



The Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Knowledge Platform

Devised as a one entry point to scientific evidence supporting best practice on protected area management and environmental policymaking in the region, the Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Platform (BPP) is to become PANACeA's long-standing communication and capitalisation tool.

The BPP will contain recommendations and data gathered by the Mediterranean biodiversity protection community participating in PANACeA - all the modular projects approved by the steering committee of the Interreg Med programme 2014-2020 - together with external validated open source information and data.

The objective of this platform is to give visibility to effective methodologies, key project results, and actions towards biodiversity protection under way.

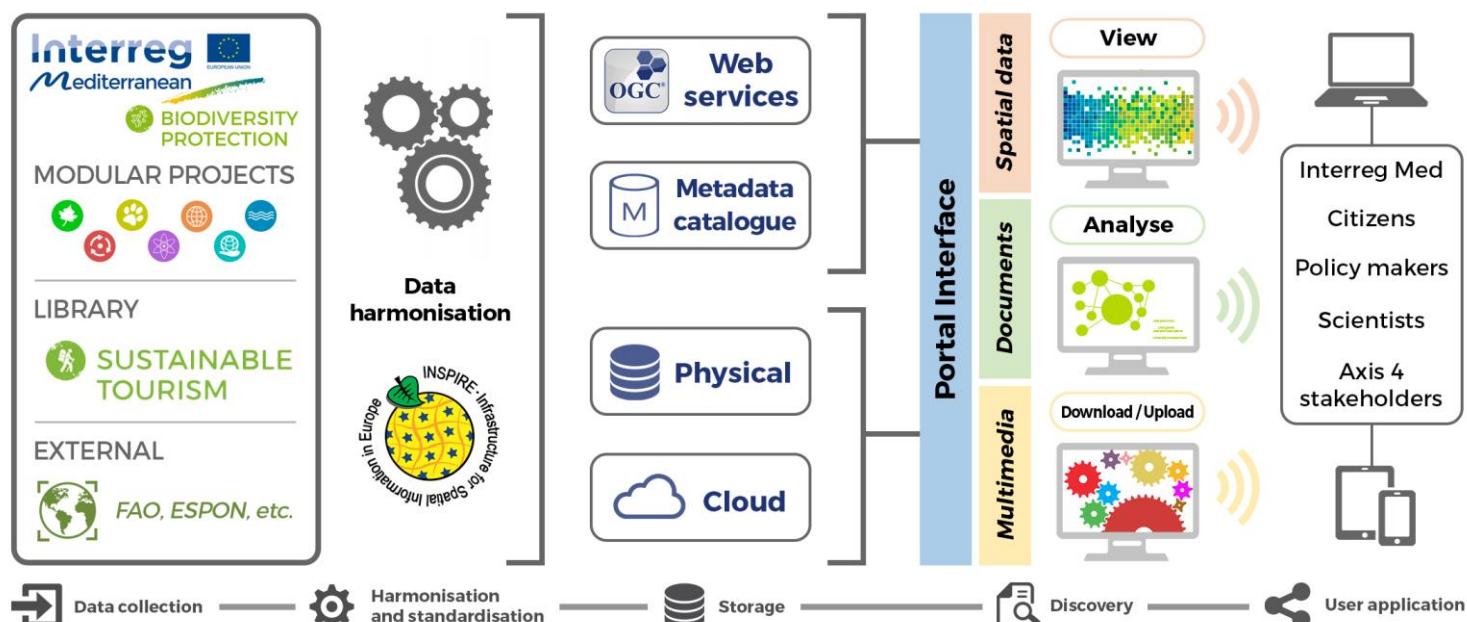
The development of the BPP components will be accompanied by the organisation of seminars, technical training sessions, webinars and capacity building opportunities. This will promote a better-informed Mediterranean biodiversity protection community featured by PANACeA.

By uniting scientific evidence, practice and policy, it will serve as a reference for guiding policy enforcement and future measures affecting natural resource management in protected areas.

The long-term objective of the BPP is to become the gate to all results derived from the Interreg Med programme as a knowledge reference to support regional environmental policy decisions and actions on biodiversity protection, natural resource management and sustainable growth in Mediterranean protected areas and beyond.

Main Objectives

1. Facilitate public access to latest developments, events and findings by Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection projects and related initiatives under Interreg Med and beyond.
2. Harmonise present and future data using the EU INSPIRE specifications to ensure interoperability and normalisation, building the community's capacities on Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) standards.
3. Foster the dissemination of scientific findings, recommendations and guidelines for the effective protection of natural resources in Mediterranean protected areas as a decision-support tool using a range of technological devices to access information.



What is it about?

The Biodiversity Protection Platform (BPP) gathers the expert knowledge generated by the Mediterranean biodiversity protection community as main providers of content. The integration of additional relevant sources will ensure the combination of harmonised inputs from different actors to be catalogued based on the type, theme, and spatial features among other, to facilitate their searchability, consultation and dissemination.

The platform will be available online via a user-friendly web interface allowing the discovery (of) and access to relevant knowledge in a usable format. Users will be able to visualise, retrieve and download information as needed. Monitored uploads by external users will be supported and encouraged for a continuous update of the platform.

The ultimate objective of the BPP is to cover all areas of interest to the Interreg Med community and become, over time, a collaborative instrument providing the best evidence to support political and management decisions and actions related to sustainable growth in the Mediterranean.



For whom?

- The Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Platform (BPP) will be a joint repository and visualisation tool for research, analytical work, guidelines, and technical and policy recommendations linked to nature conservation and protected areas in the region.
- Different users - researchers, protected area managers, policy makers and practitioners at regional and local level - will have access to the latest data, indicators and toolkits used for biodiversity monitoring and protection. The BPP is an instrument to influence Mediterranean policy and encourage a better enforcement where needed, fostering biodiversity protection at different geographical levels. Synthesised messages and graphic communication materials will be also available to society in general to assist in raising awareness on the importance of everybody's involvement in preserving natural resources in the Mediterranean.
- The BPP will allow the upload and download of data produced by and for the Mediterranean community working on biodiversity protection, by regional institutions such as UNEP/MAP, Union for the Mediterranean, EU DG-Mare, EUROSTAT, EEA, and project partner organisations. By doing this, the BPP wants to give visibility to current efforts and contribute to a better integrated understanding of the natural assets in the Mediterranean and the tools available to address their protection.



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