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Pointe du Bouvet underwater trail

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Snorkelling
Cultural and natural
Average frequention

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Geographic location
France, Provence Alpes Côte d’Azur, Var, Hyères

Name of the conservation area (or protected area)
Marine area adjacent to Port-Cros National Park

Level of environmental protection
Natura 2000 Hyères bay

Name of the dive site
Pointe du Bouvet underwater trail

Geographic coordinates (reference system)
LAT: E 06°09’25.110”
LONG: N 43°01’41.300”
Reference system: WGS 84
Access to the dive site

By land: Opposite Tour Fondue beach and facing the Espace Mer diving club

Site characteristics

- Maximum depth: 6 m
- Difficulty: Low

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Information about the managing body

The AREVPAM association studies and promotes Mediterranean heritage. It consists of archaeologists, diving professionals and photographers and participates in studies and underwater archaeological digs for the DRASSM (Department for underwater archaeological research) and Port-Cros National Park. In addition, a large part of its activities is dedicated to educational outreach. It manages two underwater trails: one devoted to the Almanarre archaeological remains at the Olbia site, while the other reconstitutes the Pointe du Bouvet archaeological site.

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More information:

The underwater trails booklet
(trail No.2, page 10)
https://fr.calameo.com/read/000318363320cc568f95e
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To preserve biodiversity
IT IS PROHIBITED
• to gather sea urchins from 16 April to 30 November in the department of Var
• to capture or hunt octopus from 1 June to 30 September
• to fish or hunt in the zones reserved for swimming, including the underwater trails
Description of the site of natural interest

The Pointe du Bouvet underwater trail consists of several types of habitat: sandy seabeds, rocky seabeds, seagrass meadows, etc.

List of main species

- **Snakelocks anemone** *Anemonia viridis*
- **Damselfish** *Chromis chromis*
- **Green sponge ball** *Codium bursa*
- **Red sea star** *Echinaster sepositus*
- **Rainbow wrasse** *Coris julis*
- **Ornate wrasse** *Thalassoma pavo*
- **Green wrasse** *Labrus viridis*
- **Octopus** *Octopus vulgaris*
- **Neptune grass** *Posidonia oceanica*
- **Salema porgy** *Sarpa salpa*
- **Common two-banded sea bream** *Diplodus vulgaris*
- **Painted comber** *Serranus scriba*
Description of the site of cultural interest

The particularity of the Pointe du Bouvet underwater trail is that it presents a reconstitution of a Roman vessel that transported amphoras. This site has been developed by archaeologists and enables the public to discover a few of the basics of underwater archaeology.

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Reconstituted Roman shipwreck