



Parc national
de Port-Cros

ECO-FRIENDLY BOATING IN A MARINE PROTECTED AREA

ECOLOGICAL ANCHORING

ECO-RESPONSIBLE GESTURES

RECREATIONAL FISHING

PROTECTED AREAS



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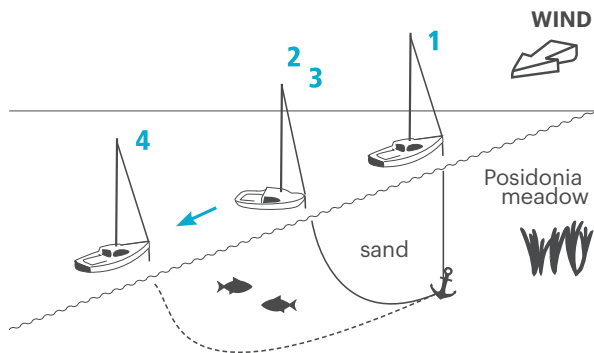


La coopération au cœur de la Méditerranée - La cooperazione al cuore del Mediterraneo

I ANCHOR MY BOAT EFFICIENTLY AND RESPECTFULLY!



- 1 Approach from downwind and find a clear zone (sandy sea floor).
- 2 Lower the anchor once the boat has stopped.
- 3 Extend the chain (at least 3 times the depth of the water) as the boat is pushed back.
- 4 Wait until the boat has aligned with the wind and check if the anchor is secure.



When departing, **move forward until you draw level with the anchor** without pulling on the chain and then raise the anchor. If any *Caulerpa taxifolia* has been caught in your anchor, **please do not discard it at sea, put it in the bin!**



POSIDONIA

Oxygenating the water and providing a nursery and shelter for animals and plants are just some of **the fundamental roles** played by these **flowering plants, endemic to the Mediterranean**. It takes **100 years to replace 1m² of Posidonia torn up by an anchor...** so please anchor your boat in sandy areas!



NOBLE PEN SHELL

Endemic to the Mediterranean, it attach themselves to the sand in the heart of Posidonia beds and can measure up to one metre! **Noble pen shells are very fragile and can be killed if struck by an anchor**, so please anchor your boat far away from their habitat.



CAULERPA TAXIFOLIA

This **invasive algae is a real scourge** on the fine balance of the Mediterranean. An anchor thrown overboard onto the algae can **exacerbate the damage** by spreading new shoots! The national Park is leading an eradication campaign, **you can help staff by signalling its presence!**



To anchor safely, outside the protected ecosystems, use the enriched maps app **DONIA** www.donia.fr

I MOOR WITHOUT DAMAGING THE SEABED

ECOLOGICAL ANCHORAGE AREA (ZMEL) IN BAGAUD' STRAIT

This regulated maritime area offers **mooring devices on ecological anchors**, which limits the impact of ships' anchors on the habitat of the Posidonia meadows.

The ZMEL also improves the **welcome and security conditions** for visitors and the **quality of the landscape**. In the harbour of Port-Cros, the ZMEL of Bagaud is **a premiere in the marine core of the national Park**.

The fundamental principle of protection is **the strict prohibition of anchoring in the 176 ha** of this protected marine area.

I reserve my mooring buoy on the national Park's website at > [Des découvertes](#) > [Séjourner](#)
> [Les mouillages et équipements légers](#)



FROM APRIL 15TH
TO OCTOBER 15TH



1 BUOY
= 1 BOAT



8 A.M TO 6 P.M
FREE AND
UNRESTRICTED



SPEED LIMITED
TO 5 KNOTS



6 P.M TO 8 A.M
CHARGED AND
ON RESERVATION
LIMITED TO 5 NIGHTS



CONSTANT AND
MANDATORY
PRESENCE ON
BOARD OF A PER-
SON CAPABLE OF
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OPERATION & CONDITIONS OF USE

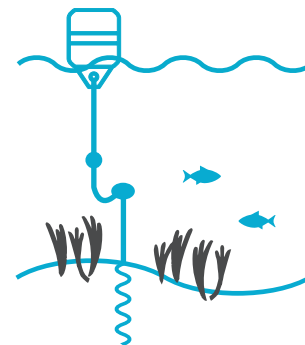
ECOLOGICAL ANCHORS

COMPOSED OF 3 ELEMENTS

On the surface, a **mooring buoy** made of 100% recyclable material;

A **mooring line** made of synthetic material equipped with an **intermediate anti-scratch buoy**;

On the seabed, an **ecological anchoring device** consisting of wire screws harmless to Posidonia and its roots.






 Limits of the ZMEL


 60 units < 15m

 3 units from 15 to 30m

 2 units from 15 to 30m - Priority to Public Services

 3 units < 15m - Reserved for residents

 National Navy buoy

 Avoidance of the National Navy buoy

100 0 100 200 300 400 500 m



MORE INFOS AT

www.portcros-parcnational.fr

Section "Mouillages et Équipements légers"

I ADOPT ECO-RESPONSIBLE GESTURES

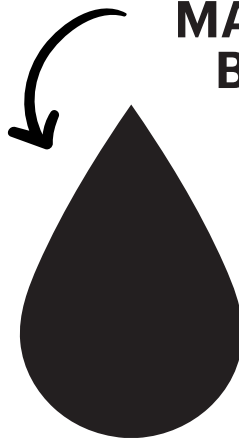
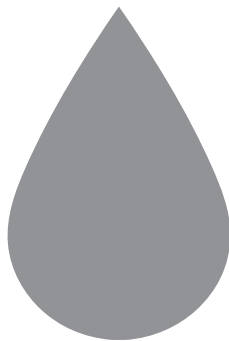
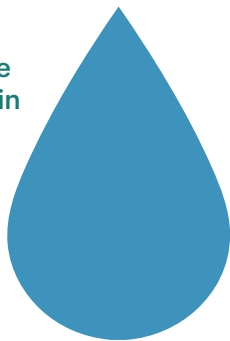
If not carried out correctly, boat maintenance procedures can have a significant impact. Changing the oil, clearing bilge water, the carburettor, ...

These procedures must be carried out carefully, within the designated areas!



SAVING WATER

When rinsing a boat and in everyday consumption on-board (shower, dishwashing, etc.), never forget that **water is rare and precious.**



MANAGING BLACKWATER

More and more boats are equipped with **systems to limit sanitary risks and preserve water quality.**

Ask the harbour master's office for information on **blackwater collecting points in the ports.**

LIMITING THE IMPACT OF GREYWATER

Detergents, surface active agents and acids are very harmful to the biodiversity!

Eco-friendly products are now available from boating professionals shops, which are very effective!



Use eco-certified products to help preserve the marine environment!

ON LAND OR AT SEA

I SORT MY WASTE



To contribute to the preservation of the territory, a lot of harbours provide collecting points. Most of the ports of the Sud Region have obtained the "Port Propre" (Clean port) label.

On board, I sort my waste and take it back to the mainland.



Plastic bags are responsible for the suffocation of many species, such as sea turtles, cetaceans and tuna...

Please don't let them drift in the sea.

THE (VERY) LONG LIFE OF WASTE DISCARDED AT SEA



NEWSPAPER
2-4 WEEKS



CIGARETTE
1-5 YEARS

A scourge on the Mediterranean!
Please put them in the bin!



ALUMINIUM CAN
200-500 YEARS



PLASTIC BOTTLE
400-1000 YEARS



GLASS BOTTLE
1000 YEARS - INDEFINITE

RECREATIONAL FISHING

FISHING ON BOARD, FROM THE SHORE AND UNDERWATER

RECREATIONAL FISHING IN NATIONAL PARK AREA REQUIRES MEASURING AND TAGGING OF SOME FISH SPECIES

THE TAGGING

REGULATORY AND OBLIGATORY

Arrêté du 17 mai 2011

It consists of the **removal of the lower part of the caudal fin**. It must be carried out **immediately upon capture** to prevent illegal resale.

Tagging **does not apply to the "Catch-Release" activity** in which the fish have to be released.

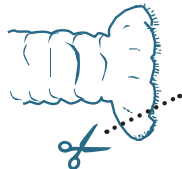
ROUND CAUDAL



FORKED CAUDAL



CRUSTACEANS



MINIMUM LEGAL SIZES - MLS

Arrêté du 29 janvier 2013

Some species have to match a **Minimum Legal Size** (MLS - or **TMC** in french) to be kept.

Fish that don't match the MLS/TMC **have to be released in the best possible conditions** (removal of hooks and and/or cutting the fishing line).

— **LOBSTER**

MLS TL = Total Length

— **SPINY LOBSTER**

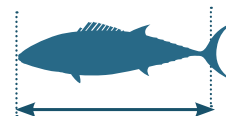
MLS CL = Carapace Length

FISH

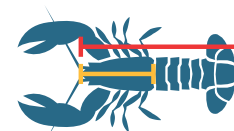


Total length

TUNA



Length at the fork



URCHIN PICKING

Absolutely forbidden from April 16th to October 31st in the Var - can change, please enquire.

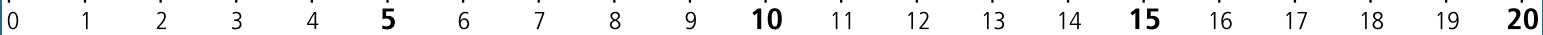
Underwater fishing or fishing by foot:
4 dozen of urchins per fisherman per day.

Fishing using a boat:
4 dozen of urchins per fisher per day, with a maximum of 10 dozen urchins per boat & per day when more than two people are on board.

URCHIN MODEL

Minimum Legal Size

5 cm / 2 inch
off the spines



MINIMUM LEGAL SIZES (MLS - TMC)

To be updated on the opening dates of the fishery (tuna, urchins, ...) and the conditions of application **visit the website** > www.dirm.mediterranee.developpement-durable.gouv.fr

NO TAGGING

ANCHOVY

Engraulis encrasicolus



TMC 9cm

WRECKFISH

Polyprion americanus



TMC 45cm

forbidden in underwater fishing

HORSE MACKEREL

Trachurus spp.



TMC 15cm

CONGER

Conger conger



TMC 60cm

BLACK SEABREAM

Spondyliosoma cantharus



TMC 23cm

SAND STEENBRAS

Lithognathus mormyrus



TMC 20cm

HAKE

Merluccius merluccius



TMC 20cm

FORKBEARD

Phycis spp.



TMC 30cm

AXILLARY SEABREAM

Pagellus acarne



TMC 17cm

BLACKSPOT SEABREAM

Pagellus bogaraveo



TMC 33cm

COMMON PANDORA

Pagellus erythrinus



TMC 15cm

RED MULLUS

Mullus spp.



TMC 15cm

SHARPSNOUT BREEM

Diplodus puntazzo



TMC 18cm



SWORDFISH

Xiphias gladius

Catch > Release

PILCHARD

Sardina pilchardus



TMC 11cm

ANNULAR SEABREAM

Diplodus annularis



TMC 12cm

TWO-BANDED SEABREAM

Diplodus vulgaris



TMC 18cm

BLUEFIN TUNA

Thunnus thynnus



TMC 30kg or 115cm

obligatory banding

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ATLANTIC BONITO*Sarda sarda***RED SCORPIONFISH***Scorpaena scrofa*

TMC 30cm

COMMON DENTEX*Dentex dentex***DOLPHINFISH***Coryphaena hippurus***SEABREAM***Sparus aurata*

TMC 23cm

SEABASS*Dicentrarchus labrax*

TMC 30cm

MEAGRE*Argyrosomus regius*

TMC 45cm

MACKEREL*Scomber scombrus*

TMC 18cm

RED PORGY*Pagrus pagrus*

TMC 18cm

WHITE SEABREAM*Diplodus sargus*

TMC 23cm

SOLE*Solea spp.*

TMC 24cm

LOBSTER*Homarus gammarus*

TMC-LT 30cm

SPINY LOBSTER*Palinurus elephas*

TMC-CL 9cm

WRECKFISH*Polyprion americanus*

in underwater fishing

GOLDEN GROUPE^(A)*Epinephelus costae***DUSKY GROUPE^(A)***Epinephelus marginatus***CORB^(B)***Sciaena umbra***MOTTLED GROUPE^(A)***Mycteroperca rubra***DOGTOOTH GROUPE^(A)***Epinephelus caninus***SLIPPER LOBSTER^(C)***Scyllarides latus***NOBLE PEN SHELL^(C)***Pinna nobilis***OCTOPUS***Octopus vulgaris*Forbidden from
1st June to 30th
September all types
of fishing**SPIDER CRAB**

CARRYING EGGS

*Maja squinado*Forbidden all year round
all types of fishing**FORBIDDEN**

To sell the product of your fishing.

To fish inside harbours, swimming
areas and military areas.

TO BE TAGGED

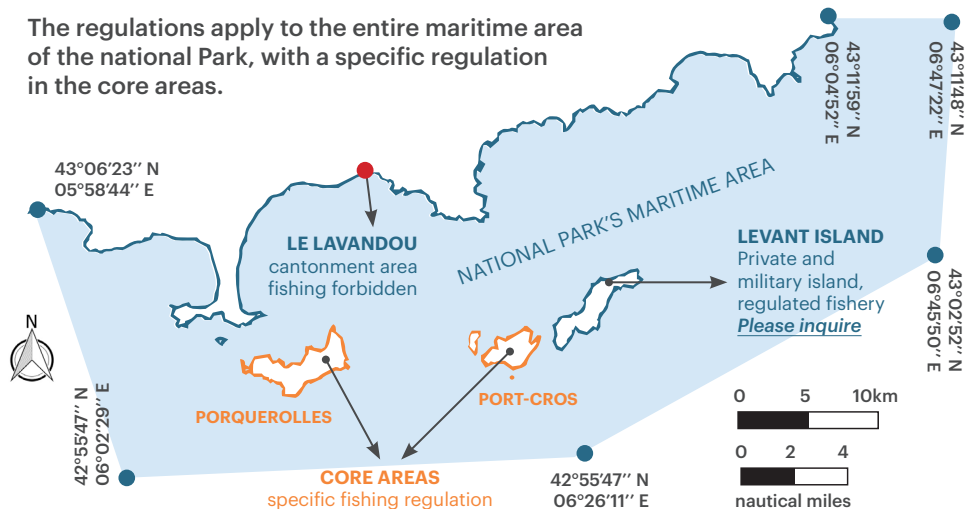
FORBIDDEN

Arrêtés du
(A)23 décembre 2013
(B)20 décembre 2018
(C)20 décembre 2004

RECREATIONAL FISHING

FISHING ON BOARD, FROM THE SHORE AND UNDERWATER

The regulations apply to the entire maritime area of the national Park, with a specific regulation in the core areas.



AUTHORIZED DEVICES FOR 1 BOAT

Rigged lines, equipped
with a maximum of 12 hooks
in total

2 longlines with a
maximum of 30 hooks each

2 fish-traps / 1 trident

1 landing net

1 three-teeth rake

3 electric reels with a
maximum power of
800 Watts each

BEFORE LEAVING

Check the weather conditions.

Message someone where you're
going and when you'll be due back.

WHEN AT SEA

Have a communication device
(VHF radio, cell phone).

Keep safe distances with other
users (professional fishermen,
underwater fishermen, divers, etc.).

UNDERWATER FISHING REGULATION



OBLIGATIONS

Be at least 16 years old
to use a speargun.

Be covered by an insurance.

Have a clear signalling device
(surface buoy and standard flags).

Practice within the legal hours
from sunrise to sunset.

SAFETY

Caution and vigilance.

Avoid fishing alone.

Do not overestimate your abilities.

Know the risks associated with
this practice and apnea.

FORBIDDEN

Approach less than 150 m
from vessels or professional fishing
gear signalled by regulatory
beacons.

Capture animals caught in
other fishermen's gear or nets.

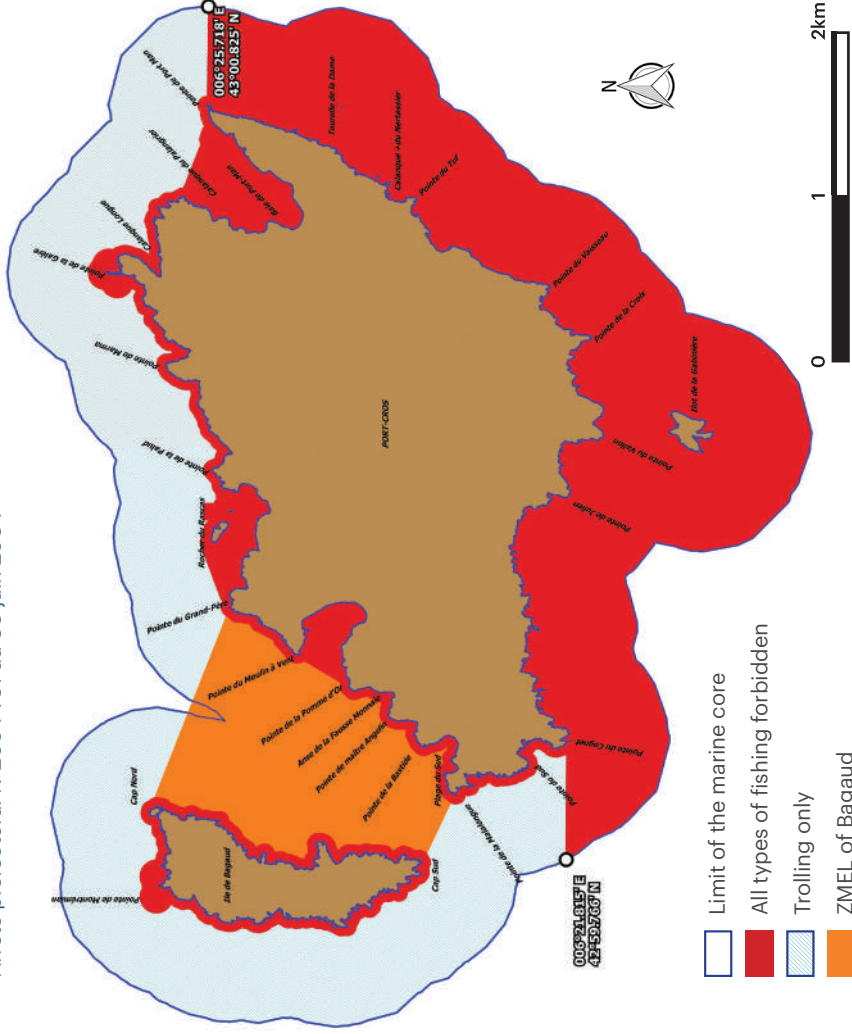
Use a breathing equipment
and a source of light.





Keep a loaded underwater fishing
device (speargun) out of the water.

Use a trident or a special device
for catching crustaceans.

PORT-CROS RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS

Arrêté préfectoral N°2004-731 du 30 juin 2004



-  Limit of the marine core
-  All types of fishing forbidden
-  Trolling only
-  ZMEL of Bagaud

MARINE CORE REGULATIONS

Only troll fishing is authorised, with a maximum of 2 rods per boat, each equipped with one hook and must be performed from a registered vessel, in the marine areas indicated on the map.

Recreational troll fishing is forbidden in the ZMEL of Bagaud from April 1st to October 30th.

Consult special regulations on the website
> www.port-cros-parcnational.fr



UNDERWATER FISHING

Forbidden in the 600 meters of the marine core.




The carrying, possession or use of any weapon, including for underwater fishing, is forbidden.



Décret n° 2009-449 du 22 avril 2009

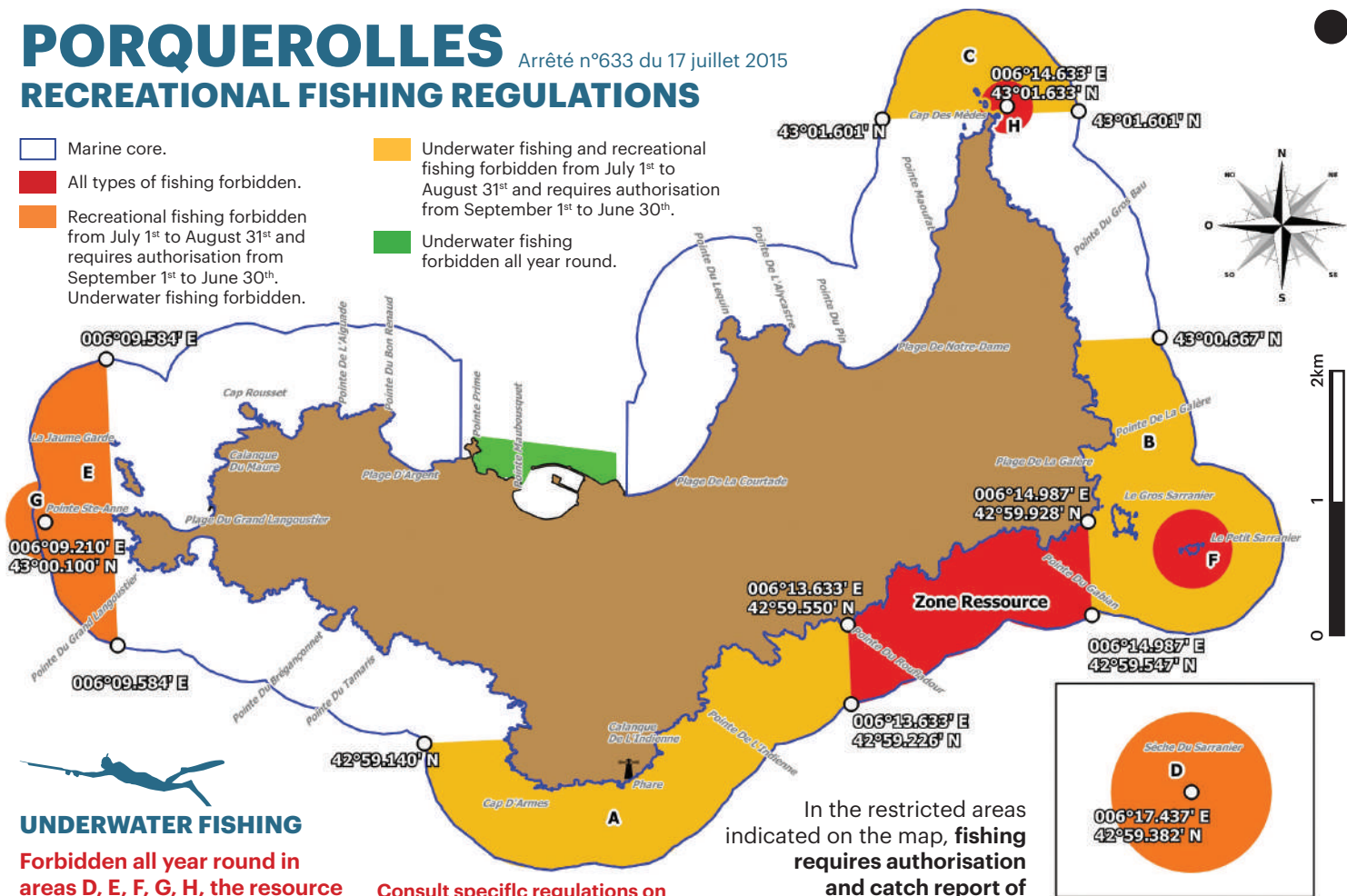
PORQUEROLLES

RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS

Arrêté n°633 du 17 juillet 2015

-  Marine core.
-  All types of fishing forbidden.
-  Recreational fishing forbidden from July 1st to August 31st and requires authorisation from September 1st to June 30th. Underwater fishing forbidden.

-  Underwater fishing and recreational fishing forbidden from July 1st to August 31st and requires authorisation from September 1st to June 30th.
-  Underwater fishing forbidden all year round.

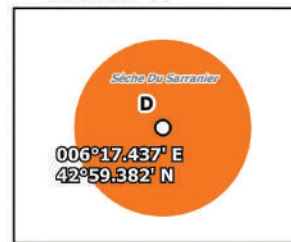


UNDERWATER FISHING

Forbidden all year round in areas D, E, F, G, H, the resource zone and the port area.

Consult specific regulations on the site > www.port-cros-parcnational.fr

In the restricted areas indicated on the map, fishing requires authorisation and catch report of the fishery.



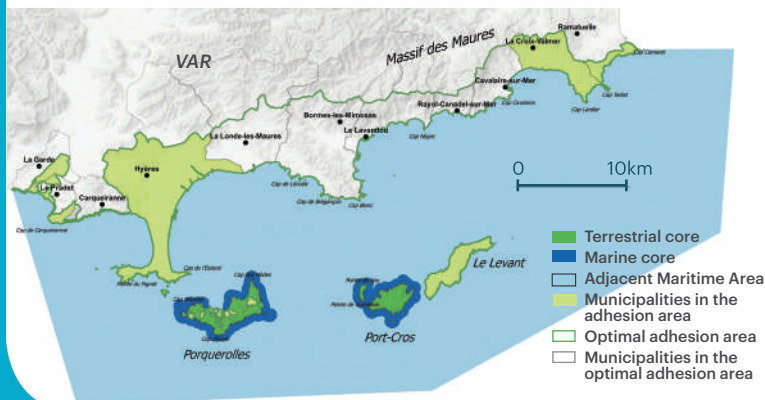
PORT-CROS NATIONAL PARK

TERRESTRIAL AND MARINE PROTECTED AREA

Very first marine park in Europe, born in 1963, the **Port-Cros national Park** was expanded in 2012 to include a much larger area composed of :

- **Two cores, Port-Cros and Porquerolles**, bounded by a 600m maritime strip, benefiting from special protection and a regulation for offshore activities ;
- **An adjacent maritime area of 118 745 hectares ;**
- **5 municipalities adhering to the Charter.**

The territorial Charter, resulting from exchanges with local stakeholders and effective since 2016, is **a tool to manage and animate this new territory**. It defines the protection objectives for the the core areas heritage and the orientations for the sustainable development of the territory.



CONSERVING MARINE BIODIVERSITY AND PROMOTING ECO-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

The work of the national Park's staff

Scientific monitoring
of flora and fauna

Education on the environment
and sustainable development

Environmental policing

Visitor information

**THERE ARE OTHER MARINE PROTECTED
AREAS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN,
ECO-BOATING THERE TOO !**

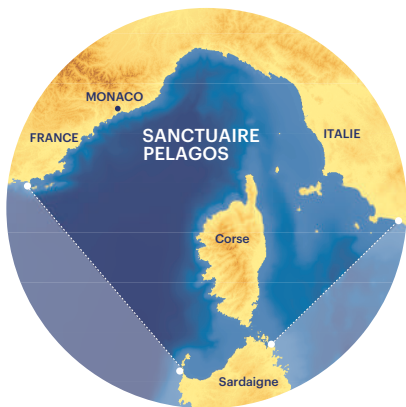
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PELAGOS SANCTUARY



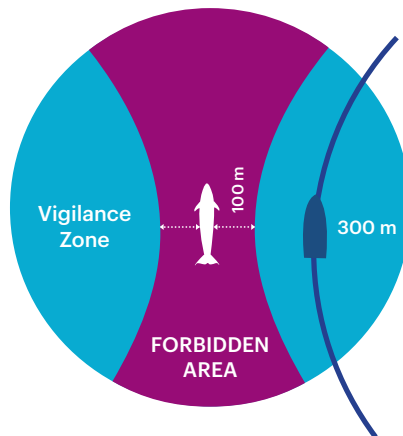
A UNIQUE AREA



This **international open-sea Marine Protected Area**, dedicated to the **protection of marine mammals** is born from an agreement between France, Italy and Principality of Monaco in 1999.

The **Port-Cros national Park** ensures the animation of the French part of Pelagos Sanctuary.

ADAPTED NAVIGATION



Observation recommended **only beyond 5 miles**

Remain parallel to the animal

Limit speed to **5 knots**

Avoid **sudden changes in speed and direction**

DO NOT FEED, TOUCH OR SWIM WITH THE CETACEANS

SPECIES TO OBSERVE

