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# INTERMARES

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Integrated, innovative and  
participatory management of the  
Natura 2000 network in the  
Spanish marine environment.



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# LIFE IP INTEMARES

## Outline of the presentation

- **Brief introduction:** objectives, programmes of actions, geographical scope and the integration pillars.
- **Why is INTEMARES a governance project?**
- **Setting up the basis a new model of cooperation and governance, where are we?**
  - Conservation priorities
  - Enhancing coordination between public administrations.
  - Moving towards the establishment of an institutional forum for the management of the marine Natura 2000 Network and the PAF
  - New processes for the promotion of stakeholder's participation.
  - Elaboration of Governance and Capacity Building Strategies.
  - Intemares in numbers
  - Design and implementation of a mechanism for financing the marine Natura 2000 Network.
- **Challenges and next steps**



## Objective

Effective, innovative and integrated management of the protected areas of the Natura 2000 network, with the active participation of the sectors involved and research as basic tools for decision-making.



ACTIVE PARTICIPATION



RESEARCH

## Programme of actions



CONSERVATION



RESEARCH



MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE

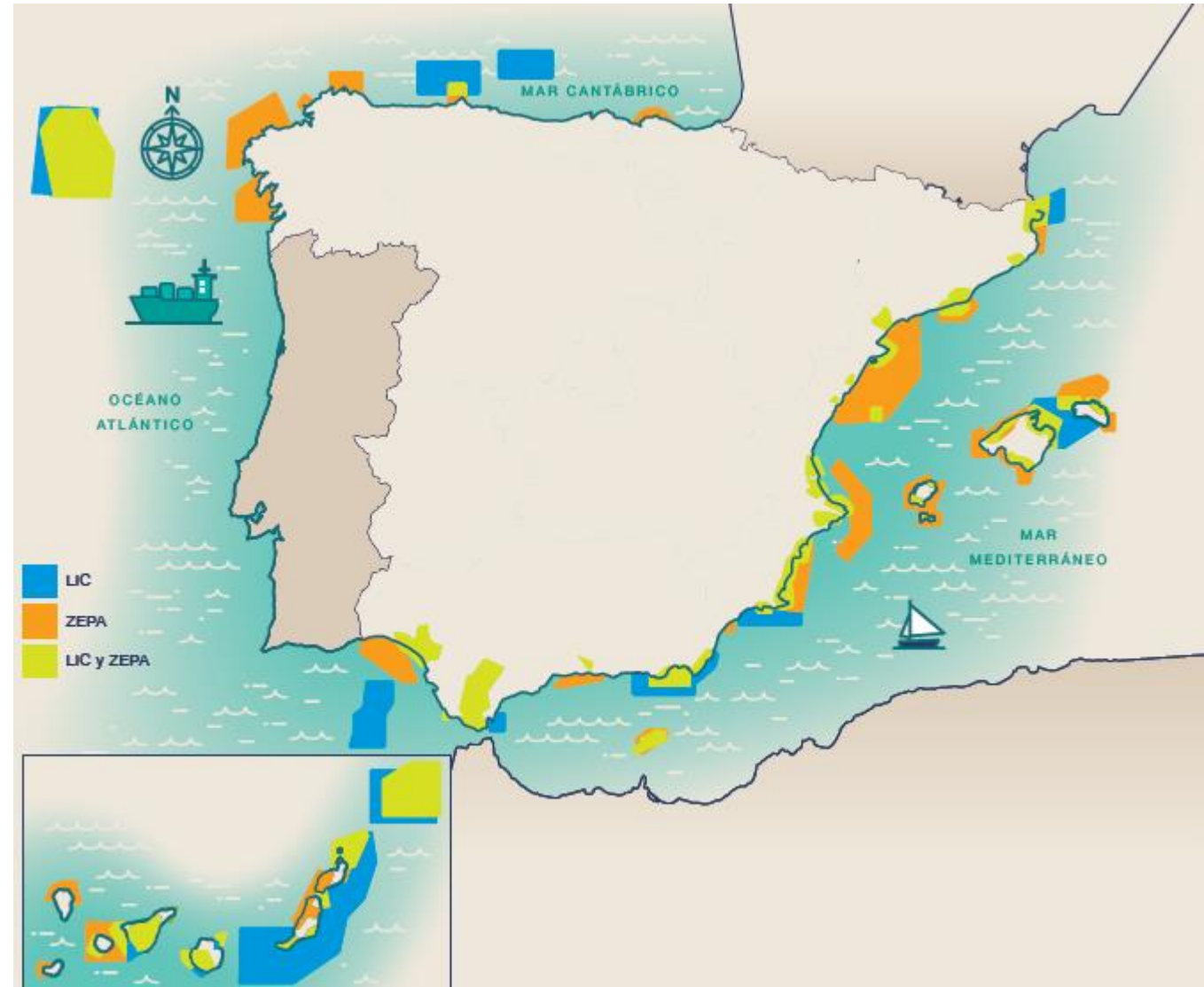


GOVERNANCE AND  
CAPACITY BUILDING



COMMUNICATION, AWARENESS RAISING AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
EDUCATION

- Spanish marine Natura 2000 Network: **273 sites, 8.5 million hectares** of the Spanish seas.
- Competences in the marine environment fall mainly on the national authorities: **100 sites, more than 95% of the surface** .
- The competences of the other **173 sites** **belong to the regional governments** (the surface is less than 5% of the Network).





# Integrated project in terms of funding, policies and stakeholders

## FUNDING

- LIFE.
- **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund.**
- European Social Fund.
- Calls for proposals from the Biodiversity Foundation.
- Private funds.

## POLICIES

- Habitats & Birds Directives.
- Marine Strategy Framework Directive.
- Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning.
- OSPAR Convention.
- Barcelona Convention.
- **EU Common Fishery Policy**
- European 2020 Strategy.
- Convention on Biological Diversity.

## ACTORS

### PARTNERS

- Coordination: Ministry for the Ecological Transition through the Biodiversity Foundation.
- Directorate General for Sustainability of the Coast and the Sea, Ministry for the Ecological Transition.
- Spanish Institute of Oceanography.
- Spanish Fisheries Confederation.
- SEO/BirdLife.
- WWF-Spain.

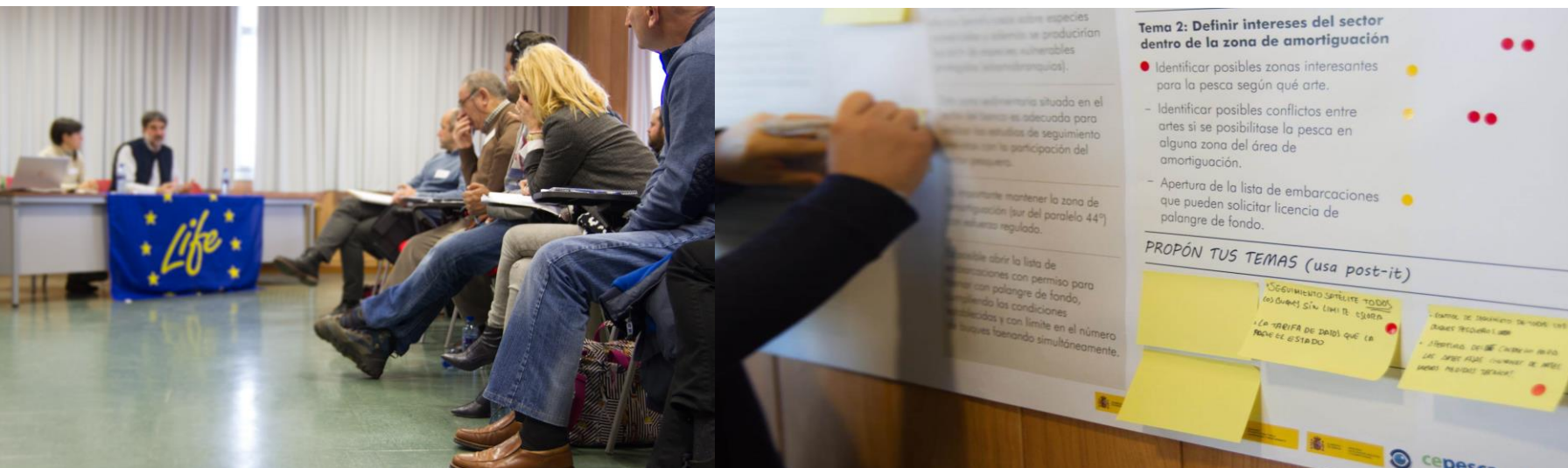
### SECTORS INVOLVED

- Public bodies.
- **Fisheries.**
- Tourism.
- Energy.
- Maritime traffic.
- Naval.
- Scientific community.
- Society in general.
- ...

# Why is INTEMARES a governance project?

## Baseline of marine governance in Spain

- **Complex institutional organisation** at the level of General State Administration.
- **Little participation from the stakeholders** directly linked to the areas.
- There is a well-structured system of **rules, which has not been established in a participatory manner**.
- The existence of **rules does not guarantee compliance** and there are deficiencies in their enforcement.
- Insufficient and inadequate **budget and staff**.
- **Incentives that have not been designed in a participatory manner**.
- **Overlapping** of different protection figures of Marine Protected Areas.
- There is a **common vision** of a concept of sustainability that implies moderated use of resources.
- An increased number of groups and institutions are **promoting participatory and innovative projects**.



There is widespread demand  
for both an increase and  
improvement in participation



## Setting up the basis of a new model of cooperation and governance, where are we now?

- **Conservation priorities:** roadmap designed to properly address priorities in terms of the conservation of marine habitats and species of Community interest and Natura 2000 sites management plans.
- **Enhancing coordination** between public administrations:
  - Steps towards the setting up of an effective coordination scheme among all public administrations, i.e. Autonomous Regions and sectoral administrations,
  - Towards the establishment of an institutional forum for the management of the marine Natura 2000 Network and the PAF.
- **New processes designed and implemented** for the promotion of stakeholder's participation and to facilitate collaboration between managers and users.
- **Elaboration of a Governance strategy** as a toolbox to guide the future implementation of governance models in Natura 2000 sites and a Capacity Building Strategy to train users and managers.
- **Ensure adequate funding** for the marine Natura 2000 Network: a mechanism is designed and implemented to combine different sources of national and EU funds (LIFE, ESF and EMFF).





## Enhancing coordination between public administrations (1)

- **Same competent authorities for Natura 2000 and the 5 Marine Strategies:** Directorate General for the Sustainability of the Coast and the Sea of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition (MITECO), INTEMARES associated beneficiary.
- **Coordination and collaboration** with the Autonomous regions:
  - Reinforcement of coordination with the 10 coastal Autonomous Communities and 2 Autonomous Cities.
  - Active work in existing fora for inter and intra-administrative coordination and collaboration.
  - Analysing pros and cons of adapting existing fora for inter and intra-administrative coordination and collaboration
  - The incorporation of the Andalusian Government as INTEMARES associated beneficiary in the next project phases is also an outstanding result of this reinforced collaboration.



## Enhancing coordination between public administrations (2)

- **Collaboration with other Ministries** to strengthen the integration of sectoral policies:
  - Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
  - Spanish Navy of the Ministry of Defense
  - Merchant Navy and Port Authority of the Ministry of Public Works
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
  - Water authorities in MITECO
  - Maritime Service of the Civil Guard of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- **Participation in the multilateral intra-administrative** coordination body in the framework of the Marine Strategies: the Interministerial Commission on Marine Strategies, where different ministries with competences in the sea are involved.
- **Collaboration with neighbouring countries**, France, Portugal, Morocco, and with others through the EU MPAs transatlantic project.
- **Establishment of an institutional forum** for the management of the marine N2000 Network.
  - Priority for INTEMARES
  - Final decisions will be taken on the basis of processes in course:
    - The elaboration of the Governance Strategy.
    - The Marine Protected Areas Network Master Plan foreseen in law 41/2010 for the Protection of the Marine Environment.





## New processes for the promotion of stakeholder's participation

- Development of a **map of actors** .
- Design of a **new methodology for social participation** that involves a strategic view:
  - Addressing common values, objectives and problems; convergence of needs and interests of the different actors involved, sometimes in conflict.
  - Carrying out a stakeholder analysis by marine demarcations and getting consensus on all phases and moments of the participatory process between partners and collaborators.
  - Facilitating multi-actor spaces where users participate in decision making. Understanding and taking care of the quality of the relationships, the structural dimension and social identity.
  - Taking advantage of local knowledge and disseminating scientific knowledge in the numerous participatory workshops designed.
  - Providing capacity building on needs and expectations between managers and users of the sea.
  - Increasing the participatory culture, designing adaptive and local participative processes.



# Methodological design of participatory processes for the elaboration of management plans in marine Natura 2000 sites

- Extend spaces for participation
- Build the process together

OUTSET OF PROCEDURE FOR ELABORATION AND APPROVAL OF **MINISTERIAL ORDER / ROYAL DECREE**

Art. 133, 39/2015 Act.

**PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION**



**Informative dossier**

**PARTICIPATION WORKSHOPS**

**Participation report**



Draft MO/RD

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**



Approval MO/RD

Art. 26.6 40/2015+27/2006 Act.

online participation

face-to-face and online participation

other enquiries to admin.

online participation

Information

Deliberation and agreements

Feedback or return

Evaluation and monitoring

- Start of **communication** to the stakeholders of the beginning

- Gather **points of view from all participants**
- Make **new interactions possible**

- Participants **receive detailed** feedback documents

- **Indicators**
- Inclusion of **improvements to the process**
- **Efficient communication** to local population and society as a whole

UPDATING MANAGEMENT PLANS

**INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**PARTICIPATION WORKSHOPS**

## "PAPERS FOR PARTICIPATION"

....Before

During the workshops...

After...

- Programs
- Maps of actors (stakeholders)
- Participation kit
- Facilitation guide

- Speaker presentations
- Agendas and facilitation kit
- Support cards, cartographies and photos

- Online questionnaire
- Participation report
- Internal evaluation and improvement proposals



# Elaboration of a Governance Strategy

- Designed through a **participatory process**, with more than 300 people from different sectors involved.
- **Initial diagnosis of marine governance in Spain**: needs and priorities of governance in marine spaces in each of the marine demarcations have been identified.
- **9 spaces for participation with managers and users in coastal areas**.
- **Toolbox to provide guidelines**, on structures, networks and processes, regulations and incentives.
- **Society demands more participation** and a different relationship with the administrations, a necessary basis for advancing participatory management for conservation.
- **Next steps**:
  - Implementation of different **governance models** in pilot sites.
  - Production of **best practice guidelines** in participatory process in marine Natura 2000.



## Intemares in numbers

- **16 Coordination Meetings** with Autonomous Communities and Cities at political and technical level.
- **9 Coordination Meetings** with other Ministries.
- **9 Participatory processes** started.
- **34 Participation and Expert Workshops**.
- **5 Training Sessions** in Navy Schools for more than **800 people**.
- **1 Technical-Scientific Committee and 4 Meetings of the Working Group**.
- **3 Social Participation Committees**.
- **128 Complementary Projects**.
- **+40 national and international events**.



More than 2,600  
participants, more than 700  
entities involved and 170  
spaces for participation.





## Challenges and next steps

- **Implement the Capacity Building Strategy** in public administrations.
- Implementation of different governance **models in pilot sites.**
- **Design new processes** for the elaboration of participative fishing management plans, together with the recreational and professional sector.
- Production of **best practice guidelines** in participatory process in marine Natura 2000.

# Thank you for your attention

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