

Sustainable financing of MPAs in the Mediterranean : a financial analysis

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International context

The Convention for Biological Diversity

- The Convention on Biological Diversity Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 adopted at the 10th Conference of the Parties
- 20 Aichi targets outlined to achieve global biodiversity conservation
- Target 11 addressed directly the establishment of marine protected areas and sets specific goals for their management :



“By 2020, at least [...] 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, [...], are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well connected systems”

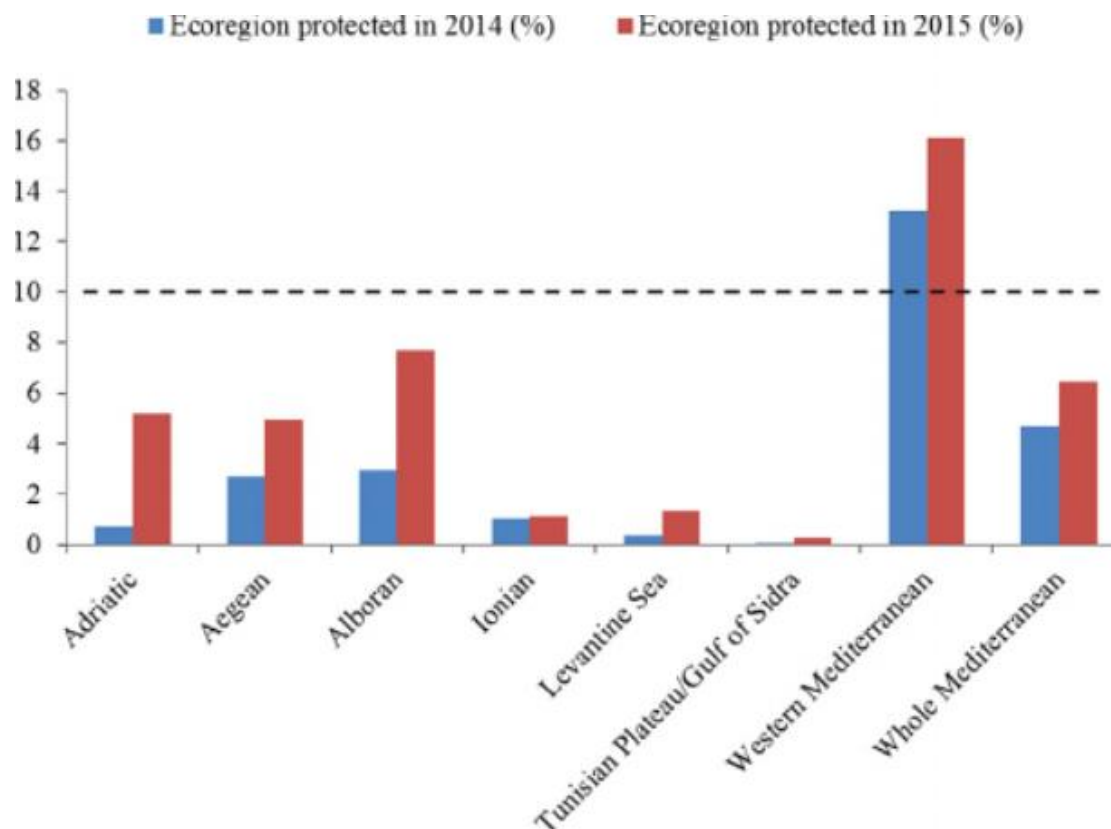
Today, many MPAs all over the world are “paper parks” or MPA with weak management

How well MPA conserve biodiversity depends on how effectively they are managed



Regional context

The status 2012 of MPA in the Mediterranean



4,56%

Surface covered by a
*protection status in
the Mediterranean*

1,08% without the Pelagos
Sanctuary for marine mammals¹



Regional context

Financial sustainability of MPAs in the Mediterranean

- **Increasing pressure on MPA** by tourism, coastal development and climate change
 - increase the financing needs to adapt management to those pressures
- **Global financial crisis** and budget restrictions in donor countries
 - affect the availability of financial resources
- Institutional weaknesses and **political instabilities, especially in the South**
 - increase financial vulnerability for MPAs

Objectives of the study

Encourage the **development of MPA sustainable financing mechanisms**, on a local and national scale

- update and increase the level of understanding of MPAs financial needs
- bring more in-depth analysis for establishing financial mechanisms for MPAs in the Mediterranean

First assessment in the Mediterranean of financing needs and gaps



Main results

Mediterranean MPAs are underfunded, resulting in ineffective management

- Total available resources for Mediterranean MPA is nearly €54.5M per year



Only cover 7% of financing needs across all Mediterranean MPAs

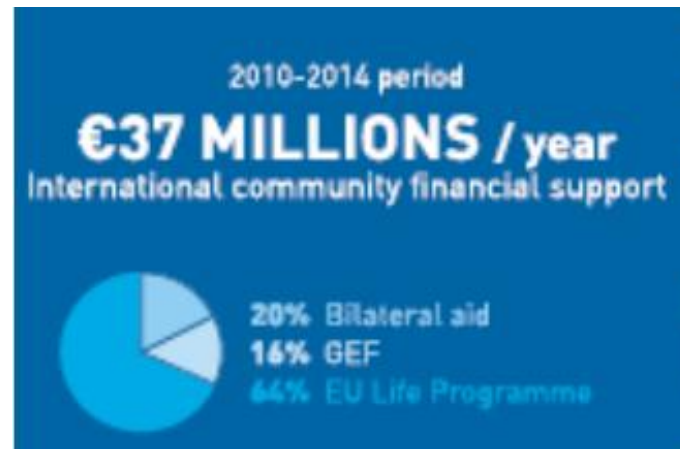
Main results

Current levels of MPA underfunding are at risk of worsening

- Recent MPAs present a lower diversity of financing sources and have lower resources in non-EU countries
- The availability of financial resources is affected by global financial crisis e.g. bilateral ODA for Marine Protected Areas decreased by 9% in 2012, 13% in 2013 and 46% in 2014
- Institutional weaknesses and political instabilities, especially in the south, affects the permanent and consistent flow of resources

Main results

The international community is key to developing MPA financing...



Main results

...while national support provides essential operational funding

- There is a strong variability in financial support from international cooperation for MPA. The financial resources are most often provided on a **project basis** and within the program cycle of multilateral donors
- National budgets are essential for MPA. The central budget is mainly devoted to the **functioning of operating resources** whose activities support MPA management programs, mainly allocated for staff salaries

Main results

Without strong sustained political commitment, Aichi targets will not be met

- To achieve the Aichi target n°11, the surface area of MPAs to be created by 2020 in the 12 nautical mile zone has been estimated at around **49,000 km²**



Recommendations

AMBITIOUS AND SUSTAINABLE POLITICAL COMMITMENT IS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE AICHI TARGET 11



National funds provide operational support. They must be maintained and strengthened



The international community must enhance its essential role in the development of MPA financing



Regional cooperation needs to be stimulated and consolidated



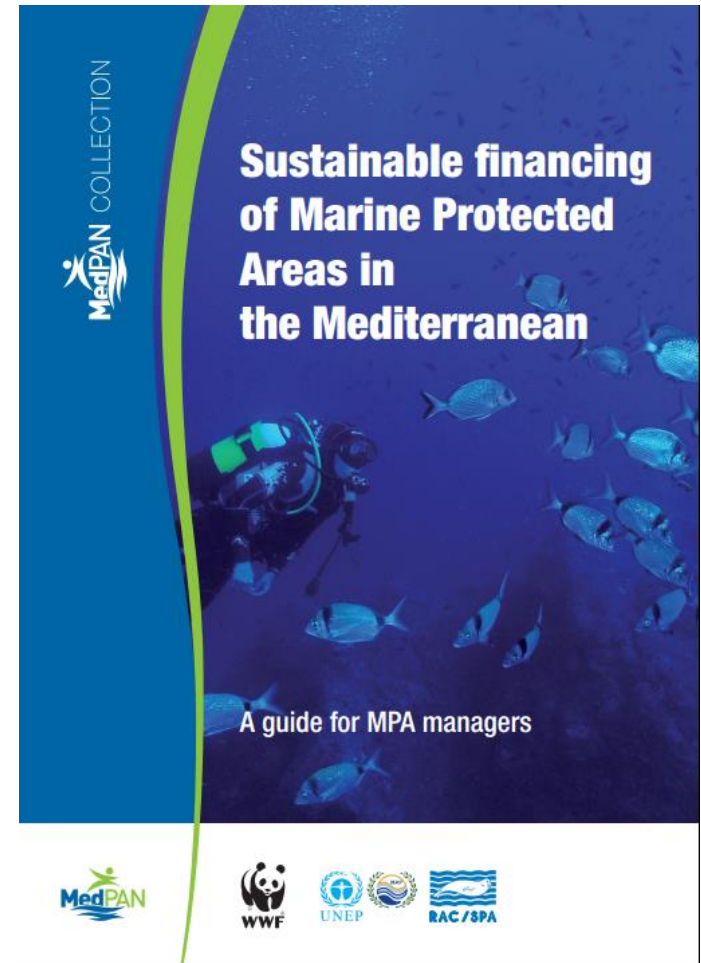
Innovative financing mechanisms need to be created



Outputs

Development of a guide on sustainable financing of MPAs

- To support MPA managers in the implementation of sustainable financing mechanisms



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Preparation of a training session on MPA financing

- 3-days training workshop on the Sustainable financing of MPAs in the Mediterranean held in Calvi (France) from 19 to 21 October 2015
- 38 participants from 12 countries
- 14 case studies providing participants with Mediterranean successful experiences on the sustainable financing of MPA



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