

NEWSLETTER

LIFE CONCEPTU MARIS

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"CONservation of CEtaceans and
Pelagic sea TURtles in Med:
Managing Actions for their
Recovery In Sustainability",

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Partnership: ISPRA, Capo Carbonara
MPA, CIMA Research Foundation,
CMCC Climate, ÉcoOcéan Institut,
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Triton Research, University of
Milano-Bicocca, University of
Palermo, Universitat de València,
University of Turin.



LAST UPDATES

- The A2 - Deliverables are concluded
- E-learning training course is online
- LIFE CONCEPTU MARIS Citizen Science campaign has officially begun
- LIFE CONCEPTU MARIS Communication Plan is finalized

CONCEPTU MARIS A2 DELIVERABLES

EcoOcéan Institut with the joint work of ISPRA, the project partners and the support and guidance of the AB, concluded the **A2 DELIVERABLES**: two major documents that set the bases of a coordinated, collaborative, multidisciplinary, and effective methodologic work among researchers.

- [First draft protocol data collection&analysis](#)
- [Synthesis of available indicators, approaches, potential thresholds and data needed for the different legal frameworks for CEPTU species](#)



The A2 Deliverables include the following main sessions:

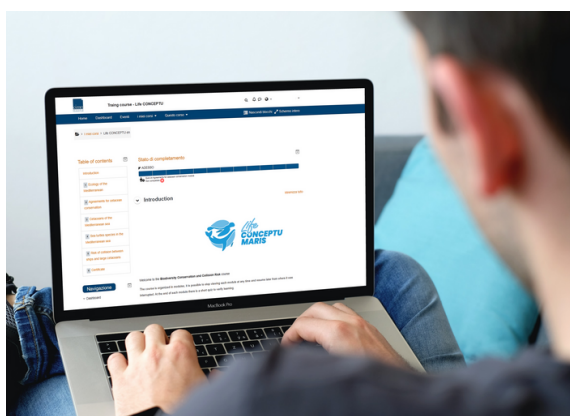
- **A2.1 - Protocol Data Collection:** first draft protocol for data collection (subdivided for: visual data collection, eDNA data collection, SIA data collection, Guideline for visual data collection, Practicalities for multidisciplinary data collection);
- **A2.2 - Indicators, tests, important sites:** first draft protocol for data analysis (including five new testing of indicators for the assessment of species under the Habitat Directive requirements using the previews collected FLT Med Net dataset on fin whale, loggerhead sea turtle, striped dolphin, and the squid eater cetacean species Risso's dolphin, long-finned pilot whale and Cuvier's beaked whale);
- the indicators tested within the "A2 - First draft protocol data collection & analysis" were chosen based on the review and investigation performed for the "A2.3 - Synthesis of available indicators, approaches, potential thresholds and data needed by the different legal framework for CEPTU species status assessment".

CONCEPTU MARIS E-LEARNING COURSE

CIMA finished and put online on its web page the E-learning training course, specifically studied for the crew and the personnel of main shipping companies navigating in the Mediterranean Sea. The course deals with the importance of Mediterranean sea, from an ecological and biodiversity point of view, collision risk between large vessels and CEPTU species, and importance of marine biodiversity monitoring.

The course is hosted in the E-learning platform of CIMA Research Foundation.

DISCOVER THE E-LEARNING COURSE



CONCEPTU'S COMMUNICATION PLAN

This covers "Action E1 - Public awareness and dissemination of results" and "Action E3 - Networking".

The following topics are covered:

- communication objectives and stakeholders,
- key messages,
- communication actions,
- expected results and indicators,
- project identity,
- communication tools.

The communication campaign produced a wide news coverage in the first year of the project.

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CITIZEN SCIENCE CAMPAIGN

Get on board with the researchers! Join in monitoring cetaceans and turtles!

Conceptu Maris' Citizen Science campaign has officially begun, and volunteers will join Conceptu Maris biologists and participate in animal monitoring on board of ferries along the 16 routes available throughout the Mediterranean basin.

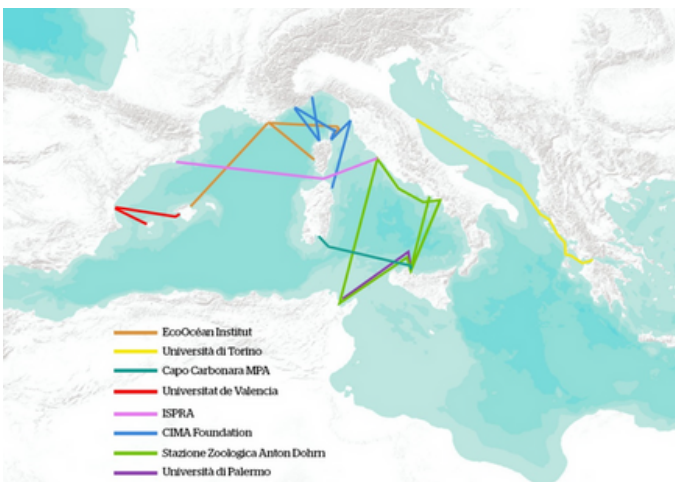
Take a look at the **training and supporting material** that the Capo Carbonara MPA prepared to form the future volunteers on board. 



Thanks to our Advisory Board members of the ferry companies that kindly allow us to use their vessels as research, education and dissemination platforms!



CITIZEN SCIENCE CAMPAIGN



- Cagliari - Palermo
- Civitavecchia - Barcelona
- Ancona - Patras
- Valencia - Ibiza (Botafoch) - Valencia
- Valencia - Palma de Mallorca - Valencia
- Palermo - Tunis
- Toulon-Alcúdia (Majorca)
- Toulon - Bastia
- Toulon - Ajaccio
- Naples - Palermo
- Palermo - Salerno
- Salerno - Salerno LOOP
- Livorno - Bastia
- Livorno - Golfo Aranci
- Savona - Bastia
- Nice/Savona - IleRousse/Bastia

OVERVIEW ON THE PROJECT

First year of Conceptu Maris is over and we are going **MORE THAN FINE!**

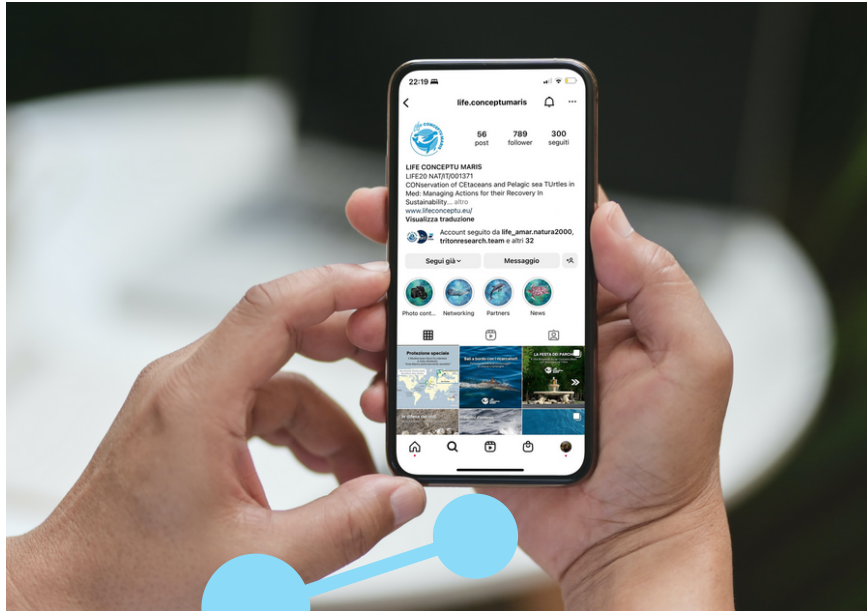
All the deliverables and milestones foreseen **were reached** successfully.



Action	Lead Beneficiary	Milestone name	Deadline	Completed
A1	ISPRA	Initial on-line kick off meeting within the partners	15/01/2022	14/01/2022
A2.3	EOI	First draft of the synthesis of available indicators, approaches, potential thresholds, and data needed for the different legal framework for CEPTU species for review	31/05/2022	31/05/2022
A2.1	EOI	First draft protocol - data collection	15/05/2022	15/05/2022
C3	CIMA	Elearning course finalized	31/12/2022	31/12/2022
E1	ISPRA	First public event	30/10/2022	13-14/10/2022
E1	TRITON	First photography competition	31/12/2022	14/10/2022
E1	TRITON	Report on the first public meeting	31/12/2022	30/10/2022
E2	ISPRA / TRITON	Minutes of the 1st kick-off meeting	01/04/2022	02/03/2022
E4	MPACC	Guidelines for citizen science involvement on ferry monitoring wi	31/12/2022	31/12/2022
F1	TRITON	Project manager role assignmen	31/01/2022	10/01/2022

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A1	ISPRA	Executive action plan finalized and shared with the Advisory board	01/02/2022	01/02/2022
A2	EOI	DELIVERY: First draft protocol data collection&analysis	31/10/2022	15/11/2022
A2.3	EOI	Synthesis of available indicators, approaches, potential thresholds and data needed for the different legal frameworks for CEPTU species	31/10/2022	15/11/2022
E.1	TRITON	Website and social network	30/05/2022	25/5/2022 [Web] 20/01/2022 [Social]
E.1	TRITON	Online community	31/09/2022	31/09/2022
E.1	TRITON	Communication plan	30/10/2022	30/10/2022
E.1	TRITON	Start of the ads campaign	31/12/2022	15/08/2022
E.3	TRITON	Publication on website of other projects contacted	01/12/2022	nov-22
E4	MPACC	Guideline for citizen science involvement on ferry monitoring with training and supporting material finalized in Italian, French and Spanish	31/12/2022	31/12/2022

OUR SOCIAL PAGES





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UPCOMING EVENT

**SAVE
THE DATE**



CONTACT US:
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- **Next public event: on the 23rd of May 2023,** organized by CIMA
- Conceptu Maris at the **ECS conference in Spain,** with a **workshop and a networking event** (more info really soon).

Follow us!



Coordinating Beneficiary:



Associated Beneficiaries:

