

SPAMI periodic review report

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Section I: FEATURES PROVIDING A VALUE - ADDED TO THE AREA
(Section B4 of the Annex I, and other obligatory for a SPAMI, and Art . 6 and 7 of the Protocol))

1. MEDITERRANEAN VALUE OF THE SPAMI

	<u>Score</u>
<p>1.1. The SPAMI still fulfils at least one of the criteria related to the regional Mediterranean value as presented in the SPA/BD Protocol's Annex I.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0 Yes : 1</p>	1
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>Diversity: The area has a high diversity of species, communities, habitats or ecosystems such as the sperm whale (<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>), the bottlenose dolphin (<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>), the striped dolphin (<i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i>), the common dolphin (<i>Delphinus delphis</i>), the Risso's dolphin (<i>Grampus griseus</i>), the long-finned pilot whale (<i>Globicephala melas</i>), and the Cuvier's beaked whale (<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>). It is also the habitat of other ocean species like the loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>) and different seabird species.</p> <p>Presence of habitats that are critical to endangered, threatened or endemic species. Threat to marine life in the Mediterranean is a stark reality. A total of 10 marine mammals are ranked as 'threatened' in this corridor, among which are the humpback whale and the striped dolphin.</p> <p>Until today, several human activities were posing a threat to these species, including fishing activity, maritime traffic and offshore oil and gas exploration and exploitation</p>	

	<u>Score</u>
<p>1.2. Level of adverse changes occurred during the evaluation period for the habitats and species considered as natural features in the SPAMI presentation report submitted for the inclusion of the area in the SPAMI List.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>Significant changes : 0 Moderate changes : 1 Slight changes : 2 No adverse change : 3</p>	2

Rationale for the note

All species listed in the SPAMI presentation report, keeps the same state on its relative abundance as Common (C), Uncommon (U) or Occasional (O),

The data can be consulted in the following sources: CETAMED NORTE, 2023) and sightings within the framework of the ASI project and other sources (Source: CEDEX, 2021 and Reporting Article 17); Deep diving cetacean conservation plan (Tursiops marine research, 2023)

We consider only slight changes due to the increase in marine traffic.

<https://www.submon.org/es/proyecto-cetamed-norte/>

	<u>Score</u>
<p>1.3. Are the objectives, set out in the original SPAMI application for designation, actively pursued?</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0</p> <p>Only some of them : 1</p> <p>Yes for most of them : 2</p> <p>Yes for all of them : 3</p>	3
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>Objectives and management measures have been established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the conservation of the values of the AMP • Improving knowledge for management • Awareness and communication • Participation and governance 	

2. LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

	<u>Score</u>
<p>2.1. The legal status of the SPAMI (with reference to its legal status at the date of the previous evaluation report).</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p>	2

Significant negative change in the legal status of the SPAMI : 0	
<u>Rationale for the note</u>	
The SPAMI has maintained its legal status of Marine Protected Area	

	Score
<p>2.2. Are competencies and responsibilities clearly defined in the texts governing the area?</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>Competencies and responsibilities are not clearly defined : 0</p> <p>The definition of competencies and responsibilities needs slight improvements : 1</p> <p>The SPAMI has clearly defined competencies and responsibilities : 2</p>	2
<u>Rationale for the note</u>	
Competencies on the management of the MPA rely completely on the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge	

	Score
<p>2.3. Does the area have a management body, endowed with sufficient powers?</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No management body, or the management body is not endowed with sufficient powers : 0</p> <p>The management body is not fully dedicated to the SPAMI : 1</p> <p>The SPAMI has a fully dedicated management body and sufficient powers to implement the conservation measures : 2</p>	1
<u>Rationale for the note</u>	
The MPA is managed by the central headquarter of the Ministry for Ecological Transition. The management body is endowed with sufficient powers but is not fully dedicated to the SPAMI	

3. MANAGEMENT AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

	Score
	2

<p>3.1. Does the SPAMI have a management plan?</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No management plan : 0</p> <p>The level of implementation of the management plan is assessed as “insufficient” : 1</p> <p>The management plan is not officially adopted but its implementation is assessed as “adequate” : 2</p> <p>The management plan is officially adopted and adequately implemented : 3</p>	
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>The management Plan is being finalised in these days. A recent workshop on the management plan was held in Madrid in October 8th 2024.</p> <p>Part of the conservation measures are implemented through the Western Mediterranean PSSA, and the rest of the implementation is ongoing.</p>	

	Score
<p>3.2. Assess the adequacy of the management plan taking into account the SPAMI objectives and the requirements set out in article 7 of the Protocole ASP/DB and Section 8.2.3 of the Annotated Format (AF).</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>Low : 0</p> <p>Medium : 1</p> <p>Good : 2</p> <p>Excellent : 3</p>	<p>2</p>
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>The management plan includes 16 objectives, which are in line with the SPAMI objectives and requirements</p>	

	Score
<p>3.3. Assess the adequacy of the human resources available to the SPAMI.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p>	<p>1</p>

<p>Very low/Insufficient : 0</p> <p>Low : 1</p> <p>Adequate : 2</p>	
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>There is a permanent field staff: Field administrator, field experts, field technicians and wardens, but not enough.</p>	

	Score
<p>3.4. Assess the adequacy of the financial and material means available to the SPAMI</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>Very low : 0</p> <p>Low : 1</p> <p>Adequate : 2</p> <p>Excellent : 3</p>	1
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>The basic financing is ensured: a core funding for basic staff, protection and information measures.</p>	

	Score
<p>3.5. Does the area have a monitoring programme?</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No monitoring programme : 0</p> <p>The level of implementation of the monitoring programme is assessed as “insufficient” : 1</p> <p>The monitoring programme needs improvement to cover other parameters that are significant for the SPAMI : 2</p> <p>The monitoring programme is adequately implemented and allows the assessment of the state and evolution of the area, as well as the effectiveness of protection and management measures : 3</p>	2

Rationale for the note

Due to its size, the cetacean population of the site is being monitored through the ASI censuses. A more in-detail monitoring has being carried out in its northern part, Cetamed Norte project:

<https://www.submon.org/es/proyecto-cetamed-norte/>

In the area the Conceptu Maris LIFE project is working and obtaining valuable data.

		<u>Score</u>
<p>3.6. Is there a feedback mechanism that establishes an explicit link between the monitoring results and the management objectives, and which allows adaptation of protection and management measures?</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>Low : 0</p> <p>Medium : 1</p> <p>Good : 2</p> <p>Excellent : 3</p>	<p>2</p>	

Rationale for the note

It has been established in the management plan how to link he monitoring results and the conservation objectives

		<u>Score</u>
<p>3.7. Is the management plan effectively implemented?</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>Low : 0</p> <p>Medium : 1</p> <p>Good : 2</p> <p>Excellent : 3</p>	<p>1</p>	

Rationale for the note

The management plan is still being to be finished, but part of the conservation measures are within the Western Mediterranean PSSA, specially those concerning ship speed regulation.

<u>Score</u>	
<p>3.8. Have any concrete conservation measures, activities and actions been implemented?</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>Low : 0</p> <p>Medium : 1</p> <p>Good : 2</p> <p>Excellent : 3</p>	2
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>Objectives and management measures have been established to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the conservation of the values of the AMP • Improving knowledge for management • Awareness and communication • Participation and governance 	

Section II: FEATURES PROVIDING A VALUE-ADDED TO THE AREA

4. THREATS AND SURROUNDING CONTEXT

4.1. Assess the level of threats within the site to the ecological, biological, aesthetic and cultural values of the area (B4.a Annex I).

Under section 4.1, questions are asked in two parts: part a) enquiring on the existence of threats within the site, and part b) asking about the response made to mitigate such threats. If the answer to part a) is “no threats”, part b) is not applicable. Whereas, when threats are reported under part a), part b) should be answered. The score achieved in response to part b) is considered as a bonus and has no impact on the score evaluation and consequently the result of the review.

<u>Score</u>	
<p>4.1.1.a. Unregulated exploitation of natural resources (e.g. sand mining, water, timber, living resources) See 5.1.1. in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No threats : 3</p> <p>Weak threats : 2</p> <p>Serious threats : 1</p> <p>Very serious threats : 0</p> <p>(If the answer is “no threats”, pass directly to question 4.1.2. a).</p>	3

<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>All exploitation of natural resources is under regulation, but there's still bycatch.</p>
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	<u>Score</u>
<p>4.1.1.b. Efforts (actions) undertaken during the evaluation period to address/mitigate the unregulated exploitation of natural resources (e.g. sand mining, water, timber, living resources) See 5.1.1. in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No efforts : 0</p> <p>Little efforts : 1</p> <p>Some efforts : 2</p> <p>Significant efforts : 3</p> <p>(If applicable: Not applicable if the answer to question 4.1.1. a) is “no threats”.)</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

	<u>Score</u>
<p>4.1.2.a. Threats to habitats and species (e.g. disturbance, desiccation, pollution, poaching, introduced alien species) See 5.1.2. in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No threats : 3</p> <p>Weak threats : 2</p> <p>Serious threats : 1</p> <p>Very serious threats : 0</p> <p>(If the answer is “no threats”, pass directly to question 4.1.3. a).</p>	<p>1</p>

<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>The main risks and threats and their degrees of impact are set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource extraction (Medium) • Maritime transport (High): causes marine pollution, introduction of alien species, disturbance by noise
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Score	
<p>4.1.2.b. Efforts (actions) undertaken during the evaluation period to address/mitigate the threats to habitats and species (e.g. disturbance, desiccation, pollution, poaching, introduced alien species) See 5.1.2. in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No efforts : 0</p> <p>Little efforts : 1</p> <p>Some efforts : 2</p> <p>Significant efforts : 3</p> <p>(If applicable: Not applicable if the answer to question 4.1.2. a) is “no threats”.)</p>	<p>2</p>
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>An analysis of Maritime Traffic in the Mediterranean Cetacean Migration Corridor has been carried out in relation to collisions between ships and cetaceans.</p> <p>The prevention of marine pollution caused by ships will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the international conventions on the subject to which Spain is a Party, and specifically with the MARPOL Convention.</p> <p>The space covered by the ZEP and their bordering area will be considered a restricted area for the dumping of waste or other materials from ships or aircraft.</p> <p>The prevention of marine pollution from land-based sources will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of international conventions on the subject, specifically the Barcelona Convention, as well as the requirements contained in Spanish legislation on pollution control and Law 41/2010, of 29 December, on the protection of the marine environment.</p> <p>The different contingency plans for marine pollution that are applicable within the scope of this regulation, whether of a state, regional or local nature, must take into consideration the conservation measures of the ZEP</p>	

Score	
<p>4.1.3.a. Increase of human impact (e.g. tourism, boats, building, immigration...) See 5.1.3. in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No threats : 3</p> <p>Weak threats : 2</p> <p>Serious threats : 1</p> <p>Very serious threats : 0</p> <p>(If the answer is “no threats”, pass directly to question 4.1.4. a).</p>	<p>2</p>

Rationale for the note

The degree of impact of “Tourism and leisure activities” has been ranked as: Medium

Given the remoteness of the corridor from the coast, the only recreational activity that can be carried out in the area is whale watching. Although it is not currently considered a pressure, it is considered a future threat in the event that it increases.

Score

2

4.1.3.b. Efforts undertaken during the evaluation to address/mitigate the increase of human impact (e.g. tourism, boats, building, immigration...) See 5.1.3. in AF.

Rating scale

No efforts : 0

Little efforts : 1

Some efforts : 2

Significant efforts : 3

(If applicable: Not applicable if the answer to question 4.1.3. a) is “no threats”.)

Rationale for the note

There are have being some initial meetings for tackling vessel speed, among the Mnistry and tre Ministry of Transports and the ferries companies.

Score

3

4.1.4.a. Conflicts between users or user groups. See 5.1.4. and 6.2 in AF.

Rating scale

No threats : 3

Weak threats : 2

Serious threats : 1

Very serious threats : 0

(If the answer is “no threats”, pass directly to question 4.1.5. a).

Rationale for the note

There are no significant conflicts between users.

	Score
<p>4.1.4.b. Efforts (actions) undertaken during the evaluation period to address/mitigate the conflicts between users or user groups. See 5.1.4. and 6.2 in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No efforts : 0 Little efforts : 1 Some efforts : 2 Significant efforts : 3</p> <p>(If applicable: Not applicable if the answer to question 4.1.4. a) is “no threats”.)</p>	Not Applicable
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>In order to analyse in depth the conflicts with fishers, the analysis of fishing activity in the protected area has been carried out, within the framework of LIFE IP INTEMARES, which compiles AIS data for the years 2019-2022, which includes all fishing vessels with lengths greater than 15 m</p>	

<p>Please include here a prescriptive list of threats (not evaluated or mentioned above) that are of concern and are evaluated individually:</p> <p>Climate change Transport of energy and communications (cable) Shipping</p>

4.2. Assess the level of external threats to the ecological, biological, aesthetic and cultural values of the area (B4.a of the Annex I) and the efforts made to address/mitigate them. See 5.2 in the AF.

Under section 4.2, questions are asked in two parts: part a) enquiring on the existence of external threats, and part b) asking about the response made to mitigate such threats. If the answer to part a) is “no threats”, part b) is not applicable. Whereas, when threats are reported under part a), part b) should be answered. The score achieved in response to part b) is considered a bonus and has no impact on the score evaluation and consequently the result of the review.

	Score
<p>4.2.1.a. Pollution problems from external sources including solid waste and those affecting waters up-current. See 5.2.1 in AF.</p>	2

<p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No threats : 3</p> <p>Weak threats : 2</p> <p>Serious threats : 1</p> <p>Very serious threats : 0</p> <p>(If the answer is “no threats”, pass directly to question 4.1.2. a).</p>	
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>The major pressures that generally contribute to the pollution of the marine waters are the high degree of urbanization of the coast, and agriculture, and their direct discharges to the sea. In this case, the main form is pollution is noise, related to marine traffic.</p>	

	Score
<p>4.2.1.b. Efforts (actions) undertaken during the evaluation period to address/mitigate the pollution problems from external sources including solid waste and those affecting waters up-current. See 5.2.1 in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No efforts : 0</p> <p>Little efforts : 1</p> <p>Some efforts : 2</p> <p>Significant efforts : 3</p> <p>(If applicable: Not applicable if the answer to question 4.2.1. a) is “no threats”).</p>	<p>2</p>
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>There are have being some initial meetings for tackling vessel speed, among the Mnistry and tre Ministry of Transports and the ferries companies, to tackle the traffic and associated noise events.</p>	

	Score
<p>4.2.2.a. Significant impacts on landscapes and on cultural values. See 5.2.2 in AF.</p>	<p>3</p>

<p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No threats : 3</p> <p>Weak threats : 2</p> <p>Serious threats : 1</p> <p>Very serious threats : 0</p> <p>(If the answer is “no threats”, pass directly to question 4.2.3. a).</p>	
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>Not applicable to this area</p>	

	<u>Score</u>
<p>4.2.2.b. Efforts (actions) undertaken during the evaluation period to address/mitigate the significant impacts on landscapes and on cultural values. See 5.2.2 in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No efforts : 0</p> <p>Little efforts : 1</p> <p>Some efforts : 2</p> <p>Significant efforts : 3</p> <p>(If applicable: Not applicable if the answer to question 4.2.2. a) is “no threats”.)</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

	<u>Score</u>
<p>4.2.3.a. Expected development of threats upon the surrounding area. See 6.1 in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No threats : 3</p> <p>Weak threats : 2</p> <p>Serious threats : 1</p> <p>Very serious threats : 0</p> <p>(If the answer is “no threats”, pass directly to question 4.2.4. a).</p>	<p>2</p>

Rationale for the note

The maritime traffic is expected to increase as the GDP, so it will probably increase in the area.

	Score
<p>4.2.3.b. Efforts (actions) undertaken during the evaluation period to address/mitigate the expected development of threats upon the surrounding area. See 6.1 in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No efforts : 0</p> <p>Little efforts : 1</p> <p>Some efforts : 2</p> <p>Significant efforts : 3</p> <p>(If applicable: Not applicable if the answer to question 4.2.3. a) is “no threats”.)</p>	<p>2</p>

Rationale for the note

There are have being some initial meetings for tackling vessel speed, among the Mnistry and tre Ministry of Transports and the ferries companies, to tackle the traffic and associated noise events.

Please include here a prescriptive list of threats (not evaluated or mentioned above) that are of concern and are evaluated individually:

Please include the list of threats (not evaluated or mentioned above) that were of concern and were eliminated or solved :

	Score
<p>4.3. Is there an integrated coastal management plan or land-use laws in the area bordering'.' or surrounding the SPAMI? (B4.e Annex I). See 5.2.3. in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p>	<p>1</p>

No : 0	
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>Integrated coastal management plan is not applicable in the area since it is located offshore, but we consider this as a yes because we have the Marine Spatial Planning approved (Real Decreto 150/2023, de 28 de febrero, por el que se aprueban los planes de ordenación del espacio marítimo de las cinco demarcaciones marinas españolas)</p> <p>https://www.boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2023-5704.</p>	

	<u>Score</u>
<p>4.4. Does the management plan for the SPAMI have influence over the governance' . ' of the surrounding area? (D5.d Annex I). See 7.4.4. in the AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0</p> <p>Yes : 1</p>	1
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>The management plan has not yet been implemented but when it does it will have due influence over the governance of surrounding areas</p>	

5. ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION MEASURES

5.1. Assess the degree of enforcement of the protection measures In particular

	<u>Score</u>
<p>5.1.1. Are the boundaries of the area adequately marked on land and, if applicable, adequately marked at sea? See 8.3.1. in the AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0</p> <p>Yes : 1</p>	0

Rationale for the note

There are not marked boundaries or marked zones since the proposed area is fully on marine open waters

	<u>Score</u>
<p>5.1.2. Is there any collaboration from other authorities in the protection and surveillance of the area and, if applicable, is there a coastguard service contributing to the marine protection? See 8.3.2. and 8.3.3. in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0 Yes : 1</p>	1

Rationale for the note

The General Directorate of Biodiversity, Forests and Desertification counts with 23 agents, 5 of them in Comunidad Valenciana, Cataluña and Balearic Islands.

The main functions of the aforementioned agents are related to the conservation and surveillance of the marine environment and species, with the officials who comprise it having the status of Agents of the Authority in the performance of their functions:

- Monitoring the marine environment and marine species included in the Birds and Habitats Directives,
- Support in the processing of sanctioning files.
- Collaboration in all monitoring work on marine fauna or protection areas (SPAMI, SCI, marine SPA, marine SAC and MPA).
- Inspection, supervision and control of activities carried out in protected marine areas in waters under Spanish jurisdiction.
- Preparation of technical reports.
- Collaboration with other Administrations in the protection of protected natural areas that converge in the coastal area and of protected species in the marine environment.
- Support and collaboration in the collection of specimens of cetaceans, birds and sea turtles stranded on the coast, with the taking of samples and their safekeeping.

Other authorities contributing to the marine protection are: , The Maritime Safety and Rescue Society, the Maritime Service of the Guardia Civil and the Customs Surveillance Service

	<u>Score</u>
<p>5.1.3. Are third party agencies also empowered to enforce regulations relating to the SPAMI protective measures?</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0 Yes : 1</p>	1

Rationale for the note

General Directorate for Maritime Transport is empowered to enforce regulations relating to the SPAMI protective measures, as most of them are related to shipping.

		<u>Score</u>
<p>5.1.4. Are there adequate penalties and powers for effective enforcement? See 8.3.4. in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0 Yes : 1</p>	<p>1</p>	
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>There is a general system on infringements and penalties established by Law 42/2007 on Natural heritage and Biodiversity , and sanctions are effective enough to dissuade</p>		

		<u>Score</u>
<p>5.1.5. Is the field staff empowered to impose sanctions? See 8.3.4. in AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0 Yes : 1</p>	<p>1</p>	
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>The body of Environmental Agents have the character of Agents of the Authority in the performance of their functions</p>		

		<u>Score</u>
<p>5.1.6. Has the area established a contingency plan to face accidental pollution or other serious emergencies? (Art. 7.3. in the Protocol, Recommendation of the 13th Meeting of Contracting Parties).</p>	<p>1</p>	

<p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0</p> <p>Yes : 1</p>	
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>6. COOPERATION AND NETWORKING The National Response System for Marine Pollution, governed by Royal Decree 1695/2012, ensures coordination across all levels of plans in Spain. The Plan Ribera, approved in 2014, includes tools like a sensitivity atlas and risk assessments to manage major coastal pollution events. It works alongside regional plans to ensure cohesive responses, especially for cross-regional or international incidents or urgent threats of irreparable damage.</p>	
	Score
<p>6.1. Are other national or international organizations collaborating to provide human or financial resources? (e.g. researchers, experts, volunteers...). See 9.1.3. in the AF.</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0</p> <p>Weakly : 1</p> <p>Fairly : 2</p> <p>Excellent : 3</p>	<p>2</p>
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>General Directorate for Maritime Transport is providing human resources to develop the Western Mediterranean PSSA.</p>	

<p>6.2. Assess the level of cooperation and exchange with other SPAMIs (especially in other nations). (Art. 8, Art. 21.1, Art. 22.1., Art. 22.3 of the Protocol, A.d in Annex I).</p> <p><u>Rating scale</u></p> <p>No : 0</p> <p>Insufficient : 1</p> <p>Fairly : 2</p> <p>Excellent : 3</p>	<p>Score</p> <p>2</p>
<p><u>Rationale for the note</u></p> <p>There is cooperation with Contracting Parties of the PSSA, including the Pelagos Archipelago.</p>	

CONCLUSION* (based on score*) :

Based on the results obtained, the SPAMI is maintained in the ordinary revision process.

***Evaluation of the score:**

The TAC will propose to include the SPAMI in a period of provisional nature (in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Procedure for the revision of the areas included in the SPAMI List) if the SPAMI has:

- a score < 1 in one or more of the following questions: 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6;
- a score < 2 in one or more of the following questions: 1.2, 1.3, 7.1 and 7.2.

Furthermore, considering that the sites included in the SPAMI List are intended to have a value of example and model for the protection of the natural heritage of the region (Paragraph A.e of Annex 1 to the SPA/BD Protocol), the TAC shall also propose to include the SPAMI in a period of provisional nature if:

- the total score of the evaluation is less than 54 for a coastal national SPAMI (= 70% of the maximum total score without bonus: 78);
- the total score of the evaluation is less than 50 for a coastal national SPAMI subject to its first ordinary periodic review (= 70% of the maximum total score without bonus: 72);
- the total score of the evaluation is less than 58 for a multilateral (transboundary high sea) SPAMI (= 70% of the maximum total score without bonus: 83);
- the total score of the evaluation is less than 53 for a multilateral (transboundary high sea) SPAMI subject to its first ordinary periodic review (=70% of the maximum total score without bonus: 77).

The bonus will count only in the case where the SPAMI has not reached the minimum score without the bonus. Then, the bonus will be added to the total score achieved by the SPAMI.

**Section I: FEATURES PROVIDING A VALUE - ADDED TO THE AREA
(Section B4 of the Annex I, and other obligatory for a SPAMI, and Art . 6 and 7 of the Protocol))**

1. MEDITERRANEAN VALUE OF THE SPAMI

Total score 6 (Max : 7)

2. LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Total score 5 (Max : 6)

3. MANAGEMENT AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

Total score 13 (Max : 24)

Section II: FEATURES PROVIDING A VALUE-ADDED TO THE AREA

4. THREATS AND SURROUNDING CONTEXT

Total score 18 (Max : 23)

5. ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION MEASURES

Total score 5 (Max : 6)

6. COOPERATION AND NETWORKING

Total score 4 (Max : 6)

Overall total score 51 (Max : 72)

Recommendations for future evaluation

- 1 - Makes efforts to improve the coordination between the different entities that have jurisdiction in the area and that are operating in the area, particularly related to marine traffic
- 2 - Make efforts to investigate opportunities for citizen science to improve data availability
- 3 - Make efforts to collaborate with other SPAMIs

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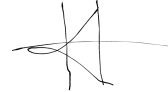
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