

# Format for the Periodic Review of the SPAMIs

SPAMI Name : MARINE PROTECTED AREA OF PORTOFINO

## SECTION I: CRITERIA WHICH ARE MANDATORY FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN AREA IN THE SPAMI LIST

(Art. 8.2. of the Protocol and General Principles and C and D of Annex I)

In each question, crossed references to the Annotated Format (AF) are given.

### 1. CONSERVATION STATUS

**1.1. Does the SPAMI fulfill one of the criteria related to Mediterranean interest as presented in Protocol's (Annex I section B para. 2), strictly maintain the status of populations of its protected species (those in Annex II to the Protocol), the status of its habitats and no adverse significant changes in the functioning of its ecosystems? (Article 8.2.) (See 3.4. and 4 in the AF) +**

Yes

In case of "no", indicate the reasons that have motivated the deficiencies, their relative seriousness and, if possible, the date in which they are expected to be overcome.

**1.2 If "yes", are the objectives, set out in the original SPAMI application for designation, actively pursued?**

Yes

### 2. LEGAL STATUS

**2.1. Does the area maintains or has improved its legal protection status from the date of the previous report? (A-e and C-2, Annex I). See 7.1.2 in the AF**

Yes

The legal text was amended in 2008 mainly to improve the integration of the socioeconomic aspects.

**2.2. Does the legal declaration of this area consider the conservation of natural values as the primary objective? (A-a and D1 in Annex I). See 7.1.3 in the AF**

Yes

2.3. Are competencies and responsibilities clearly defined in the texts governing the area? (D4 Annex I). See 7.4.3 in the AF

Yes

2.4. Are external influences/threats been taken into account in the legal framework of the SPAMI? Does the legal text clearly establish coordination means between land and sea authorities? (D4 Annex I, Art.7.4. in the Protocol).

Yes

In case there is no sea within the SPAMI, this question would be non-applicant. See 7.4.3. in the AF

Indicate measures that have been adopted to address these influences/threats. In case of any "no" answer, indicate the reasons that have motivated the deficiencies and, if possible, the date in which they are expected to be overcome.

In 2010 a specific management plan that addressed most important threats was adopted in the framework of the ISEA (Interventi standardizzati di Gestione Efficace in Aree Marine Protette) project.

### 3. MANAGEMENT METHODS (General principles D Annex 1)

3.1. Does the area have the same or an improved management body/authority as when the SPAMI was established and/or last evaluated?

Existence of a management body with sufficient powers (Art. 7.2.d, 7.2.f). D6 - Annex I: "To be included in the SPAMI List, a protected area must have a management body, endowed with sufficient powers as well as means and human resources to prevent and/or control activities likely to be contrary to the aims of the protected area". See 8.1. in the AF

Yes

3.2. Is the management plan in force?

Has the management plan been officially adopted? (D7 Annex I). See 8.2.1, 8.2.2. in the AF

Yes

3.3. Does the management plan address the requirements set out in article 7 of the Protocol and Section 8.2.3 of the Annotated Format?

More details useful for the evaluation of the management plan are addressed in question 7.1 of this questionnaire.

Yes

In case of any “no” answer, indicate the reasons that have motivated the deficiencies and, if possible, the date in which they are expected to be overcome.

#### 4. AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

##### 4.1. Is there basic equipment, human and financial resources ensured to the management body?

*(Art. 7.2.d, 7.2.f. D6 in Annex I: “To be included in the SPAMI List, a protected area must have a management body, endowed with sufficient powers as well as means and human resources to prevent and/or control activities likely to be contrary to the aims of the protected area”). See 9.1, 9.2. in the AF*

**Yes**

##### 4.2. Does the area have a monitoring program?

*(D8 - Annex I: “The program should include the identification and monitoring of a certain number of significant parameters for the area in question, in order to allow the assessment of the state and evolution of the area, as well as the effectiveness of protection and management measures implemented, so that they may be adapted if need be”). See 9.3.3. in the AF*

**Yes**

If yes, what are the monitoring parameters and the management objectives being addressed by these parameters?

The management plan adopted in the framework of the ISEA project takes in consideration the main monitoring topics both environmental and socio economic ones.

##### 4.3 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?

**Yes**

In case of any “no” answer, indicate the reasons that have motivated the deficiencies, their relative seriousness, and the date in which they are expected to be overcome.

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

5. THREATS AND SURROUNDING CONTEXT

5.1 Assess the level of threats within the site to the ecological, biological, aesthetic and cultural values of the area (B4.a Annex I).  
See 5.1. consider also 3.5.2.b, 6.3 & 6.4. in the AF

In particular:

Unregulated exploitation of natural resources  
(e.g. sand mining, water, timber, living resources) See 5.1.1. in the AF  
(SCORE: 0 means "very serious threats"; 3 means "no threats")

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Serious threats to habitats and species (e.g. disturbance, desiccation, pollution, poaching, introduced alien species ....) See 5.1.2. in the AF  
(SCORE: 0 means "very serious threats"; 3 means "no threats")

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Increase of human presence (e.g. tourism, boats, building, immigration...)  
See 5.1.3. in AF  
(SCORE: 0 means "very serious threats"; 3 means "no threats")

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Historic and current conflicts between users or user groups See 5.1.4., 6.2. in the AF  
(SCORE: 0 means "very serious threats"; 3 means "no threats"):

2

Please include a prescriptive list of threats that are of concern and are evaluated individually

Poaching: 2

Alien species: 2

**5.2 Assess the level of external threats to the ecological, biological, aesthetic and cultural values of the area (B4.a of the Annex I). See 5.2. in the AF**

**In particular:**

Pollution problems from external sources including solid waste and those affecting waters up-current. See 5.2.1. in the AF  
(SCORE: 0 means "very serious threats"; 3 means "no threats")

**2**

Significant impacts on landscapes and on cultural values. See 5.2.2  
(SCORE: 0 means "very serious threats"; 3 means "no threats")

**3**

Expected development of threats upon the surrounding area See 6.1. in the AF  
(SCORE: 0 means "very serious threats"; 3 means "no threats")

**3**

Please include a prescriptive list of external threats that are of concern and are evaluated individually.

Yachting: 2

Cruise tourism: 2

**5.3. Is there an integrated coastal management plan or land-use laws in the area limiting or surrounding the SPAMI? (B4.e Annex I). See 5.2.3.**

(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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**5.4. 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**

(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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**6.****REGULATIONS****6.1. Assess the degree of legal regulations See 7.4.2. in the AF**

**In particular, within the national framework:**

Regulations concerning the strengthening of the application of the other Protocols to the Barcelona Convention, particularly dumping, passage of ships and modification of the soil (*Art. 6b, 6c, 6e in the Protocol, D5-a Annex I*)

(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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Regulations on the introduction of any species not indigenous to the specially protected area in question, or of any genetically modified species, (*Art. 6 d in the Protocol, D5-b Annex I*)

(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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Regulations concerning the Environmental Impact Assessment for the activities and projects that could significantly affect the protected areas (*Art. 17 in the Protocol*)

(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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**In particular, within the SPAMI framework:**

Regulations for fishing, hunting, taking of animals and harvesting of plants or their destruction, as well as trade with animals, parts of animals, plants, parts of plants, which originate in the area (*Art. 6 g in the Protocol, D5-c Annex I*)

(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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## 7. MANAGEMENT

### 7.1. Assess the degree of detail of the management plan

(e.g. zoning, regulations for each zone, competencies and responsibilities, governing bodies, management programs as protection, natural resource management, tourism, public use, education, research, monitoring, maintenance, services and concessions....) See 8.2.3. in the AF

(SCORE: 0= No Management Plan / 1= Weak / 2= Adequate / 3= Excellent)

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### 7.2. Assess to what extent land ownership is well determined

(Undetermined land tenure regimes and registrations are a common source of conflicts in most protected areas world-wide)

See 7.3. in the AF

(SCORE: 0= Undetermined / 1= Weak / 2= Adequate / 3= Excellent)

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Since 100% of the surface area of the SPAMI is marine, the land ownership is not an issue.

### 7.3. Is there a body representing the public, professional and non-governmental sector and the scientific community linked to the management body? (B4b, B4c of the Annex I). See 8.1.2. & 8.1.3

(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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### 7.4. Assess the quality of the involvement by the public, and particularly of local communities, in the planning and management of the area (B4.b of the Annex I)

(e.g. adequate planning involves local stakeholders and accommodates within appropriate management regimes a spectrum of possible multiple uses and regulated human activities, within the primary objective of conservation of marine and coastal environments) See 8.1.4. in the AF

(SCORE: 0= No involvement / 1= Low / 2= Adequate / 3= Excellent)

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### 7.5. Is the management plan binding for other national/local administrations with competencies in the area? See 8.2.2 in the AF

(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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## 8. PROTECTION MEASURES

### 8.1. Assess the degree of enforcement of the protection measures

#### In particular:

Are the area boundaries adequately marked on land and, if applicable, adequately marked on the sea? See 8.3.1. in the AF  
(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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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. 8.3.3. in AF  
(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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Are third party agencies also empowered to enforce regulations relating to the SPAMI protective measures ?  
(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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Are there adequate penalties and powers for effective enforcement of regulations and is the field staff empowered to impose sanctions? See 8.3.4. in the AF  
(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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Has the area established a contingency plan to face accidental pollution or other serious emergencies? (*Art. 7.3. in the Protocol, Recom. 13<sup>th</sup> Parties Meeting*)  
(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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## 9. HUMAN RESOURCES

**9.1. Adequacy of the human resources available to the management body** (*Art.7.2-f in the Protocol, D6 in Annex I*) (*e.g. enough number of employees to ensure adequate management and protection of the area*)  
See 9.1.1. in the AF

Is there a permanent field administrator of the area?  
See 9.1.2. in the AF  
(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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Are there other permanent staffs in the field?  
(*e.g. technicians, wardens, guides, ...*) See 9.1.2. in the AF  
(SCORE : 0 = No / 1 = Yes)

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**9.2. Asses the adequacy of the training level of available staff**  
(Art.7.2-f in the Protocol, D6 in Annex I) (e.g. enough training level to ensure protection of the area). See 9.1.2. in the AF  
(SCORE: 0= Very Insufficient / 1= Low / 2= Adequate / 3= Excellent)

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## 10. FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL MEANS

**10.1. Assess the degree of adequacy of the financial means**  
Sufficient resources for the development and implementation of the management plan, including e.g. interpretation, education, training, research, surveillance and enforcement of regulations. See 9.2.1. in the AF  
(SCORE: 0= Very Insufficient / 1= Low / 2= Adequate / 3= Excellent)

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Although the financial resources of the SPAMI cover its basic needs, they were assessed as low because there were not at the desired level.

**10.2. Assess the basic infrastructure** (Art.7.2-f in the Protocol)  
Administrative premises in the site, visitors' facilities (reception centre, trails, signs...), specific information, education and awareness materials  
(SCORE: 0= Very Insufficient / 1= Low / 2= Adequate / 3= Excellent)

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**10.3. Assess the equipment.**  
Guard posts and signs on the main accesses, means to respond to emergencies, marine and terrestrial vehicles, radio and communications equipment. See 9.2.3. in the AF  
(SCORE: 0= Very Insufficient / 1= Low / 2= Adequate / 3= Excellent)

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## 11. INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE

**11.1. Assess the extent of knowledge about the area and its surrounding zones.** (D3 - Annex I: Considering at least specific maps, habitat distribution, species inventories, and socio-economical factors)  
See 9.3.1. in the AF  
(SCORE: 0= Very Insufficient / 1= Low / 2= Adequate / 3= Excellent)

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**11.2. Assess the adequacy of the program for data collection and the monitoring program.**  
See 9.3.2. in the AF  
(SCORE: 0= Inexistent / 1= Insufficient / 2= Adequate / 3= Excellent)

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## COOPÉRATION AND NETWORKING

12.1. Are other national or international organizations collaborating with human or financial resources? (e.g. researchers, experts, volunteers..).

See 9.1.3. in the AF

(SCORE: 0= No / 1= Weakly / 2= Satisfactory / 3= Excellent)

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12.2. 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, A.d in Annex I)

(SCORE: 0= No / 1= Insufficient / 2= Adequate / 3= Excellent)

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The cooperation and exchange with other SPAMIs at national level are excellent, while with the other SPAMIs collaboration is carried out only through the MEDPAN Network.

### COMMENTS by the Technical Advisory Commission

Generally speaking the Portofino SPAMI improved during the last 8 years its management and integration in the local socioeconomic context, while pursuing conservation programmes to achieve its primary objectives. This led to improved acceptance by and support from the local population.

During the same period, the SPAMI benefited of qualitative improvement in its technical/scientific staff.

In 2010 the Portofino SPAMI adopted a new management scheme based on the standardized Italian approach of MPA management focusing on its key species (*Scyllarides latus*, *Scyllarus arctus*, *Palinurus elephas*, *Ephinephelus marginatus*, *Pinna nobilis*, *Corallium rubrum*) and habitats (*Posidonia oceanica* meadows and coralligenous).

### CONCLUSION

The Technical advisory Commission, based on the information provided and the review meeting held in the premises of the Portofino MPA in S.Margherita Ligure, concluded that the MPA fulfils the criteria qualifying it as a SPAMI.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Technical Advisory Commission recommends that further collaboration be established between SPAMIs at Mediterranean level. A regional collaboration programme promoting exchange and lesson learning between SPAMIs would benefit to the Portofino MPA and the other SPAMIs.

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(ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY BE ADDED FOR EACH MEMBER'S COMMENTS)

## SPAMI VALUE-ADDED

Questions		Score obtained	Maximum
5	Threats and surrounding context	20	23
6	Regulations	4	4
7	Management	11	11
8	Protection measures	5	5
9	Human resources	4	5
10	Financial and material means	5	9
11	Information and knowledge	5	6
12	Cooperation and networkings	5	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>69</b>

