



# The Spanish network of MPA



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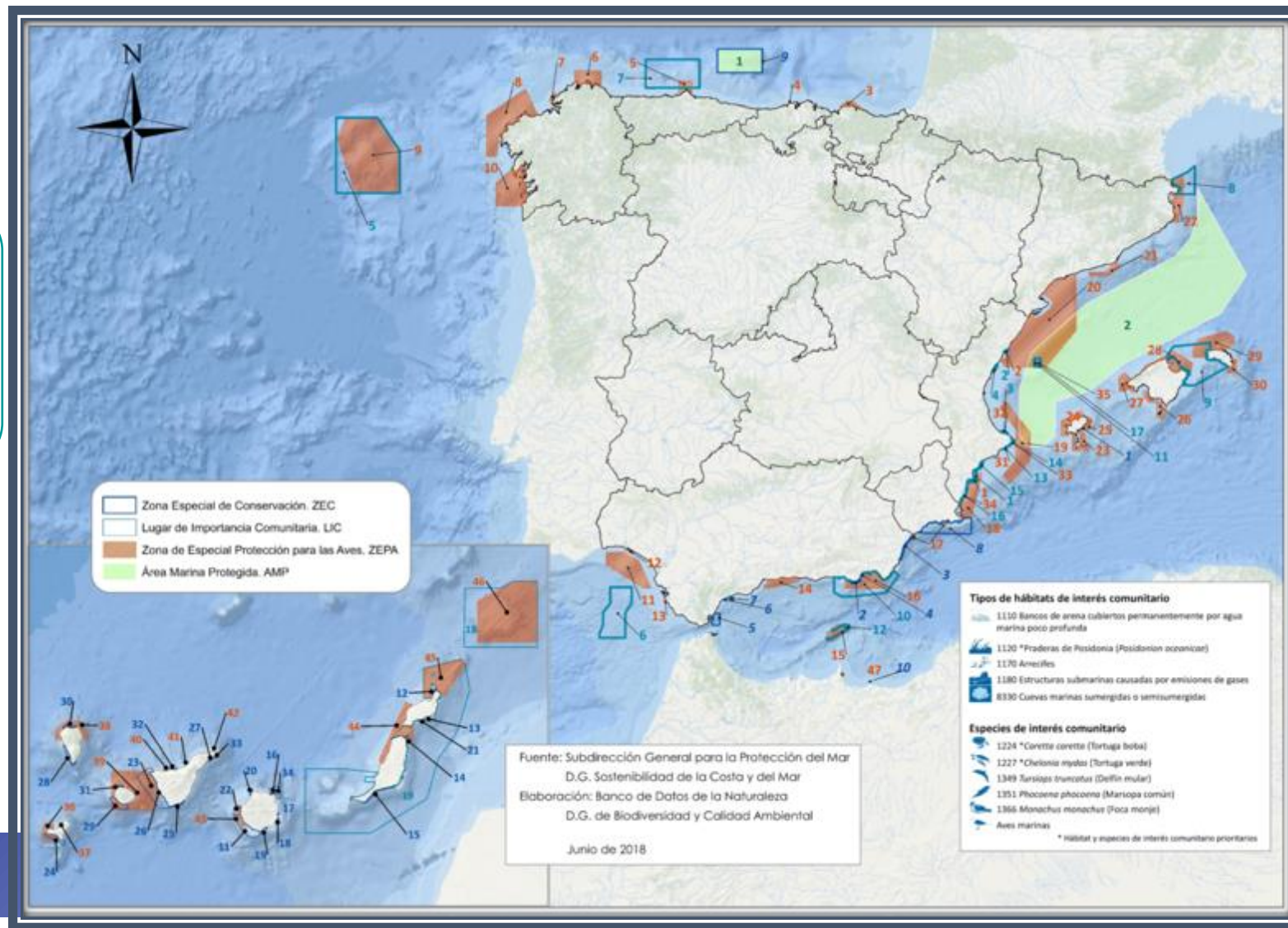
## Protection figures classification according to Spanish national legislation (Law 42/2007 on Natural Heritage and Biodiversity)

- Marine Protected Area
- Natura 2000 sites
- Others (Natural Park, National Park, Natural Monument, Natural Reserve and regional legislation figures)
- MPA protected or included in international networks (OSPAR, SPAMI)
- Marine Reserves

Declaration and management is a **shared competence** between Central Government (Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge) and Regional Governments (“Comunidades Autónomas”)



**MPA in Spain  
managed by  
central  
government**



- 1% in 2009 → 8% in 2015 → 12% in 2018
- Natura 2000= 272 sites (96% managed by Central Government)

# Main challenges ahead of us regarding MPA:

- **Effective protection:**
  - ✓ Approval of management plans
  - ✓ Monitoring and surveillance
  - ✓ Article 6 of Habitat Directive
  
- **In the way to an effective protection of 30%**



# MPA Network: RAMPE

## Law 41/2010 on marine protection:

- **Creation of the Marina Protected Area Network (RAMPE)**

RAMPE is made up of protected areas **located in the Spanish marine environment, representative** of the marine natural heritage, regardless of whether their declaration and management are regulated by international, community and state regulations, as well as their **regulatory framework** and the **system of relationships** necessary for their operation.

- **Objetives**

1. **Ensure the conservation** and recovery of the natural heritage and marine biodiversity.
2. **Protect and conserve the areas that best represent** the distribution range of the species, habitat and ecological processes in the seas.
3. Promote the conservation of **ecological corridors** and the management of those elements that are essential for migration, geographic distribution and genetic exchange between populations of species of marine fauna and flora.
4. **Constitute the contribution** of the to the European and pan-European networks that, where appropriate, are established, as well as to the Global Network of Marine Protected Areas



# Legal development: Master Plan of MPA Network

## Content:

- Strategic and operational objectives
- Program of actions
- Guidelines for planning and conservations of sites included in RAMPE
- Criteria for a coordinated and coherent management of the RAMPE
- Financing
- Monitoring program
- Assessment and Accountability
- Governance





# Strong human networks for effective Marine Protected Areas



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