

# COCONET

A COast to COast NETwork of protected  
areas: from the shore to the deep sea

A PROJECT FOR:

**OCEAN.2011-4: Knowledge-base and tools for regional networks of MPAs,  
integrated management of activities together with assessment of wind  
energy potential in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea**

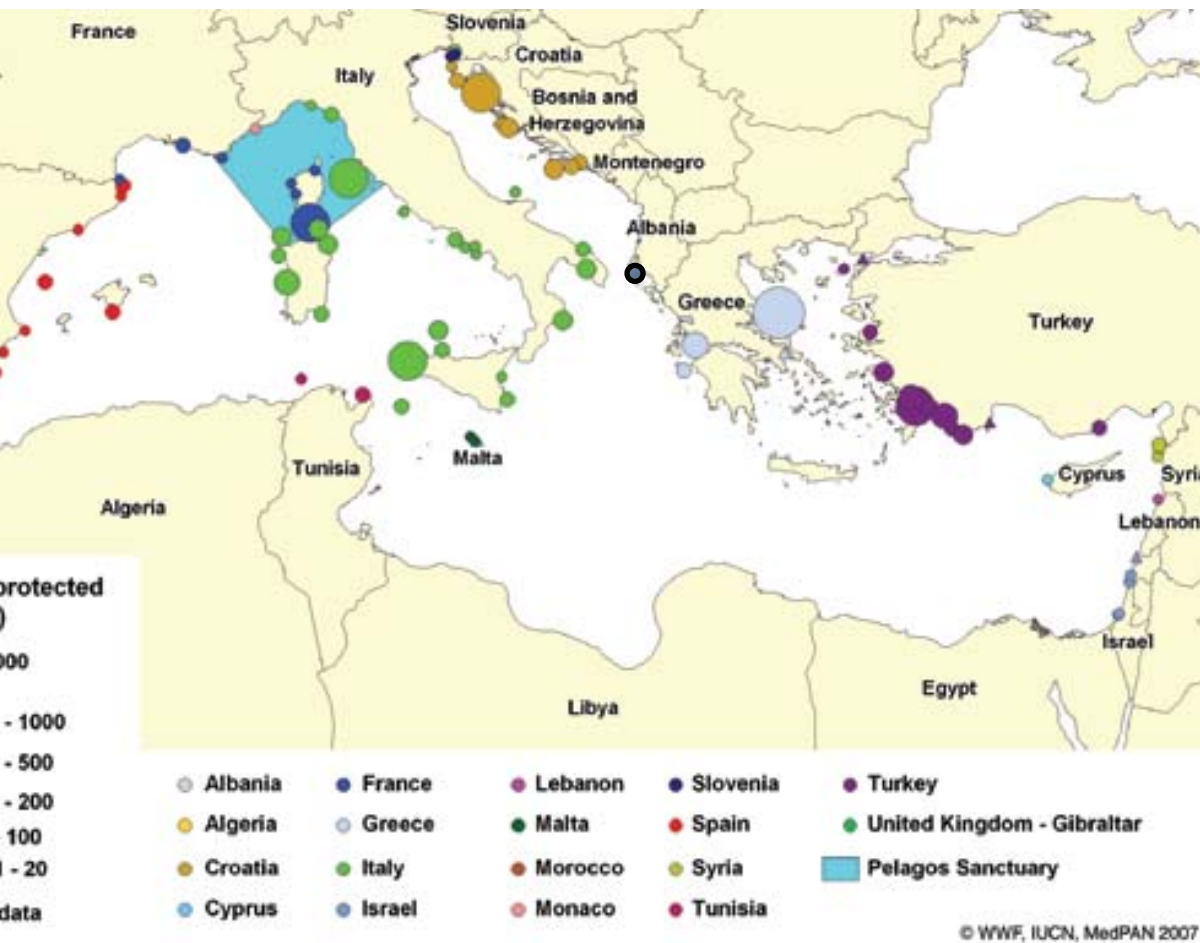
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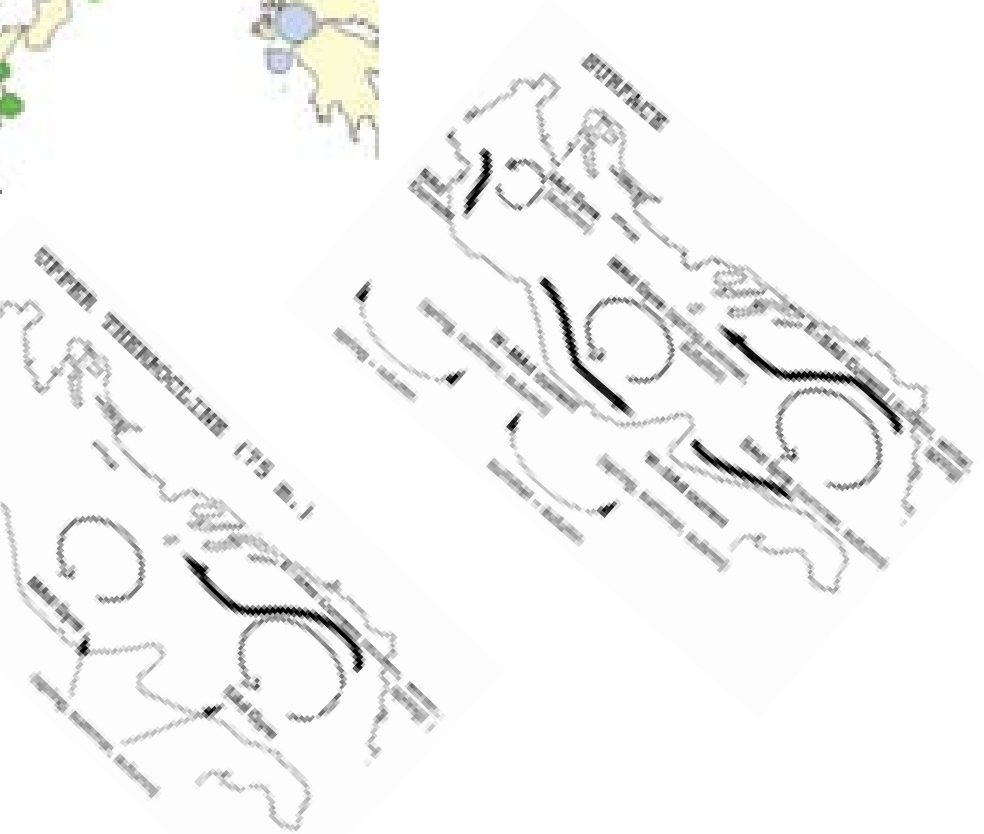


# MARINE PROTECTED AREAS in the Mediterranean and Black Seas

# what network?

- the first goal of MPAs is to protect biodiversity
- MPAs are part of larger systems and must be designed and managed by adopting the ecosystem approach
- a network of MPAs must be based on oceanographic connections that are conducive to ecological connections

# a possible MPA network in the Mediterranean Sea



The Adriatic receives water from the Ionian sea through the East coast and gives water to the Ionian sea through the West coast

Gyres allow for connections between the two coasts through propagule transp

# farms

Wind farms in the Otranto Channel, artificial habitats, bottom-current interactions and biodiversity



# the structure of cocone

