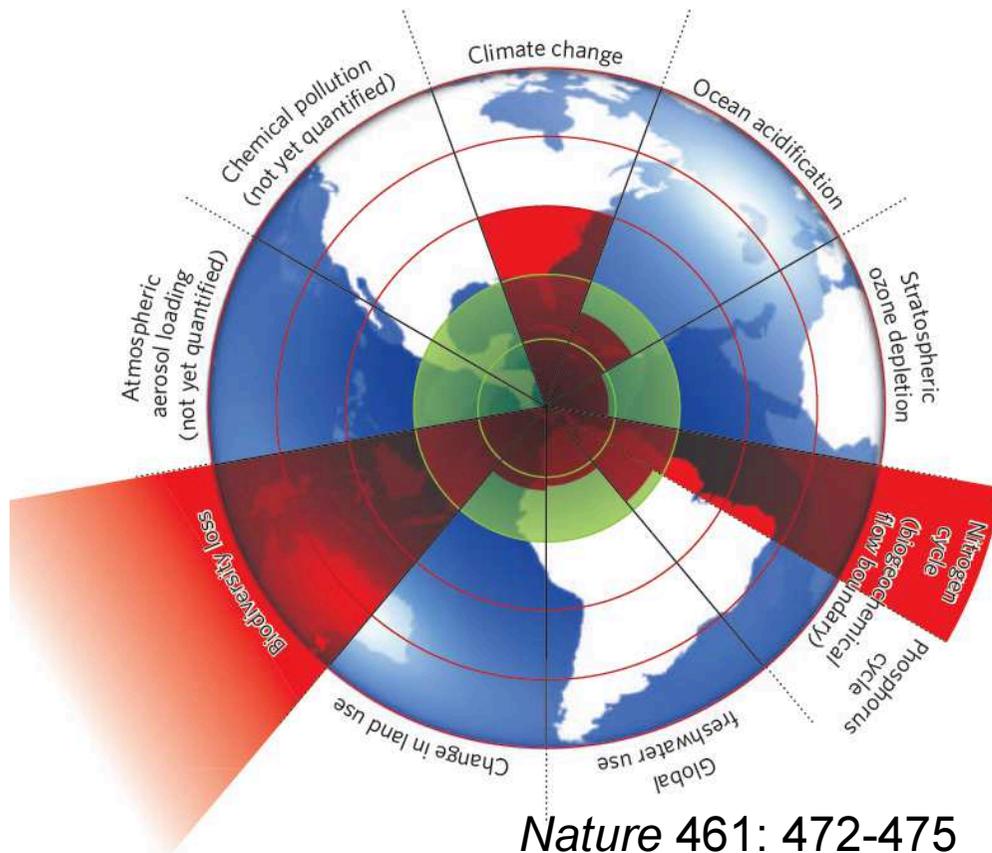
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A safe operating space for humanity

Identifying and quantifying planetary boundaries that must not be transgressed could help prevent human activities from causing unacceptable environmental change, argue **Johan Rockström** and colleagues.



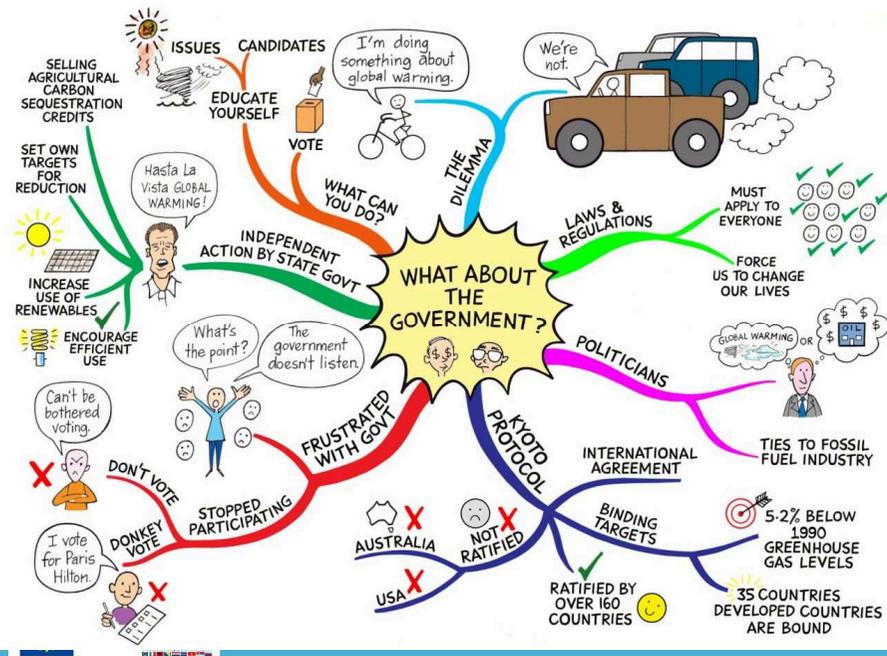
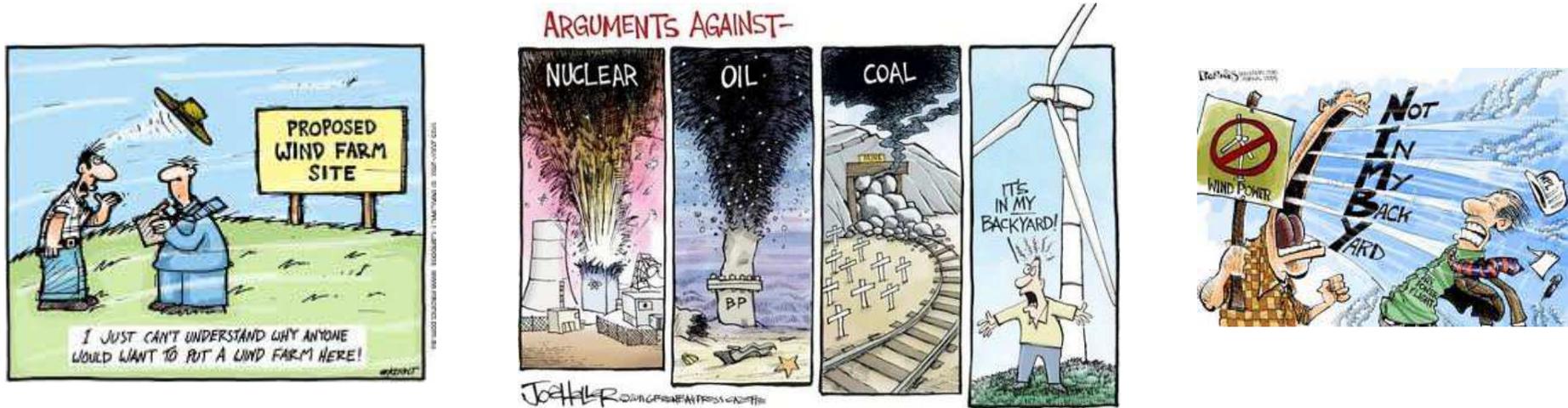
Nature 461: 472-475

PLANETARY BOUNDARIES				
Earth-system process	Parameters	Proposed boundary	Current status	Pre-industrial value
Climate change	(i) Atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration (parts per million by volume)	350	387	280
	(ii) Change in radiative forcing (watts per metre squared)	1	1.5	0
Rate of biodiversity loss	Extinction rate (number of species per million species per year)	10	>100	0.1-1
Nitrogen cycle (part of a boundary with the phosphorus cycle)	Amount of N ₂ removed from the atmosphere for human use (millions of tonnes per year)	35	121	0
Phosphorus cycle (part of a boundary with the nitrogen cycle)	Quantity of P flowing into the oceans (millions of tonnes per year)	11	8.5-9.5	-1
Stratospheric ozone depletion	Concentration of ozone (Dobson unit)	276	283	290
Ocean acidification	Global mean saturation state of aragonite in surface sea water	2.75	2.90	3.44
Global freshwater use	Consumption of freshwater by humans (km ³ per year)	4,000	2,600	415
Change in land use	Percentage of global land cover converted to cropland	15	11.7	Low
Atmospheric aerosol loading	Overall particulate concentration in the atmosphere, on a regional basis		To be determined	
Chemical pollution	For example, amount emitted to, or concentration of persistent organic pollutants, plastics, endocrine disrupters, heavy metals and nuclear waste in, the global environment, or the effects on ecosystem and functioning of Earth system thereof		To be determined	

9 processi planetari per mantenere la soglia di sostenibilità:
 Per 3 di questi siamo oltre la soglia: CO₂, biodiversità e ciclo N
2 di questi 3 hanno rilevanza per la compatibilità ambientale dell'eolico offshore



ENERGIA "GREEN" & CONSERVAZIONE



L'energia eolica possiede alcune caratteristiche chiave che permettono di prevederne un utilizzo compatibile:

- "zero" emissioni
- AMP *de facto*
- Diminuzione del numero di conflitti



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IL MARE ADRIATICO

- Piccolo bacino semi-chiuso
- Circolazione delle masse d'acqua ben definita e in grado di influenzare gli ecosistemi
- Forte influenza degli input fluviali
- Forti ingerenze antropiche
- Esposto (in anticipo) ai cambiamenti climatici
- “Collog di bottiglia funzionale per la Macro Regione Adriatica



Candidato per ospitare Impianti Eolici Offshore?



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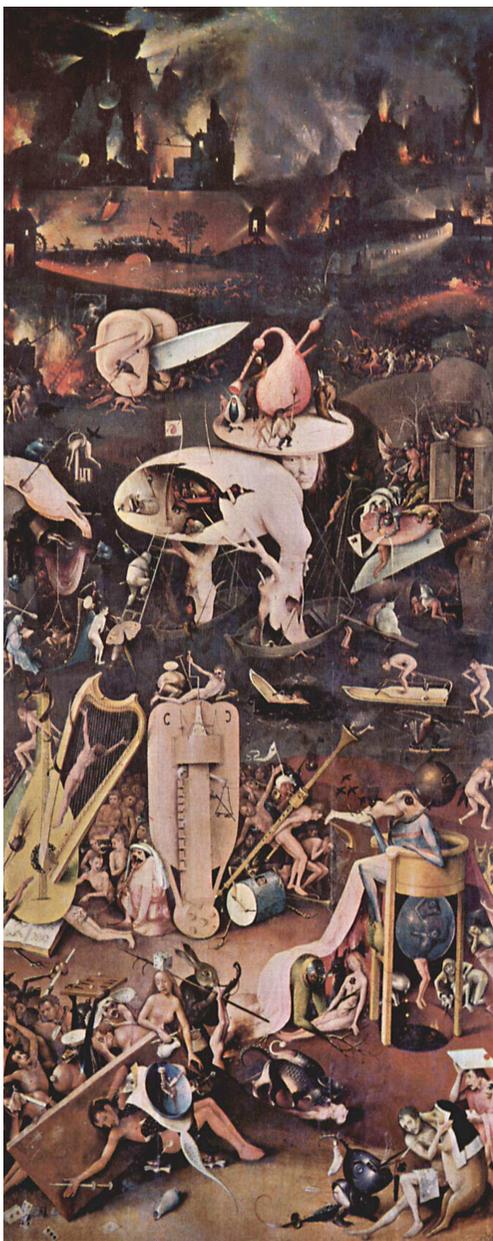


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VULNERABILITÀ DELL'ADRIATICO

- Ampio *range* termico con forti fluttuazioni anche inter-annuali
- Microtidale
- Bassa profondità
- Cambiamenti sistemici repentini
- Elevata diversità (gamma)
- Imponente pressione antropica
- Snescibilità ai cambiamenti climatici
- Esposto ad azione sinergica di stressori multipli





LE 10 “PIAGHE”

1. Inquinamento
2. Eutrofizzazione
3. Fioriture di alghe potenzialmente tossiche
4. Mucillagini (apparentemente in regressione)
5. Crisi anossiche
6. Sovrappesca
7. Invasioni biologiche
8. Cambiamenti nelle comunità (e.g. meduse)
9. Cambiamenti climatici
10. Barriere frangiflutti

Sostenibilità Ambientale

Qual'è la capacità portante per le attività umane?

Fin dove possiamo utilizzare risorse e spazio prima di comprometterne il loro utilizzo ?



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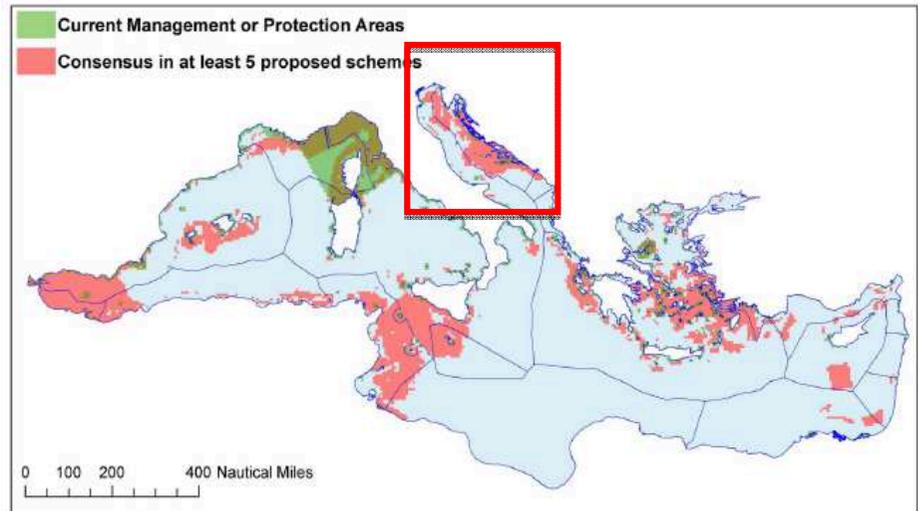
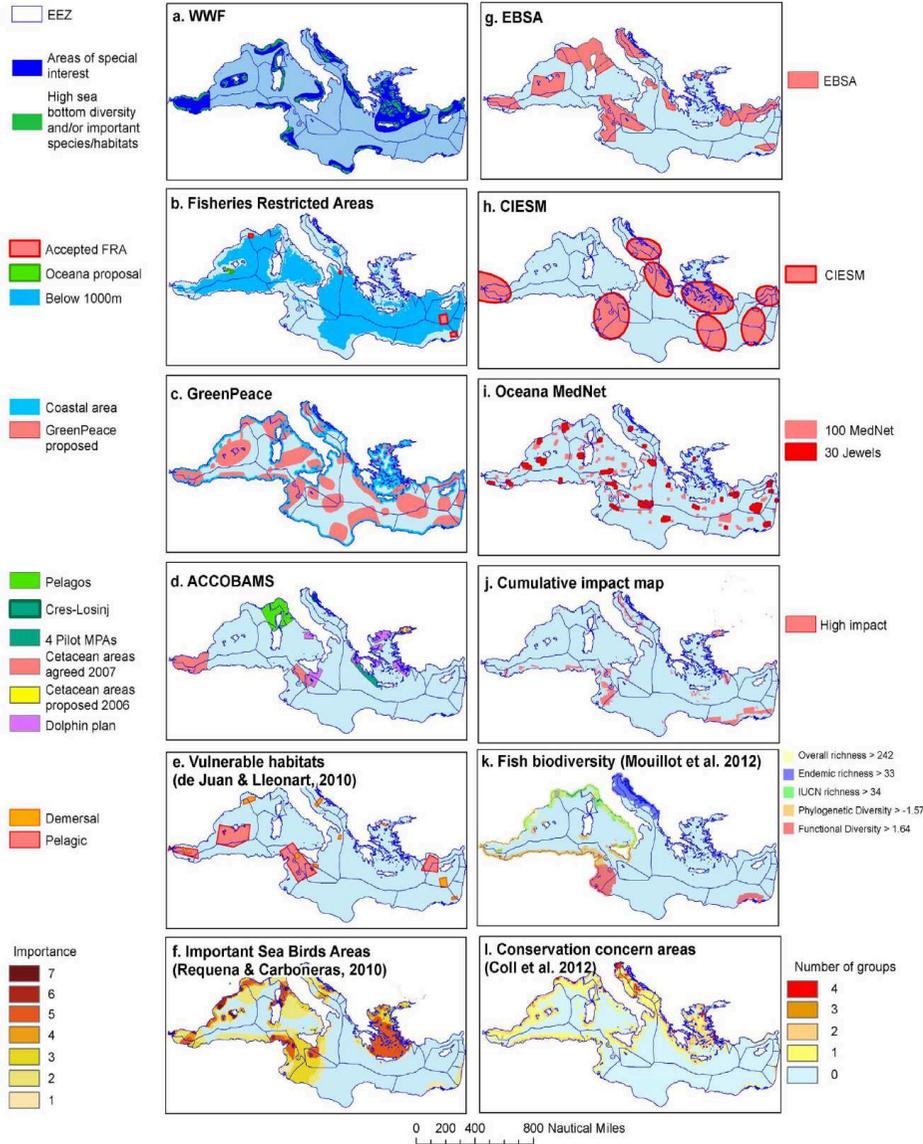


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Setting Priorities for Regional Conservation Planning in the Mediterranean Sea

Fiorenza Micheli^{1*}, Noam Levin², Sylvaine Giakoumi^{3,4}, Stelios Katsanevakis⁵, Ameer Abdulla^{4,6}, Marta Coll⁷, Simonetta Fraschetti⁸, Salit Kark^{4,9}, Drosos Koutsoubas¹⁰, Peter Mackelworth¹¹, Luigi Maiorano¹², Hugh P. Possingham⁴

La maggior parte dei modelli indicano il Mare Adriatico come una delle aree più critiche



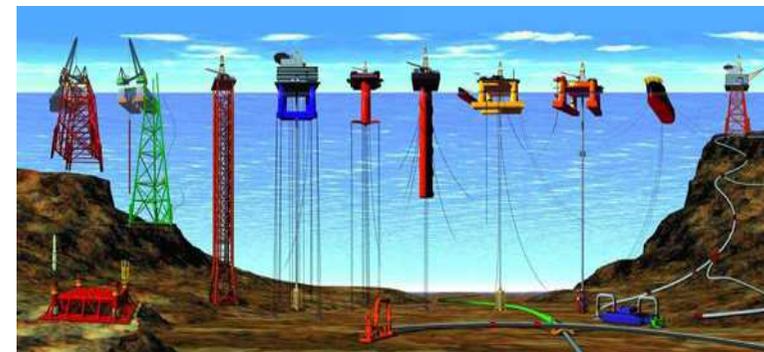
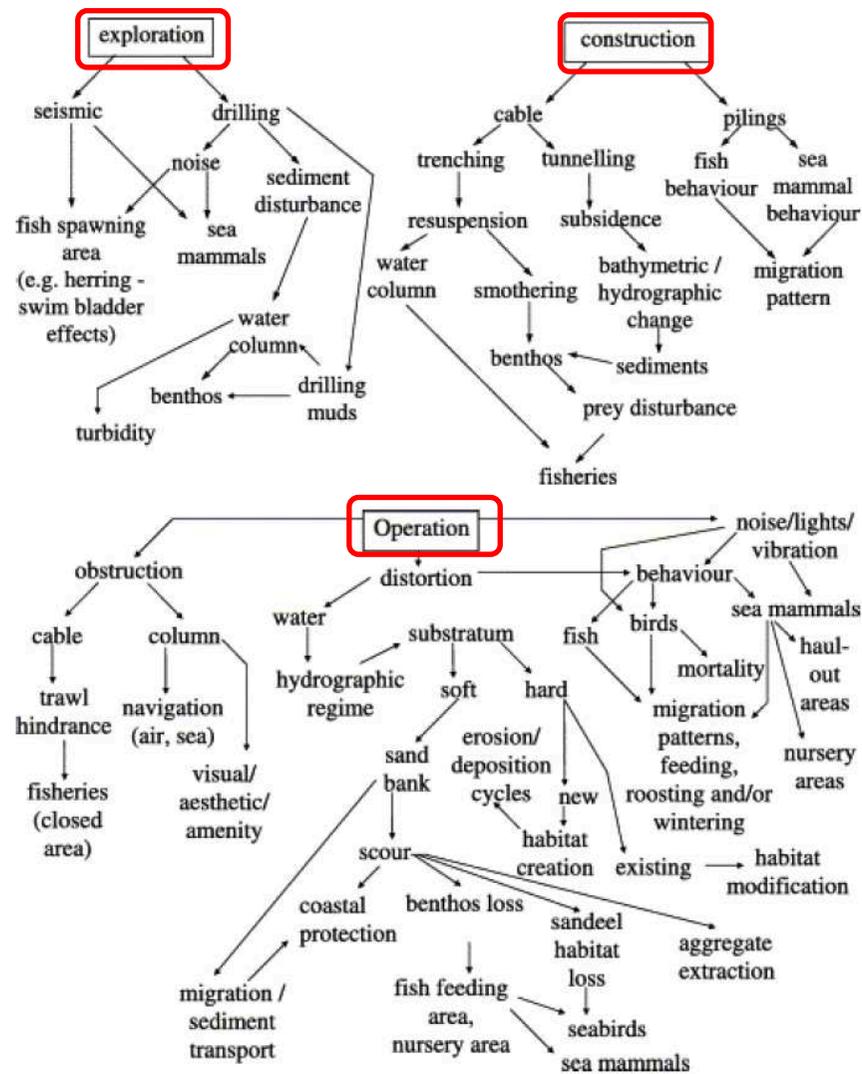
Energia dal Vento

Benefici attesi vs. Sostenibilità

1. Energia “pulita” a basso costo
2. Emissioni CO₂ ridotte
3. Emissioni SO₂ ridotte
4. Uso di risorse “rinnovabili”
5. Uso ridotto del paesaggio sottomarino
6. Minime emissioni di particolato
7. Protezione da usi illegali del mare
8. AMP “virtuali”



I PARCHI EOLICI NON SONO SCEVRI DA IMPATTI

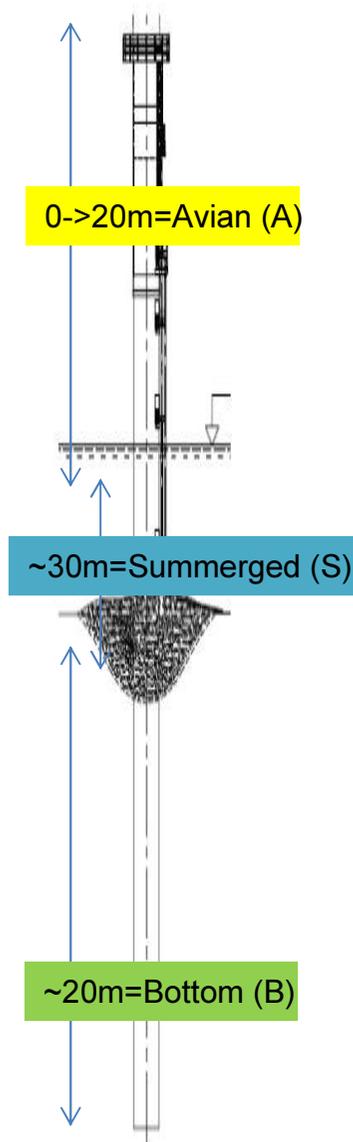


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EFFETTI GENERICI DI UN PARCO EOLICO *OFFSHORE*



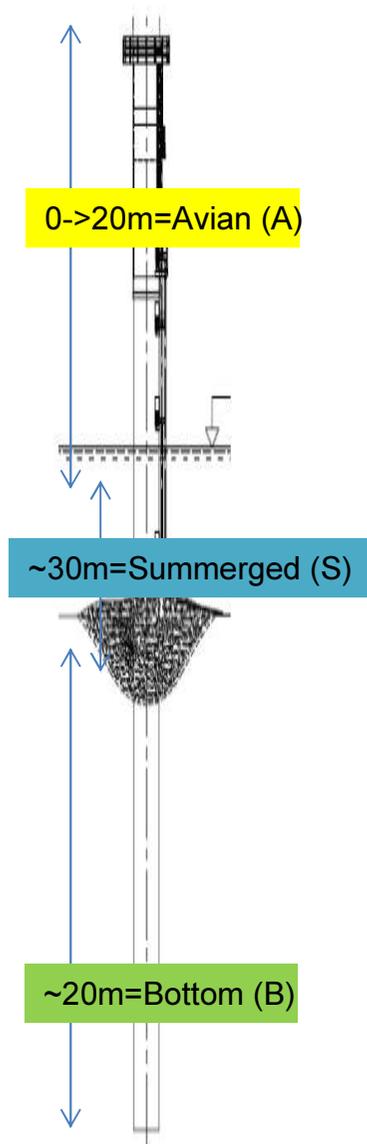
Esplorazione

- Disturbo locale associato al traffico navale, eventuale introduzione di strumentazione (invasiva) di indagine; effetti su porzioni aerea e sommersa (limati impatti sui fondali)

Installazione

- Rumore ed attività di escavo (tutte le fasce)
- Dislocazione e risospensione di sedimenti incluso rilascio di inquinanti
- Escavo naturale dovuto alle correnti (creazione di «nuovi» ecosistemi
- Traffico navale in forte aumento con conseguenze potenziali legate a collisioni, effetti sulle specie migranti e rilascio di inquinanti

EFFETTI GENERICI DI UN PARCO EOLICO *OFFSHORE*



Fase operativa

- Traffico navale ridotto ma costante (monitoraggio)
- Onde elettromagnetiche
- Mortalità aviaria per collisione
- Protezione dall'erosione (biologica ed abiologica)
 - Barriera artificiale: AMP *de facto* MPA (ridotta pesca, attività ricreativa controllata, possibilità di attività di acquacoltura integrata)
 - Effetto «stepping stone» (connettività ecologica)
 - Deframmentazione degli habitat se studiati come «network»
- Impianti «flottanti» possono agire da FAD (Fish Aggregating Devices)
 - Aumento della abbondanza pesci (spill-over)

Decommissioning

- Come per fasi di costruzione e installazione se impianti vengono rimossi (ex lege)
- Parco di «relitti» on grado di funzionare da AMP se lasciati *in situ*

	Impact/monitoring objective	Indicator
Benthic habitat and resources	Changes to seafloor morphology and structure (compared to preconstruction)	Increase or decrease in seabed volume
	Changes in median grain size, or organic content	(i) Deposition: decrease in median grain size, increase in organic content, increase in seabed volume (ii) Scour: increase in median grain size, decrease in organic content, decrease in seabed volume
	Turbidity during construction/decommissioning	Change in water column turbidity
	Change in target species abundance and distribution (e.g., species of importance)	Change in abundance, diversity, % cover, multivariate community composition
	Current speed/direction inside and outside farm	Change in residual flow rates
	Reef effects, colonization on foundations	Increase in % cover, biomass of epifaunal organisms; increase in presence of nonnative species
Fish	Change in density, diversity, dominance structure of infauna	Change in abundance, diversity, % cover, multivariate community composition
	Reef or aggregation effects	Increase in fish abundance around devices, shift in species composition, increase in presence of nonnative species
	Changes to abundance/distribution caused by disturbance or habitat alteration	Increase or decrease in fish abundance; increase or decrease in target species; shift in species composition; change in density, diversity, and dominance structure of fish species; increase in presence of nonnative species
	Blade strikes/pressure gradients (tidal power)	Observation of blade strike incidents
	EMF effects	Not feasible to monitor directly—changes in fish abundance, behavior, or species composition are indicators
Fisheries	Installation or operational noise effects	Not feasible to monitor directly—changes in fish abundance, behavior, or species composition are indicators
	Catchability (catch per unit effort) during construction	Catch per unit effort increases or decreases for target species
	Catchability (catch per unit effort) during operation	Catch per unit effort increases or decreases for target species
	Loss of access to grounds	Changes in numbers of vessels fishing near or inside of the renewable energy area, change in the presence of fixed fishing gear inside of or around a renewable energy installation
	Changes in species distribution	Shift in species composition, increase in presence of nonnative species
Avian	Reef effects (aggregation)	Increase in fish abundance around devices; shift in species composition; increase in presence of nonnative species
	Displacement/attraction	Increase or decrease in avian species-specific densities postconstruction in development area
	Barrier effects—effects on foraging, roosting, migratory movements	Migrating or commuting birds avoiding developed areas
	Collision mortality	Birds found dead or injured due to direct collision with infrastructure above the water
Marine mammals and sea turtles	Vessel strikes	Detection of dead or injured animals
	Noise generated during construction	Detection of dead or injured animals; changes in distribution, abundance, or behavior of populations
	Disturbance or injury during all stages of development, including from vessels	Detection of dead or injured animals; changes in distribution, abundance, or behavior of populations
	Noise generated during operation	Changes in distribution, abundance, or behavior of populations

Standard di monitoraggio

Shumchenia *et al.* (2012)

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WP5: Analysis and evaluation of environmental, infrastructural, energetic and technological issues



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POWERED WP5 is designed to assess the environmental conflicts of offshore wind farms in the Adriatic Sea, by taking into account natural and anthropogenic sources of potential conflict



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WP5 OUTLINE

1. OFFSHORE WIND FARMS IMPACT ANALYSIS
2. ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ADRIATIC SEA
3. CONSTRAINS ASSESSMENT
4. CUMULATIVE CONSTRAINS ASSESSMENT IN THE ADRIATIC SEA
5. IDENTIFICATION OF MAIN RISKS RELEVANT TO OFFSHORE WIND FARMS DEVELOPMENT AND SAFETY AND CONTINGENCY RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS
6. USAGE OF A GEOREFERENCE INTERACTIONS DATABASE (“GRID”) TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF DIFFERENT SCENARIOS OF OWF SITING



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Literature Review of OWFs impacts

	Maximum effects	Turbine level	Avoidance
Preinstallation	Possible coring and seismic prospections	Bottom	Possible mitigation actions
Construction	Habitat destruction Variation in migrating and feeding routes of mammals, birds, reptiles and bats	Bottom Water column Beach-surface	None Putative mitigation actions
Operation	Noise on all community components Blades on birds and bats EMF on all community components	All Air portion	Mitigation actions Research in progress for mitigation methods
Decommissioning 1	Artificial reef effect Habitat destruction Variation in migrating and feeding routes of mammals, birds, reptiles and bats	All Water column Beach-surface	None None Putative mitigation actions
Decommissioning 2	Noise on all community components Removal of blades in short-term Variation in migrating routes of mammals, birds, reptiles and bats	All Water column Bottom Water column Beach-surface	Mitigation actions None Putative mitigation actions

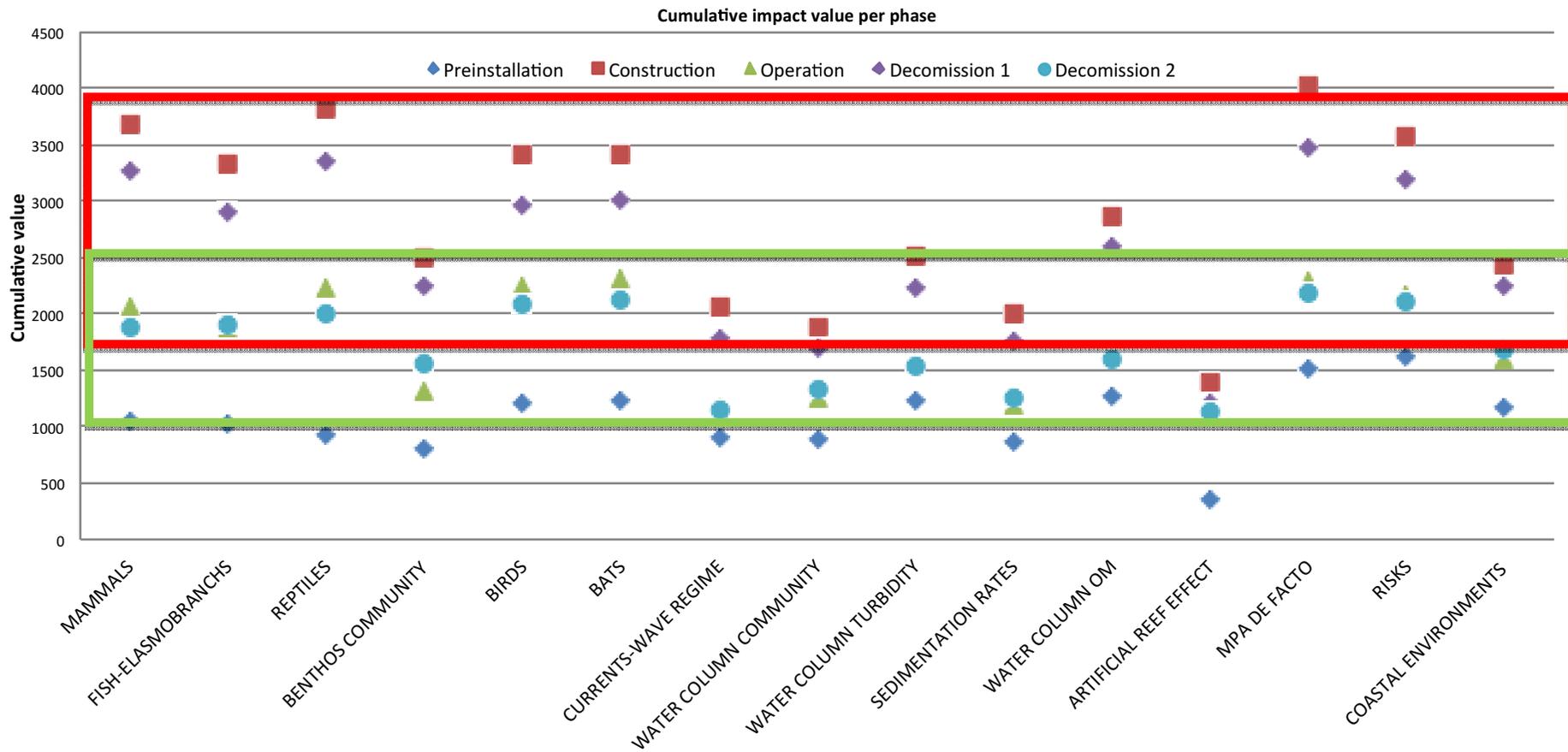


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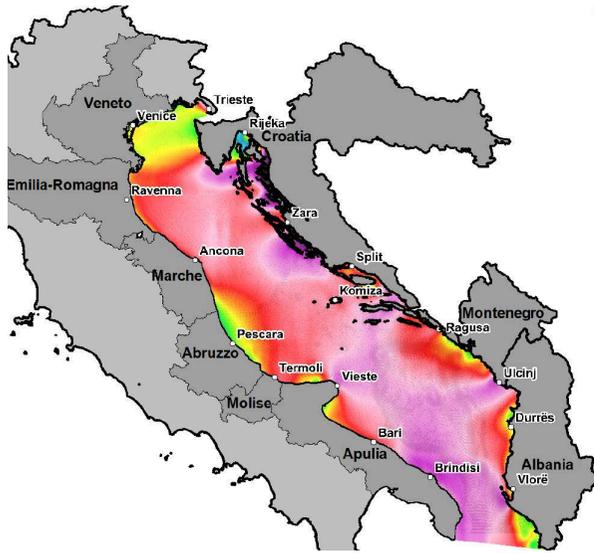
Il giusto peso agli impatti



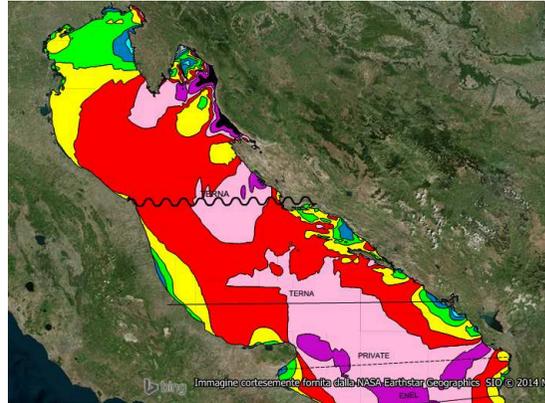
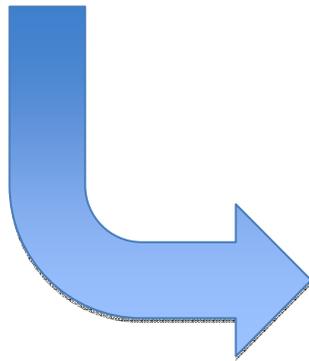
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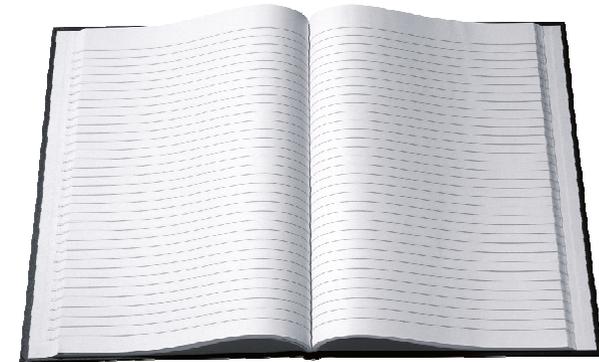
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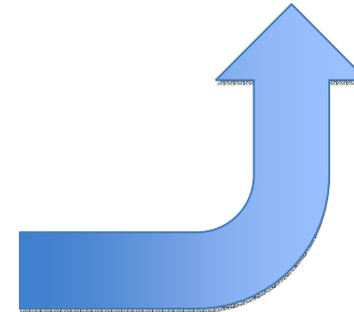
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Mappe del vento



WP5
**Analisi spaziale
 dei conflitti**

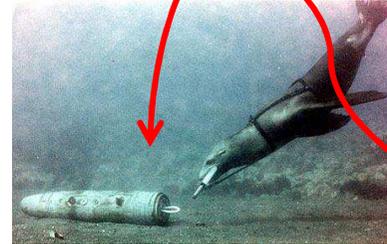


WP6
Linee guida



WP5 Partners' commitments list

- 1) OBSTACLES AND INTERFERENCES AT SEA WITHIN 12 MILES FROM THE COAST
- 2) ENVIRONMENTAL (including landscape) CONSTRAINTS AT SEA AND ON THE COAST
- 3) BIOECOLOGICAL ASPECTS
- 4) SPATIAL PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE USE (including present and future plans)



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WP5 Procedura

✓ I Partners hanno compilato la griglia di competenze

- Pressioni ambientali
- Infrastrutture
- Bacini energetici
- Possibili problemi



AREA	PARTNER											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
I. OBSTACLES AND INTERFERENCES AT SEA WITHIN 12 MILES FROM THE COAST												
I.1. Mining and gas related; concessions and energy supply facilities at sea under authorization												
I.2. Submarine cables, pipelines and any conduit under authorization												
I.3. Offshore aquaculture plants (finfish and shellfish)												
I.4. Diving areas at sea, including those for activities resulting from dredging activities (including those carried out in harbors)												
I.5. Trade naval routes												
I.6. Shipwreck and archaeological sites (at sea and along the coast)												
I.7. Unexploited offshore and areas of interest or pertaining exclusively to military activities												
I.8. Contaminated sites at sea and along the coast (currently in remediation or potentially to be reclaimed)												
I.9. Areas of submerged beach nourishment												
I.10. Areas with a high risk of environmental crisis												
I.11. Underwater areas to supply salt used for the purpose of beach nourishment												
I.12. Areas pertaining to harbor activities (including access corridors and transit)												
I.13. Areas used for diving and spearfishing												
II. ENVIRONMENTAL (including landscape) CONSTRAINTS AT SEA AND ON												
II.1. Special Protection Areas (SPA)												
II.2. Sites of Community Interest (SCI) (at sea and along the coast)												
II.3. Zones of Biological Protection												
II.4. Ramsar Area												
II.5. Parks and Marine Reserves												
II.6. Areas subjected to special attention for purposes of hydrogeological asset												
II.7. Areas hosting historical buildings of public interest												
II.8. Areas of public and/or military interest along the coast												
II.9. Areas pertaining to Local/Regional/National Landscape Plans												
II.10. Specific Sites, aggregation points and places of memory												
III. BIOECOLOGICAL ASPECTS												
III.1. Migration routes of birds												
III.2. Quality of sea water in relation to harvesting, culturing and marketing of bivalve molluscs												
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III.6. Areas of dem fishing												
III.7. Distribution of fishing effort and fleet composition												
IV. SPATIAL PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE PLAN (including present and future plans)												
IV.1. Synthesis of local/regional/national plans of landscape management presently in force or that are going to be established in the												
IV.2. Information dealing with coastal traffic, tourism management and development and so on...												
IV.3. Any other info possible of interest to your organization												
V. RISK ANALYSIS (CURRENT & FUTURE)												

✓ Ogni partner ha fornito un «report» sintetico conferendo informazioni per la razionalizzazione delle informazioni



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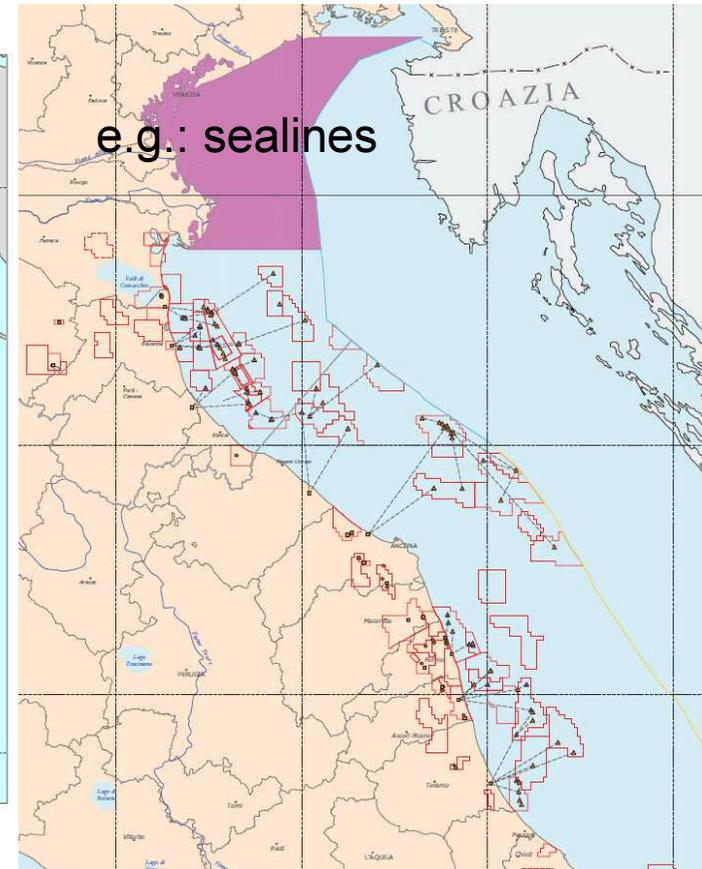
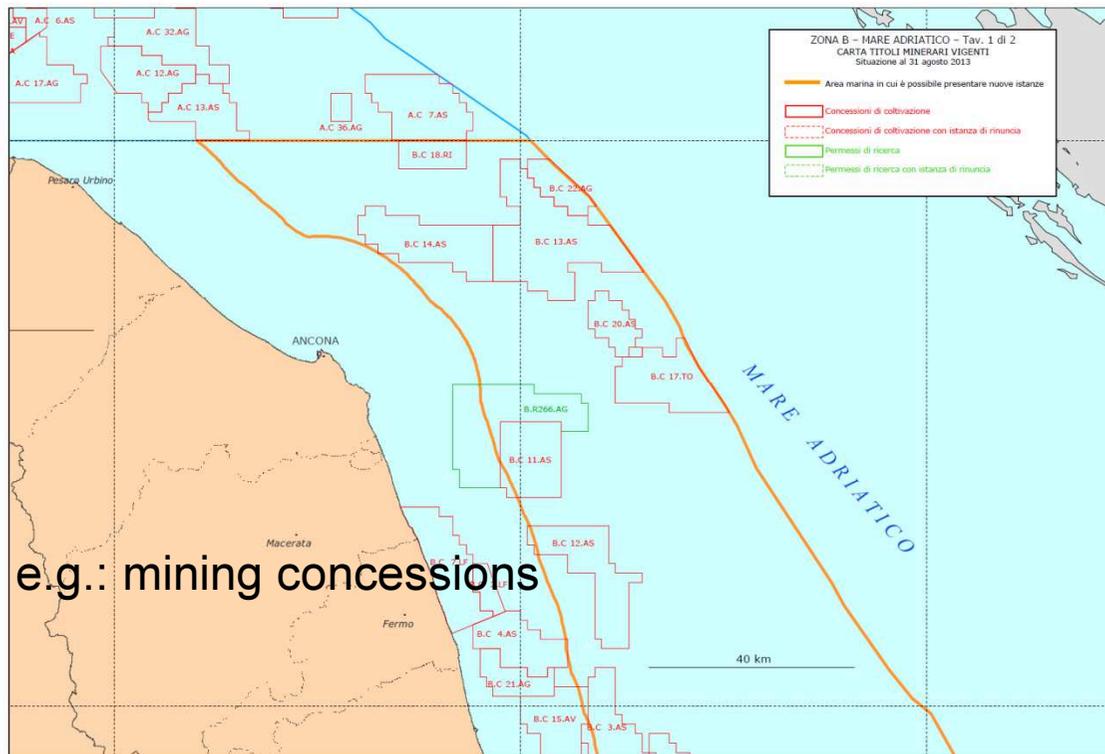
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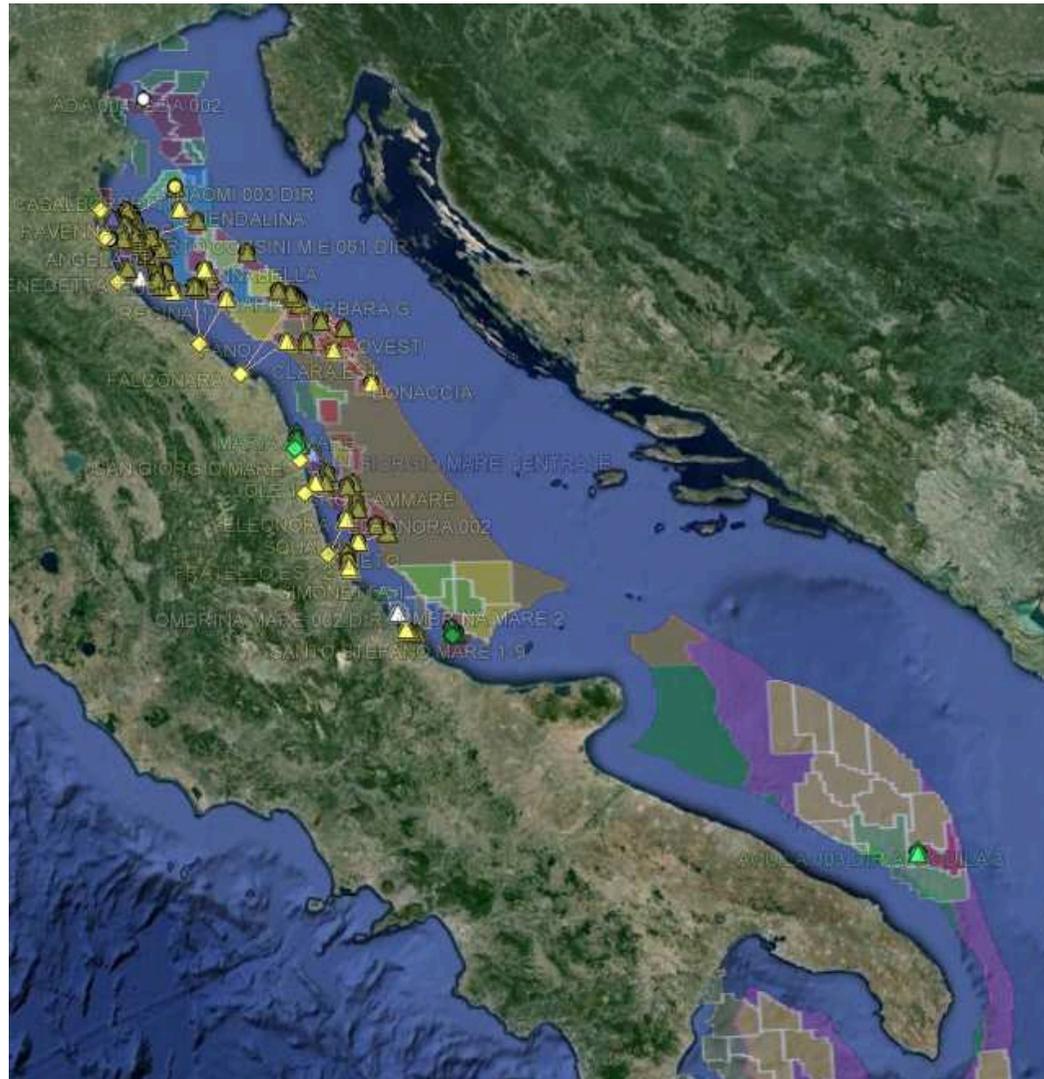


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Livelli

Titoli minerari

- Permessi ■
- Concessioni ■

Istanze

- Istanze di permesso ■
- Istanze di concessione di coltivazione ■

Centrali

- Centrali di raccolta e trattamento a gas ◆
- e ad olio ◆

Strutture marine

- Piattaforme marine produzione gas ▲
- produzione olio ▲
- supporto ▲
- inattive ▲
- Collegamenti —
- Aree marine in cui possono essere presentate nuove istanze

Pozzi

- Pozzi produttivi a gas e ad olio ●
- e ad olio ●
- Pozzi ad altro utilizzo non eroganti ○
- potenziale stoccaggio ○
- reiniezione ●
- monitoraggio ●
- altro utilizzo ●

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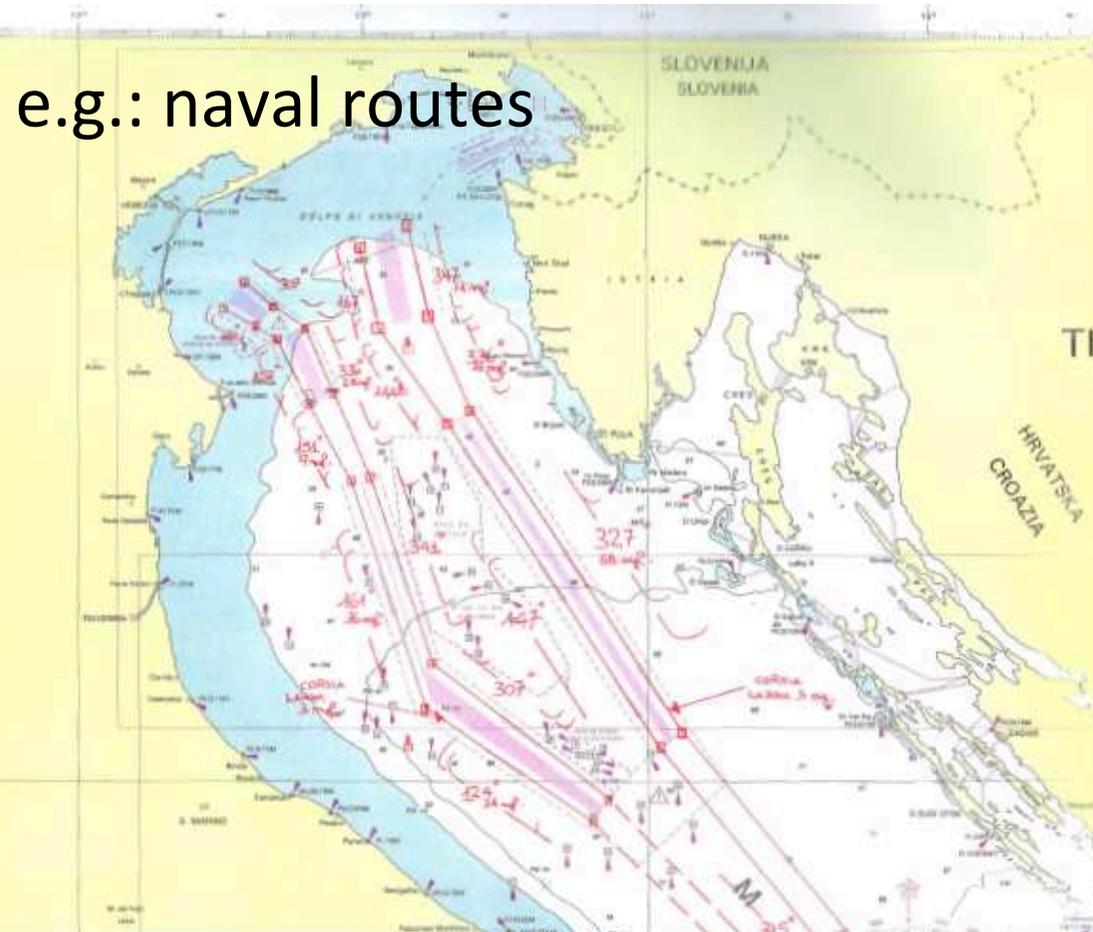


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Obstacles and interferences at sea within 12nm from the coast



Obstacles and interferences at sea within 12nm from the coast

e.g.: explosive dumping, un-exploded bombs and shipwrecks

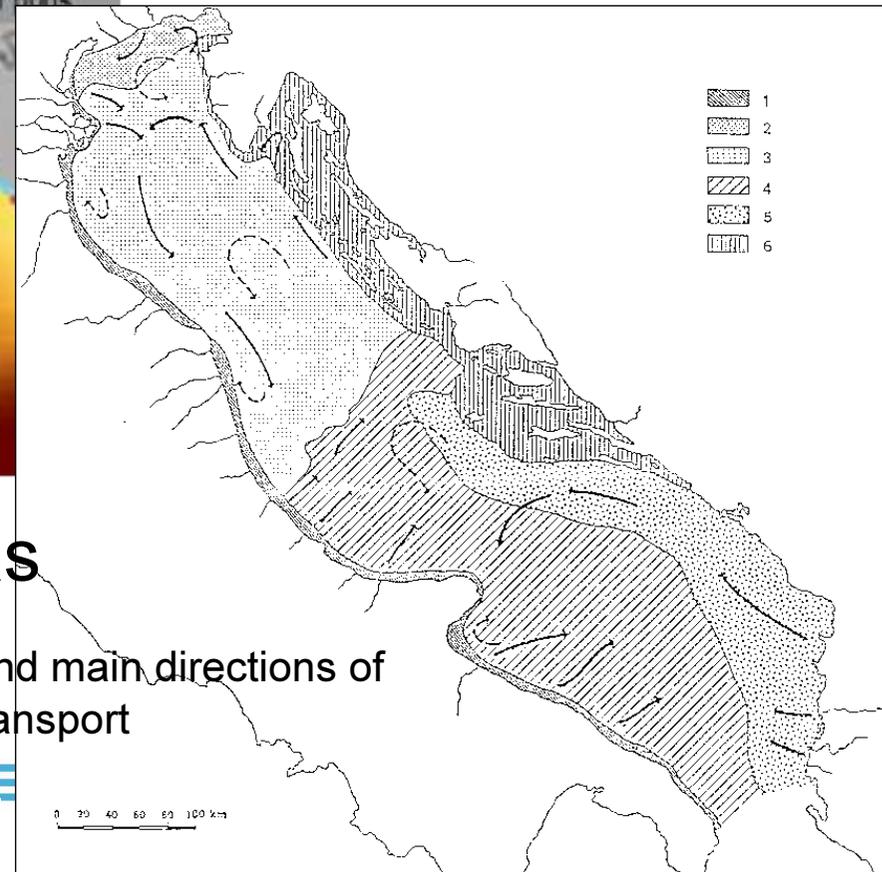
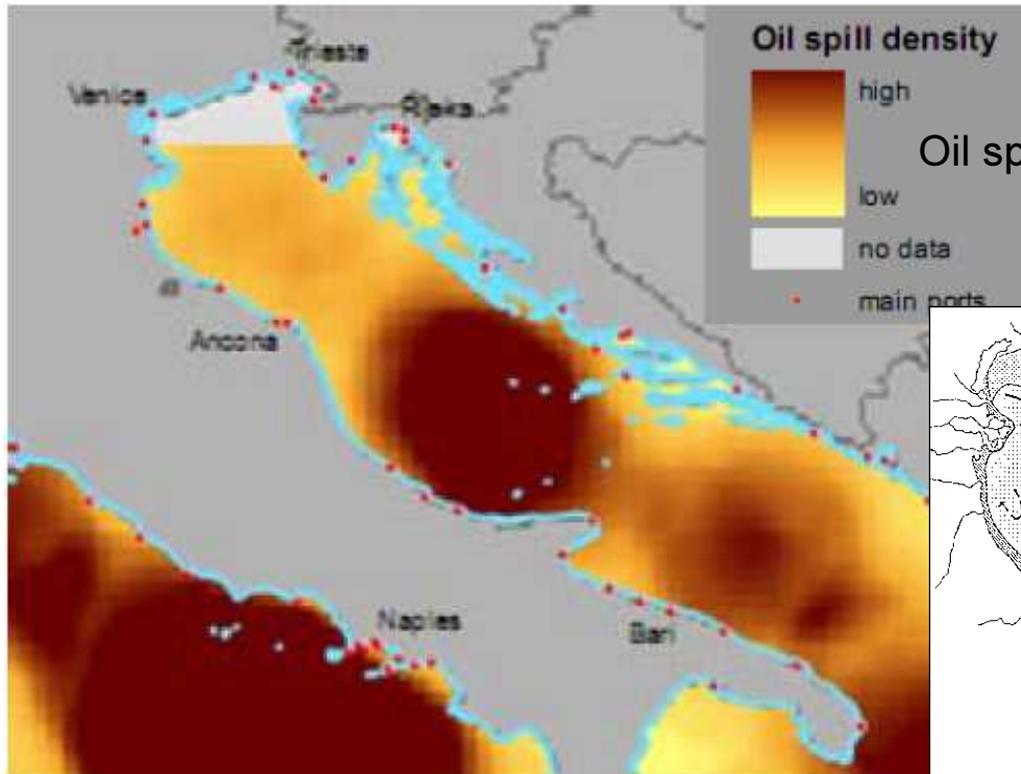


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e.g. environmental risk areas

Sedimentary provinces and main directions of sediment transport



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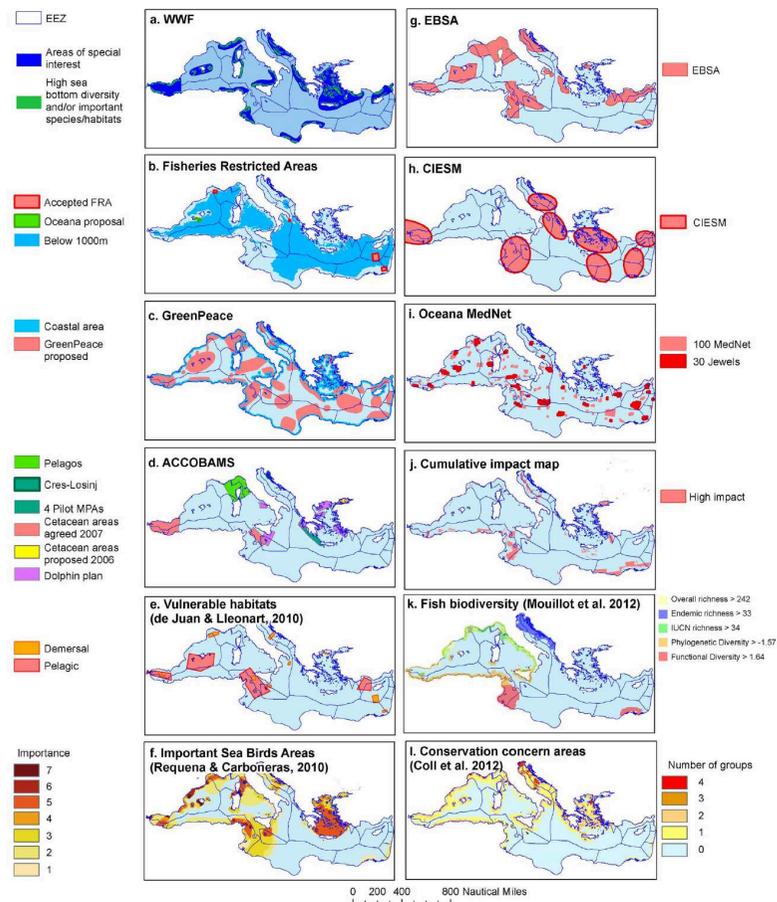
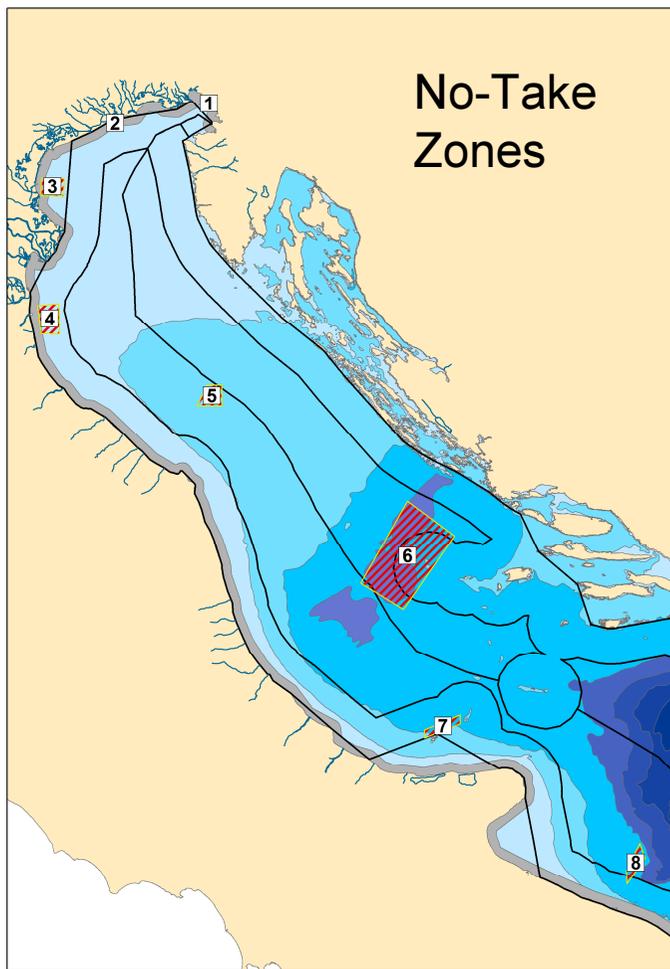


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Environmental constrains



Proposed conservation priority areas in the Mediterranean Sea (from Micheli et al., 2013).

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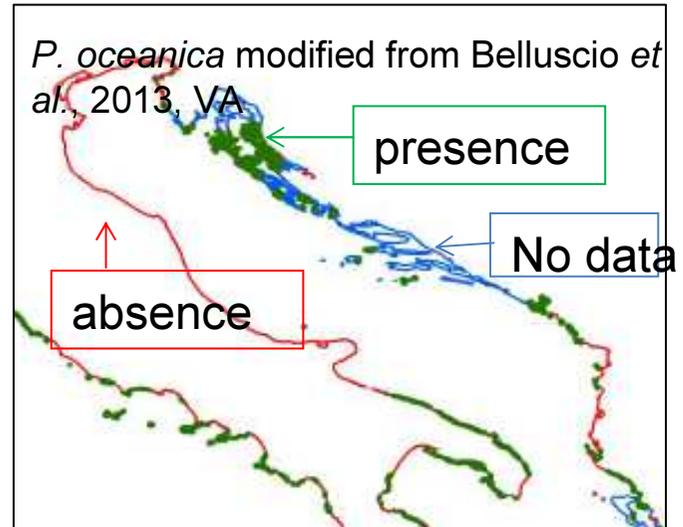
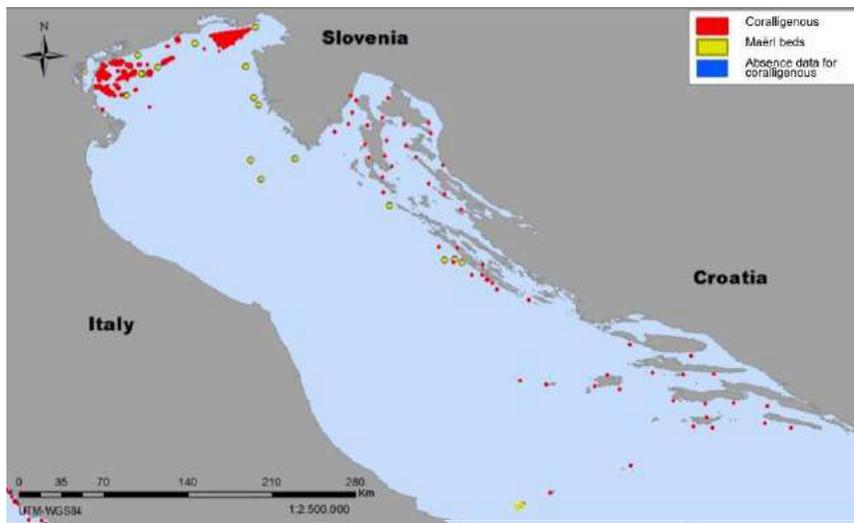


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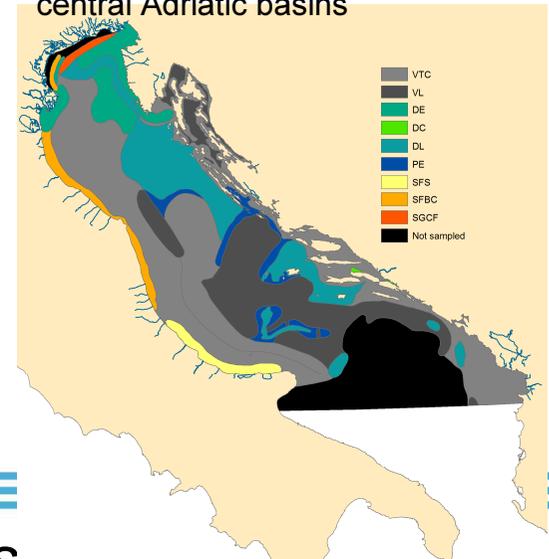


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Main soft-bottoms benthic communities of the northern and central Adriatic basins

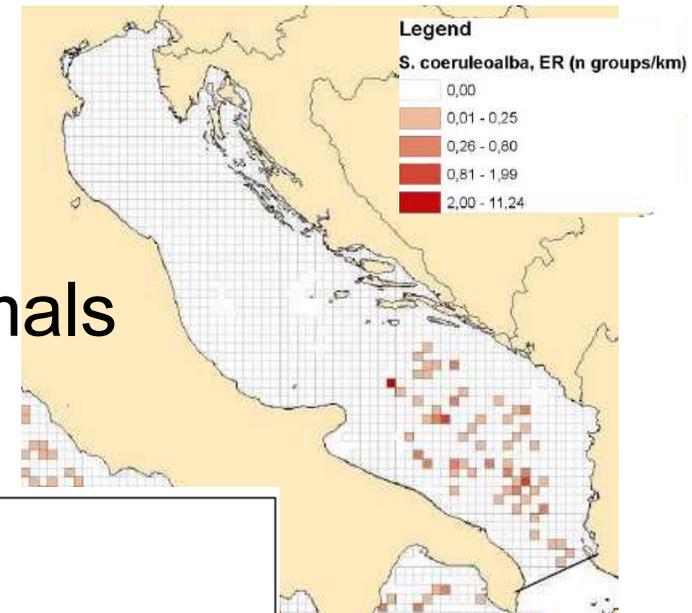
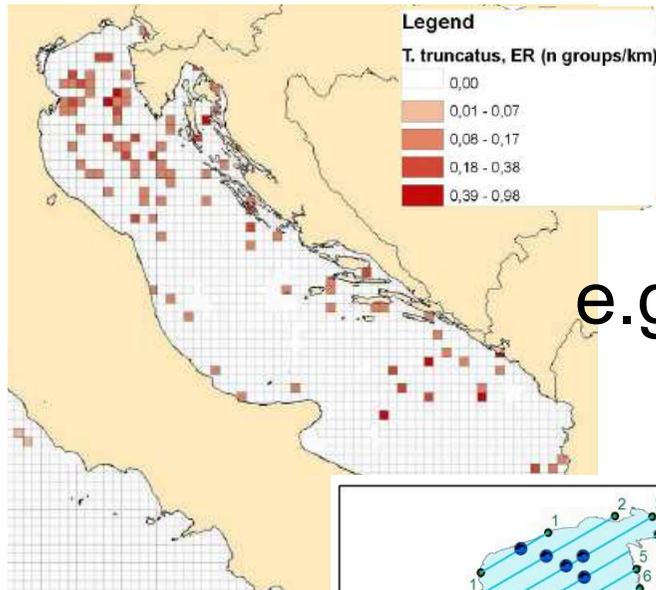


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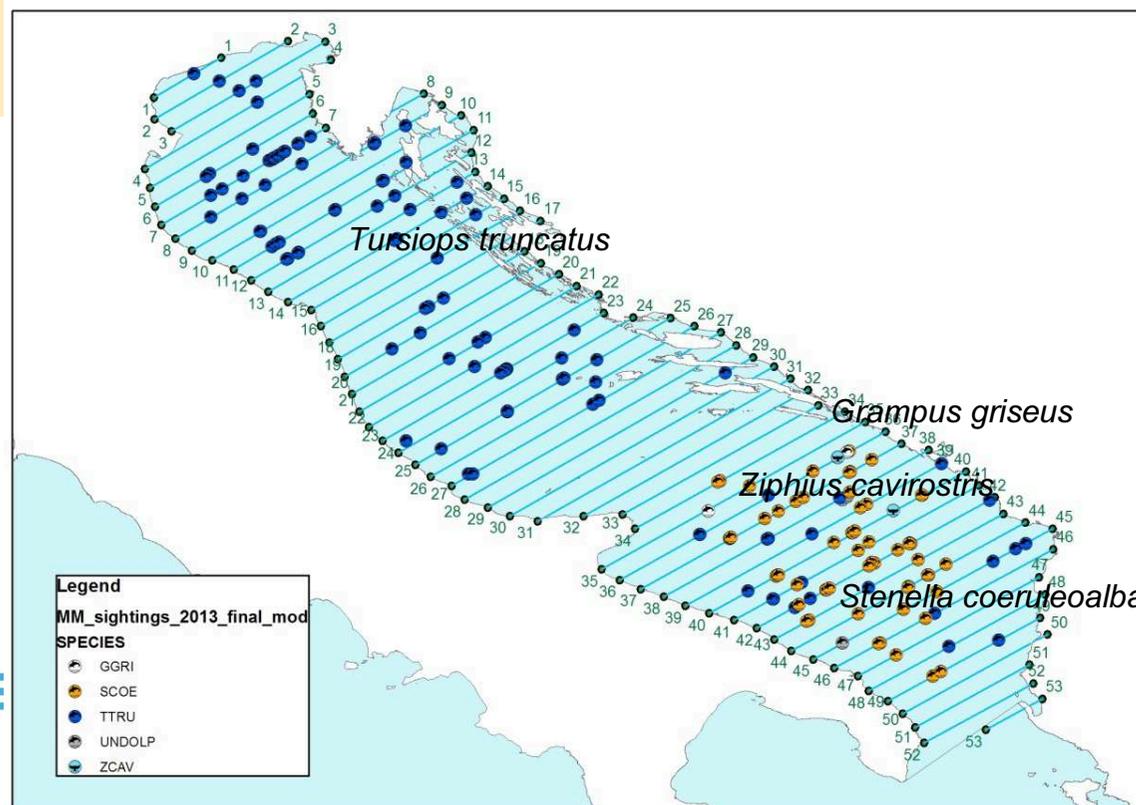


e.g.: coastal and open-sea benthic biocenoses

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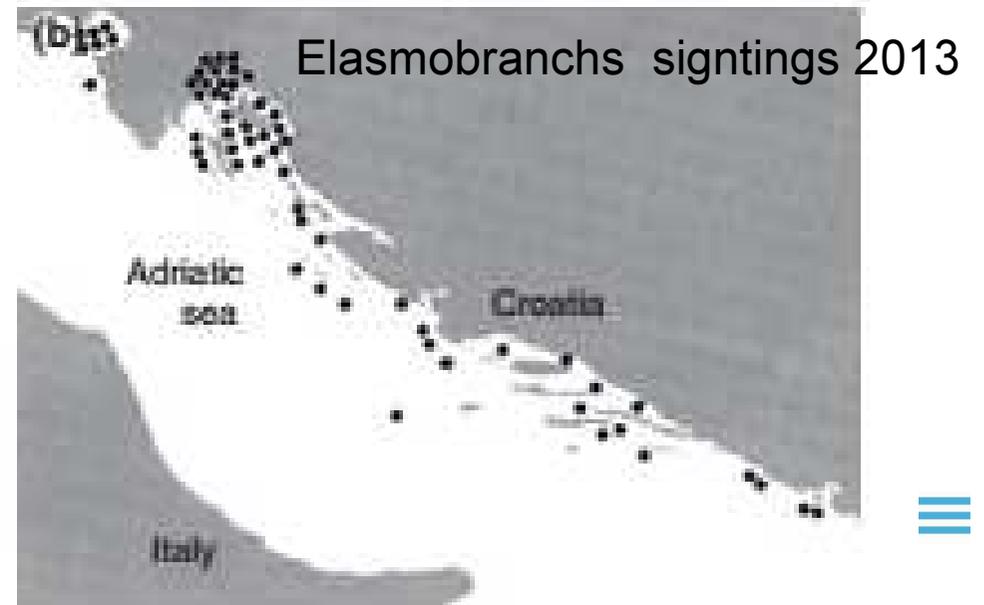
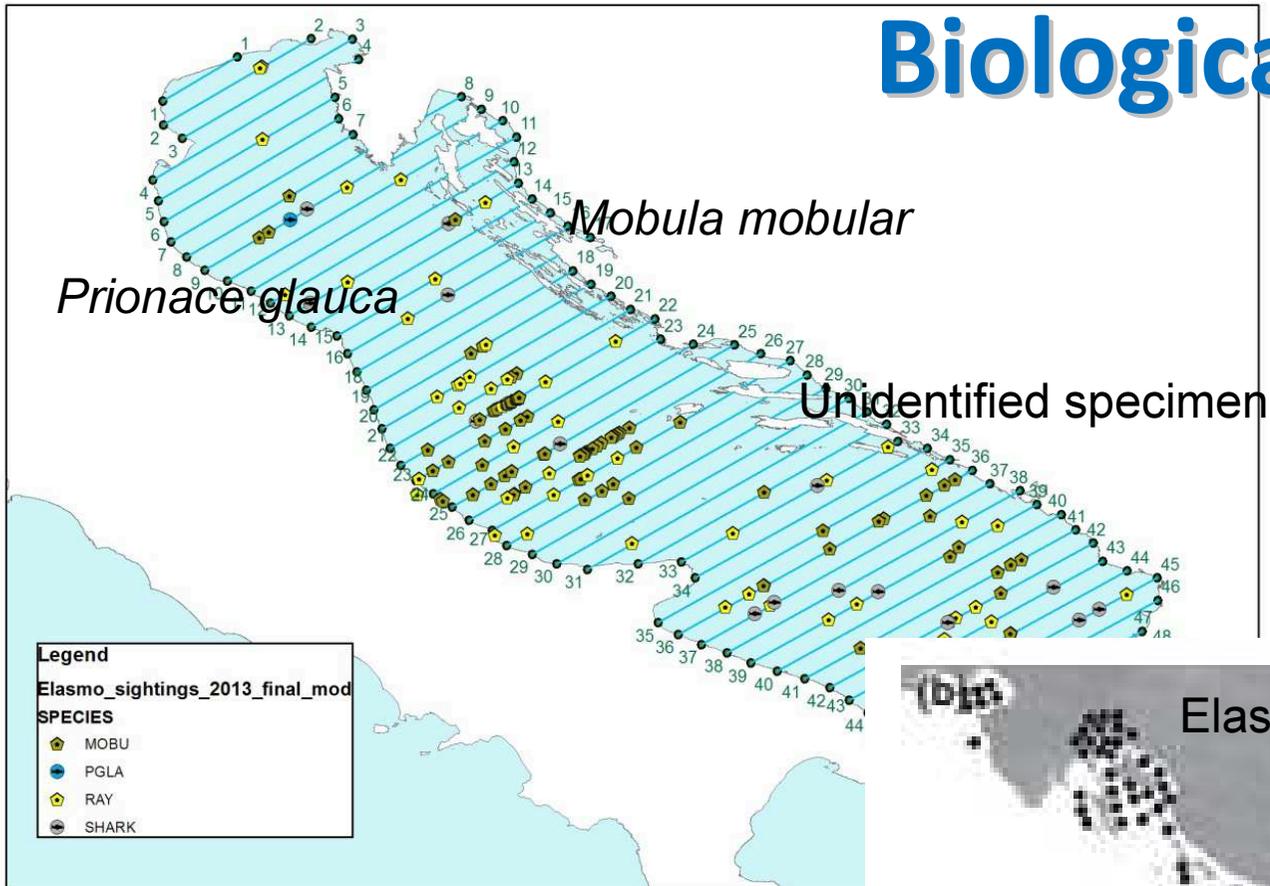


e.g.: marine mammals



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e.g.: elasmobranchs

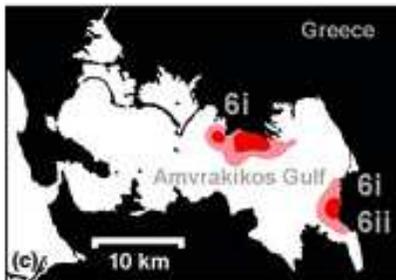
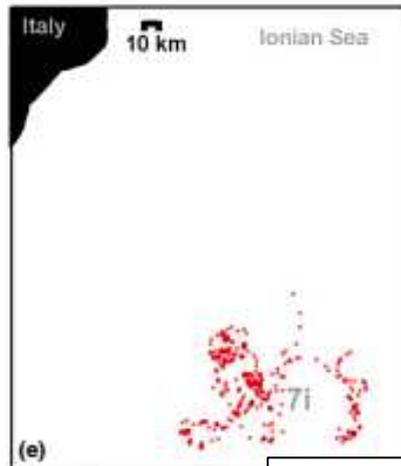
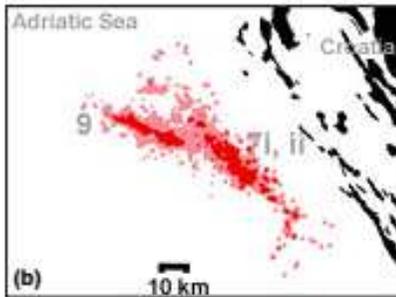
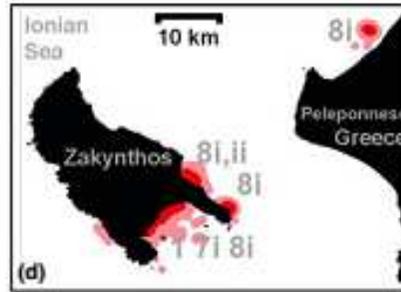
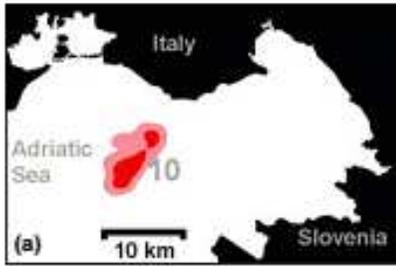


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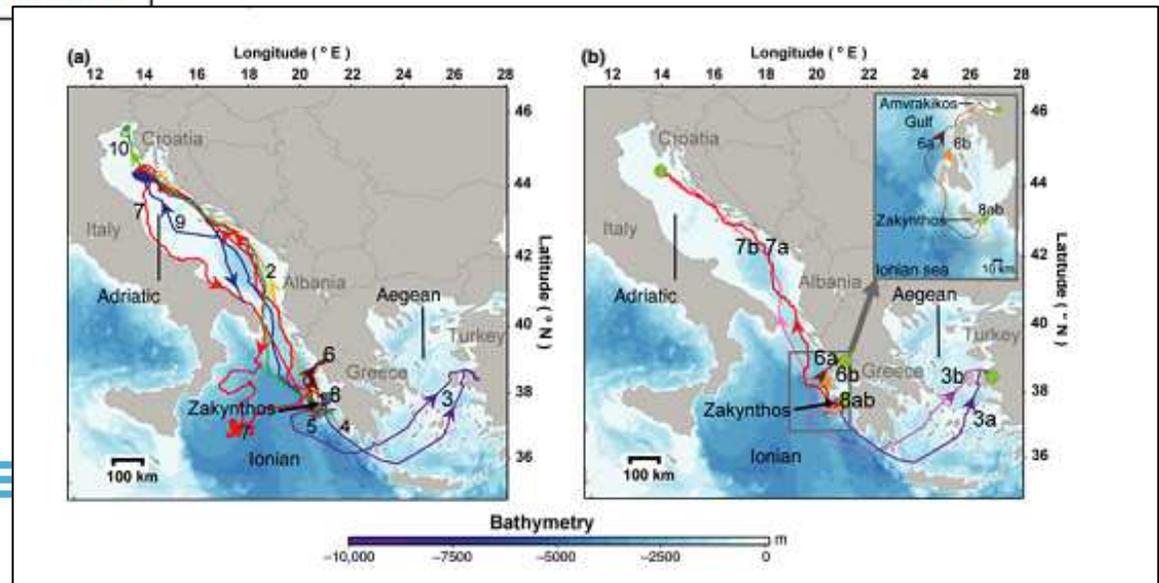


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e.g. : feeding areas for turtles



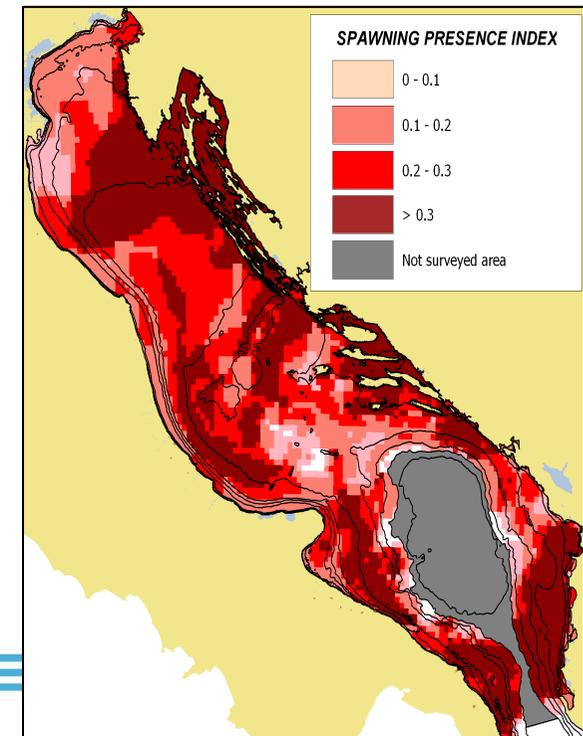
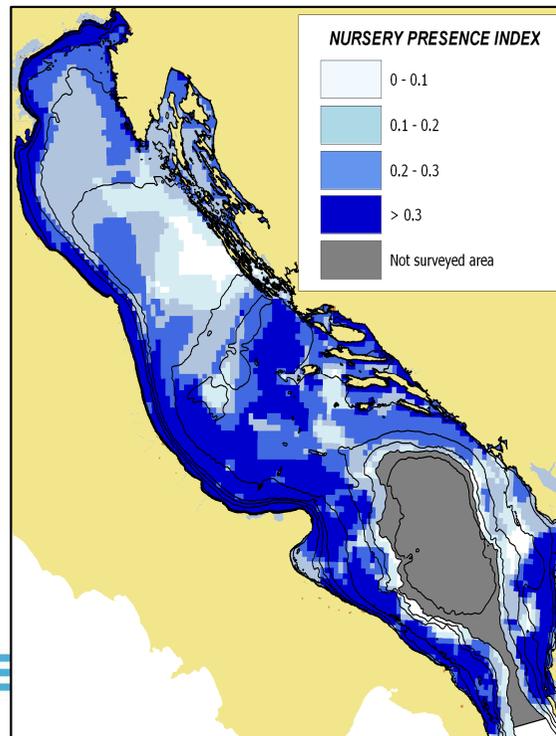
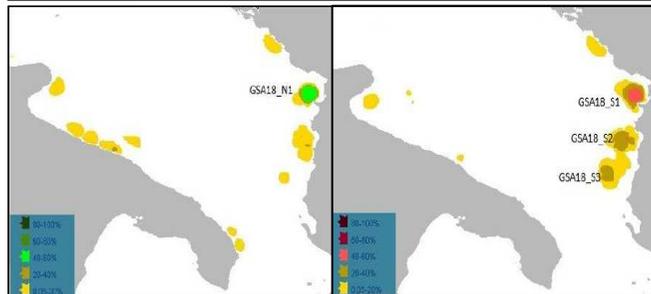
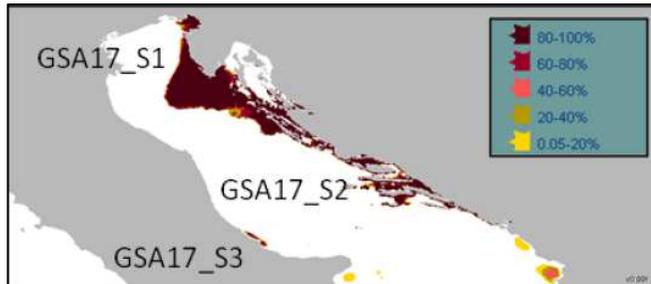
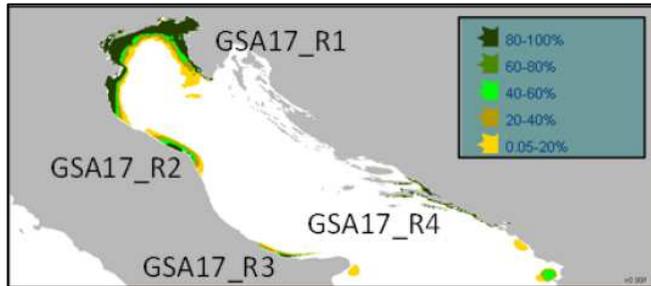
e.g.: Migration routes of *Caretta caretta*



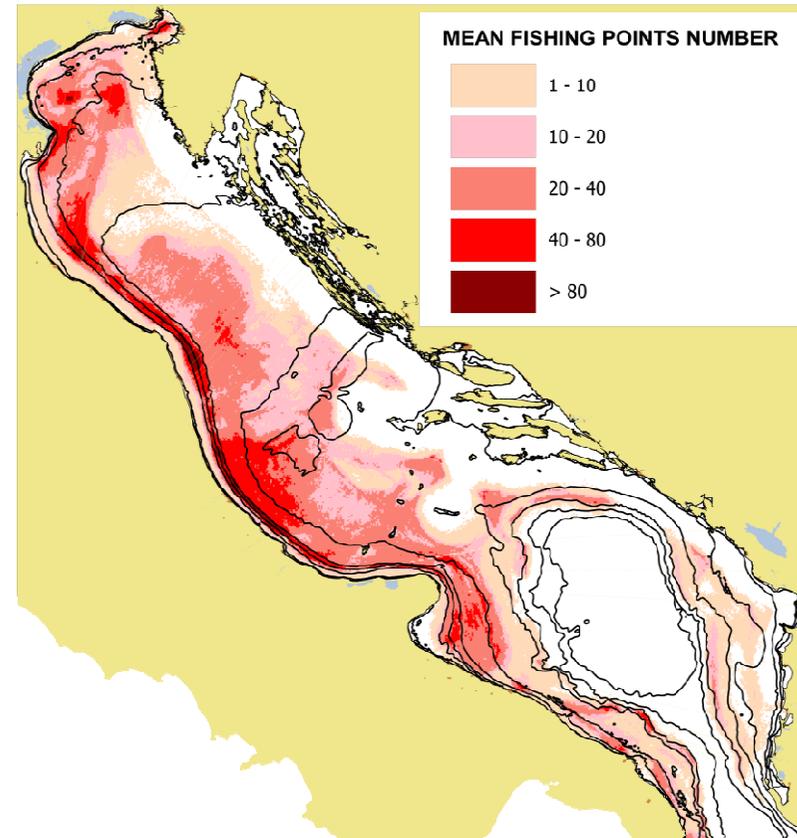
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e.g.: fish nursery and spawning areas



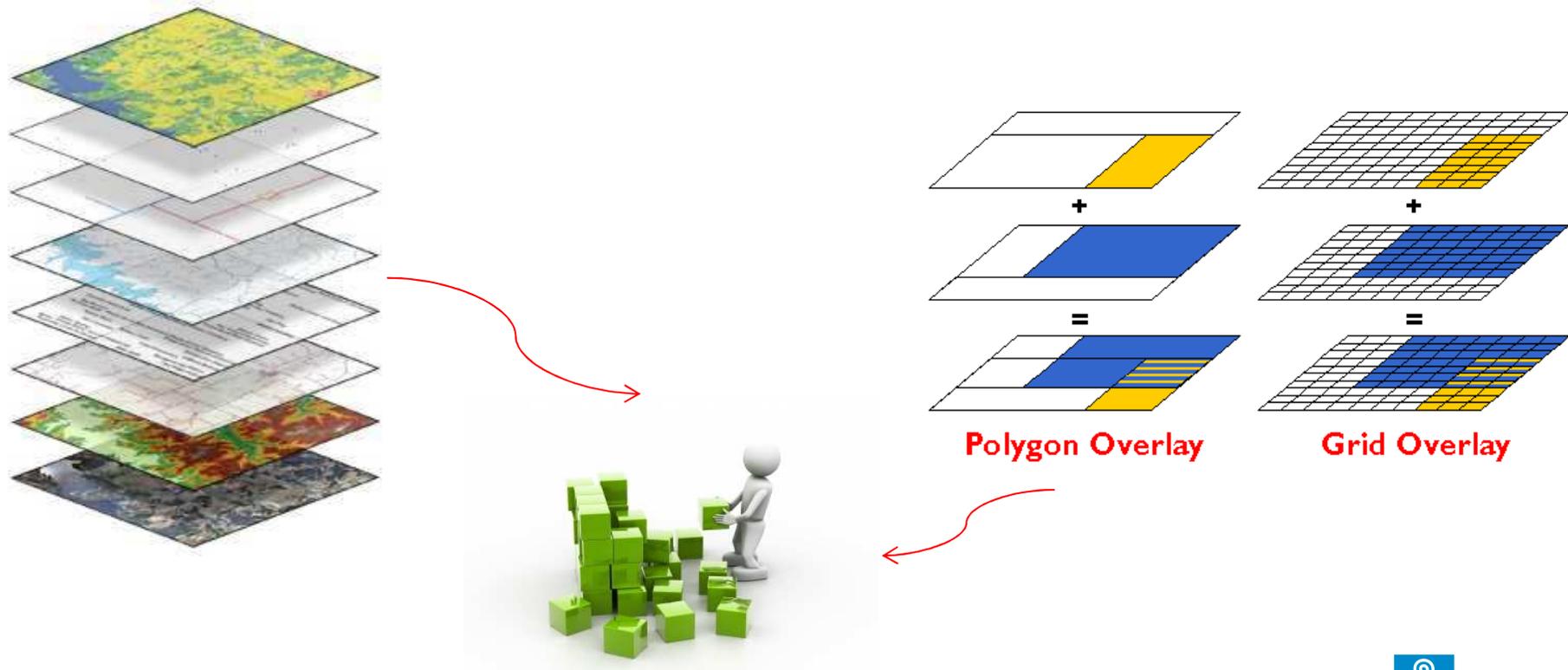
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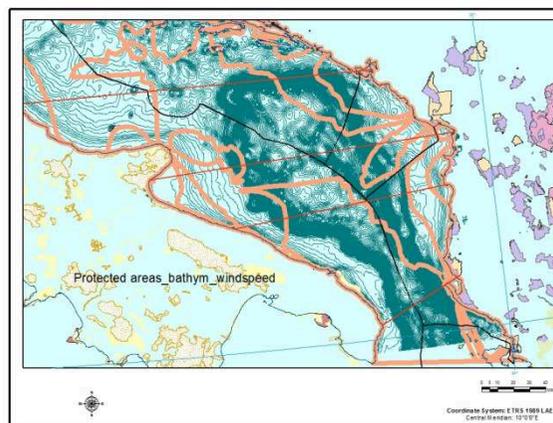
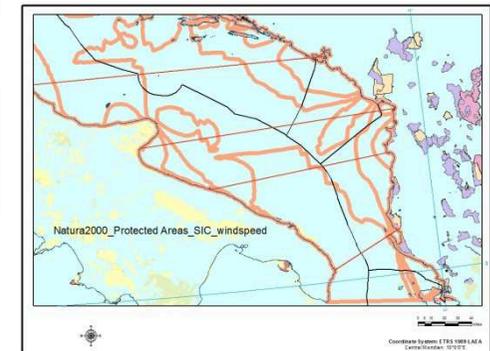
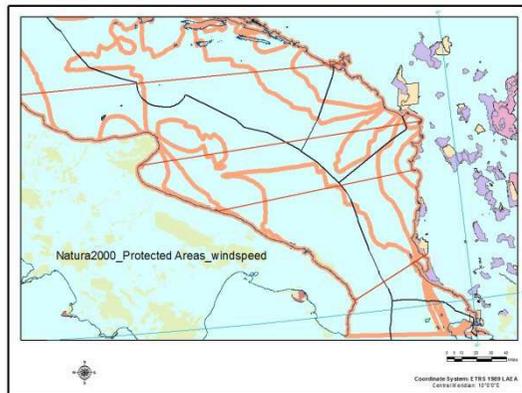
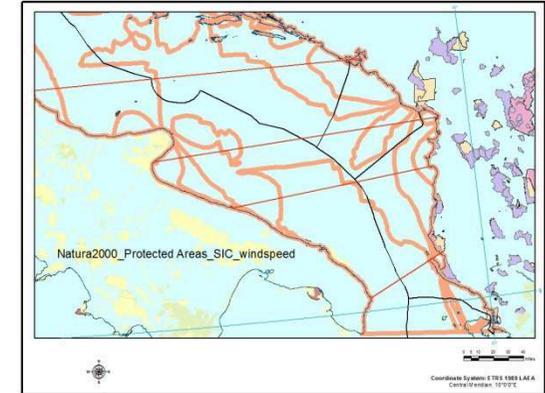
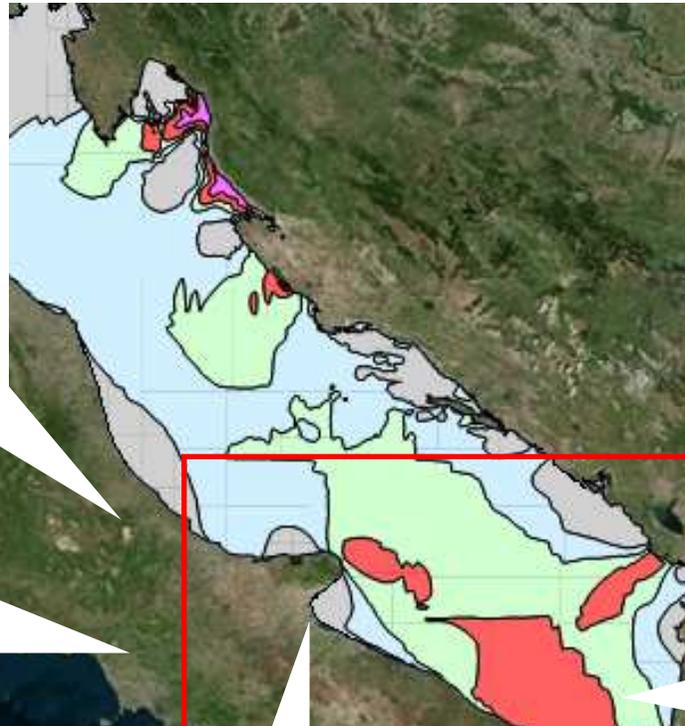
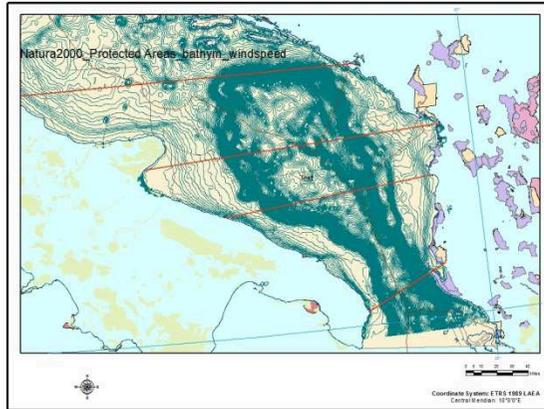
e.g.: fishing areas and fishing effort

4) SPATIAL PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE USE (including present and future plans)

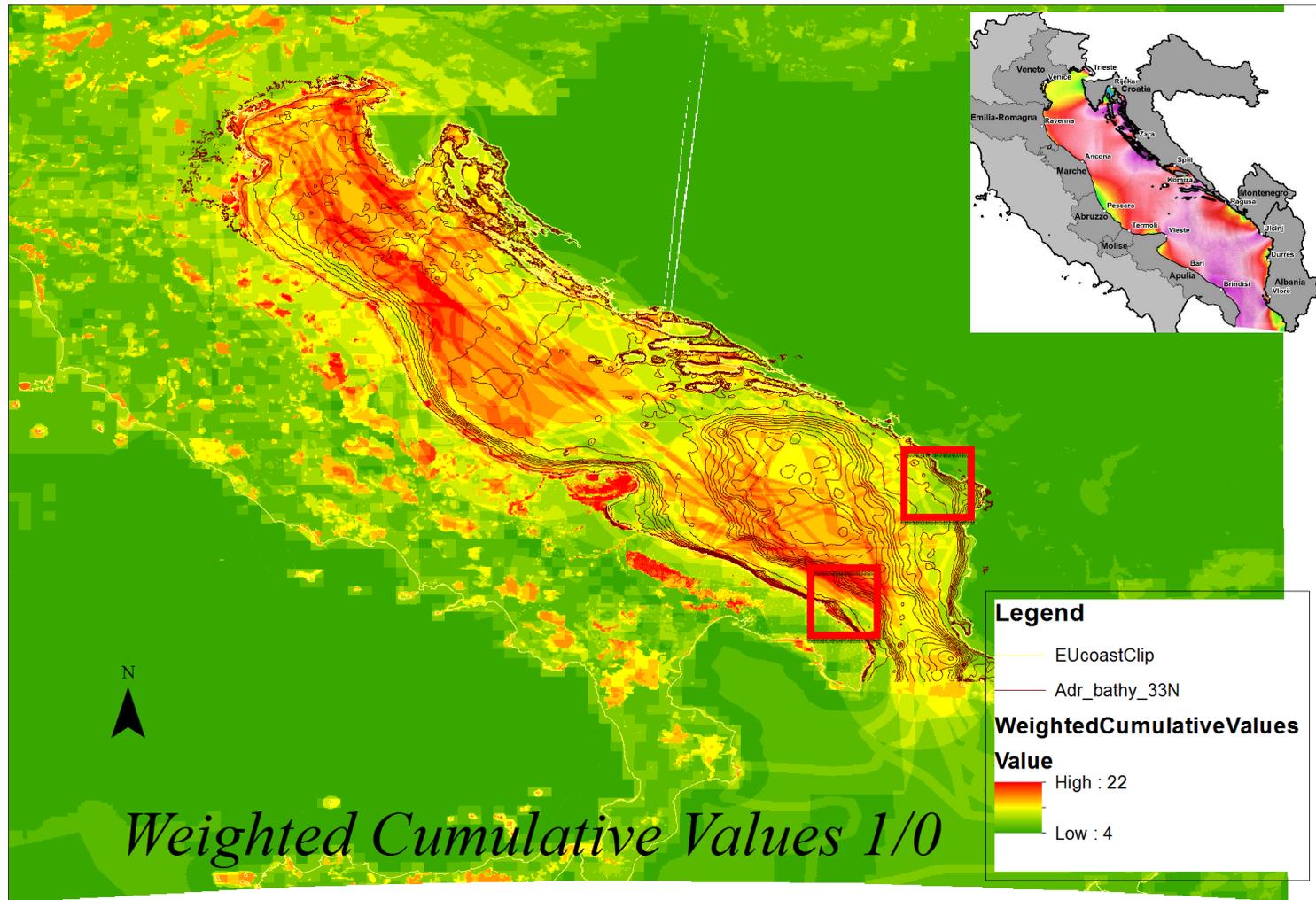
1. Synthesis of local/regional/national plans of landscape management presently in force or that are going to be established in the near future
2. Information dealing with coastal traffic, tourism management and development and so on...



Source layers



Elevate criticità ambientali anche nelle aree con “buon vento”



Area candidabile “con riserva”: compromesso tra stato ambientale e recupero

