



Support MPA effectiveness through strong and connected networks in the Mediterranean



Project partners:



Outputs Overview

8 Pilot Actions
in
7 countries
26800 Ha



3 Thematic working groups

- fisheries
- mobile species
- financing

Regular training programme

- fisheries
- mobile species
- financing

2 Direct peer-to-peer MPA support

Boosting experience transfer
in **4** MPAs

The 2020 Med MPA Forum

- 224 participants on site from 26 Mediterranean countries and beyond and 466 online participants
- A Roadmap

Networks of MPAs: 35+

- Spanish network strengthened
- Croatian Network CROMPAS created
- FR-IT network in Pelagos Area induced
- AdriaPAN to the AdrionPAN network transition started

Policy Brief

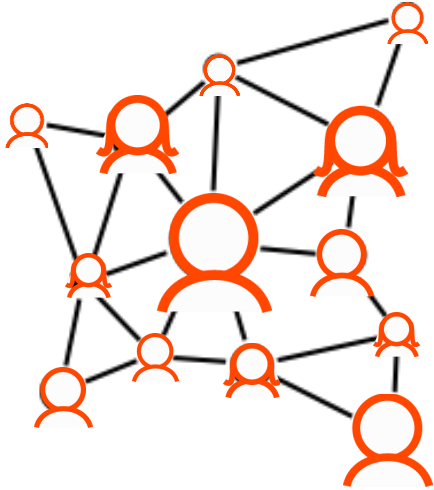
- Recommendations



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MPA NETWORKS - Networking activities



NETWORKING ACTIVITIES to exchanges between MPA managers and other actors, capitalisation of good practices and increased knowledge. This approach will be amplified thanks to exchanges between networks.

POLICY SUPPORT - Through joined forces of networks and a dynamic bottom-up approach linking experience on the ground and decision-making processes, MPA voices will be coordinated and joint recommendations will support policy-making at international, European, and national level.



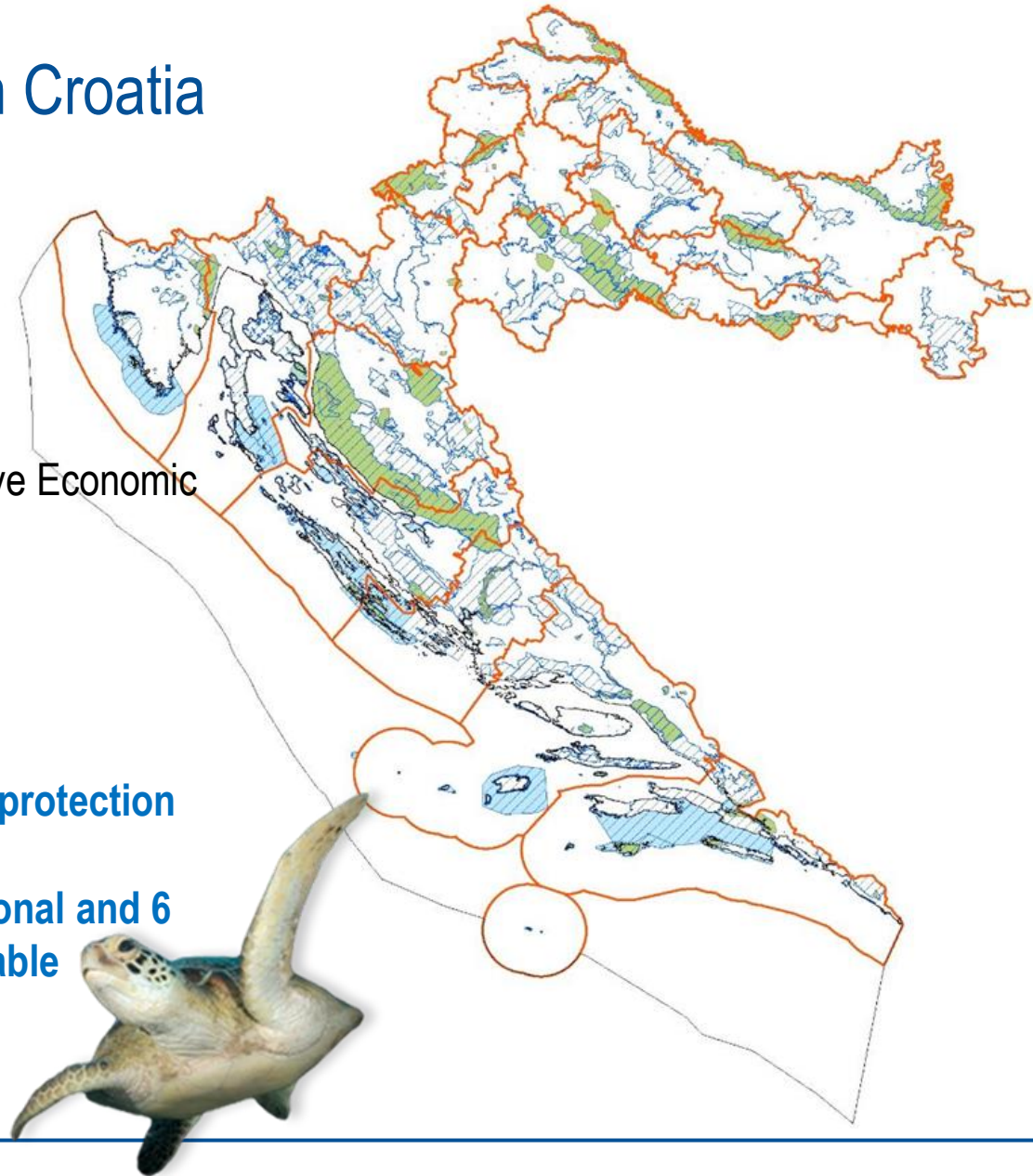
Protected part of the marine ecosystem in Croatia

- Nationally designated protected areas: 17
- Natura 2000: 247 designated (16,26 % coastal sea)
- 9,81 km² of Ecological and Fisheries Protection Zone/Exclusive Economic Zone area.

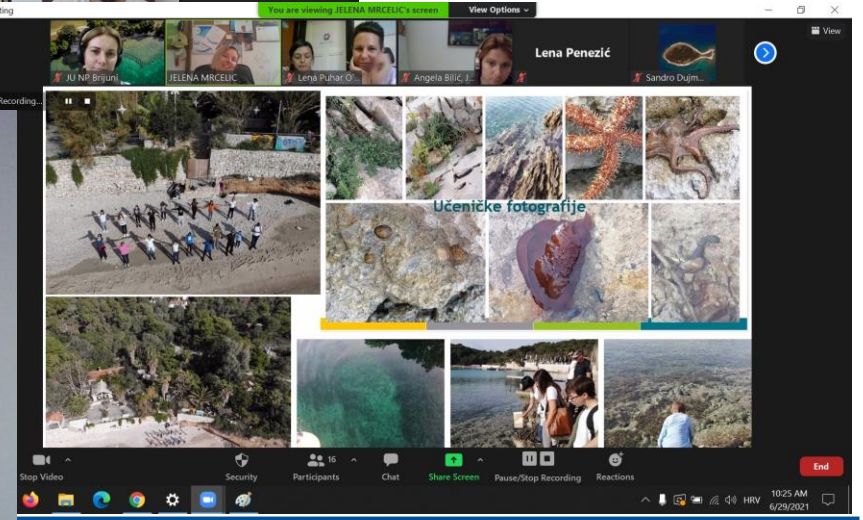
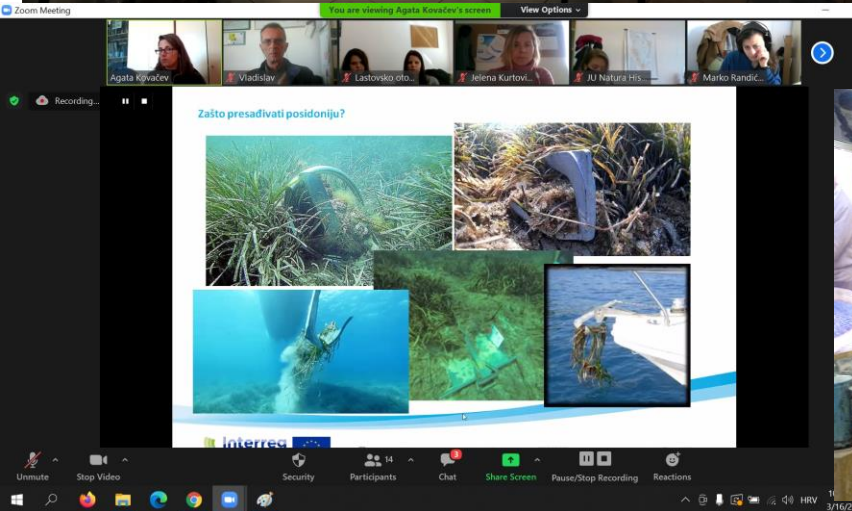
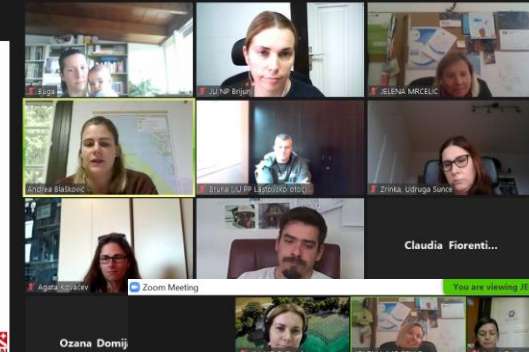
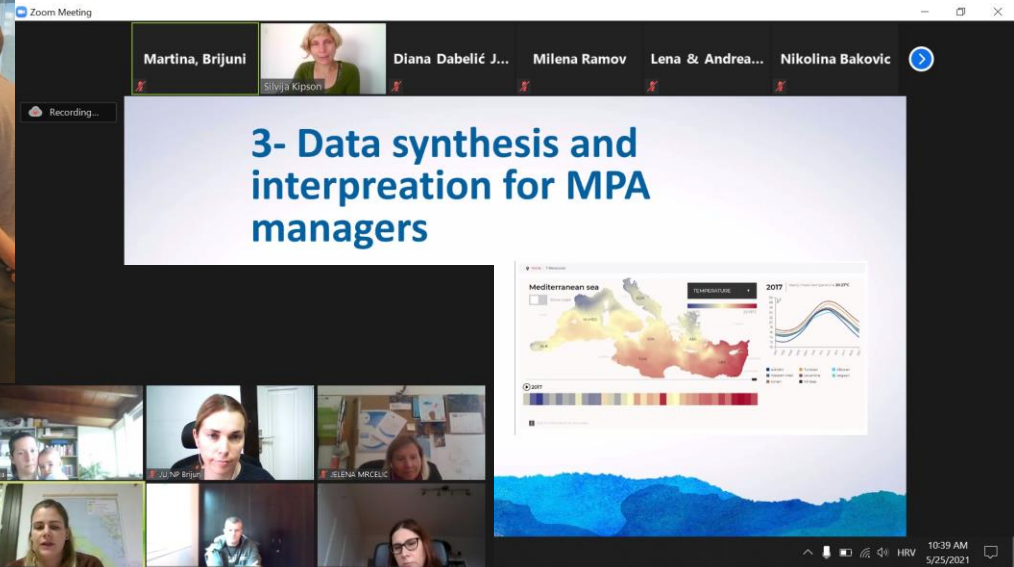
= 9,4 % protected sea under national jurisdiction

+ Fishery restricted area Pomo pit → around 12% of total sea protection

- Managed by 15 institutions of different levels - 2 local, 7 regional and 6 national institutions and the Ministry of economy and sustainable development



Initial networking





CROMPA

Croatian Marine
Protected Area
Network



Brijuni National Park – 20 May 2021, signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation



Capitalizing activities

Croatian Final Conference of the MPA NETWORKS project – June 1&2, Zagreb

The objectives of this combined technical-political event are:

- to present the status of protected and conserved areas and the main challenges
- to exchange the results and lessons learnt from the project and discuss what may be feasible and achievable
- to engage the protection community to share solutions and identify priorities and ways forward in terms of capitalization, replication and funding
- to present and exchange the white paper designing key operational recommendations for the resilient Adriatic-Ionian MPAs and coastal network and the possible political uptake.





Strong human networks for effective Marine Protected Areas



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