



Streamlining management efforts in Protected Areas for enhanced nature conservation in the Mediterranean

The objective of PANACeA is to streamline networking and management efforts in Mediterranean Protected Areas (PAs) as a mechanism to enhance nature conservation and protection in the region.

The project aims at ensuring synergies between relevant Mediterranean stakeholders – managers, policymakers, socio-economic actors, civil society and the scientific community –, and to increase the visibility and impacts of their projects' results towards common identified strategic targets.

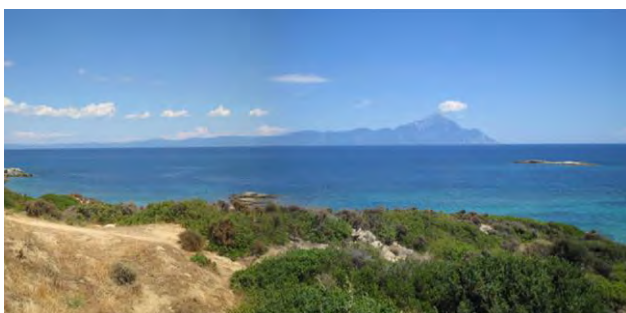
PANACeA acts as a Science-Policy-Interface (SPI) to foster the exchange of experiences and knowledge sharing and thus, to influence a behavioural and policy change in the Mediterranean region.



PANACeA builds a community of nature conservation stakeholders in the Mediterranean and acts as the Communication and Capitalisation instrument of the projects dealing with protection of biodiversity and natural ecosystems. Through its tool, the Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Knowledge Platform, PANACeA ensures the transfer of synthesised projects' outcomes and their dissemination across and beyond the region.

The main thematic focus areas include coastal and marine management, biodiversity monitoring, sustainable use of natural resources, management of protected areas, global changes, governance, cooperation and scientific and innovative methodologies, under the umbrella of a series of projects: ACT4LITTER (marine waste in marine protected areas), AMARe (marine spatial planning and PAs), CONFISH (network of fish stock recovery areas), ECOSUSTAIN (water quality monitoring solutions in protected wetlands), FishMPABlue2 (governance of artisanal fisheries in protected areas), MEDSEALITTER (marine waste management), MPA-ADAPT (adaptation of MPAs to climate change), POSBEMED (strategy for joint management of Posidonia beaches and dunes), WETNET (wetland governance) and additional projects to be included in the coming period.

Main Objectives of PANACeA

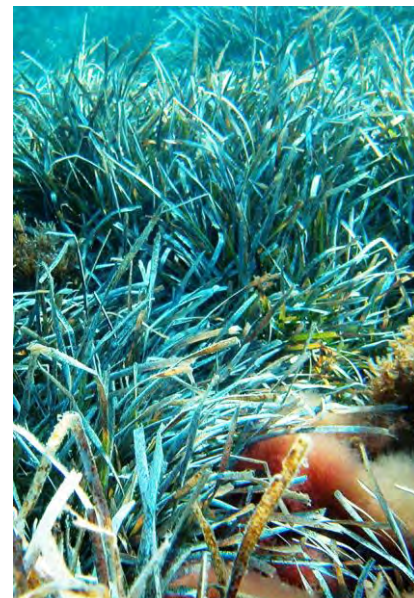


- 1) Synthesizing outcomes on natural protection and biodiversity conservation efforts;
- 2) Engaging a stakeholders' community and transferring knowledge beyond the project's lifetime;
- 3) Implementing a communication and dissemination strategy;
- 4) Developing a long term capitalization tool ensuring evidence based policy enforcement.

Expected results of PANACeA

PANACeA will:

- engage its stakeholders in the tailoring of their outcomes as synthesized evidence based tools that support multi-level management and policy;
- provide a series of recommendations based on the results of the Interreg MED Modular projects emphasizing the importance of increasing the number of Protected Areas implementing management strategies in the MED region and beyond;
- ensure means to reinforce regulations and enhance the effectiveness of protection awarded by legal channels in the Mediterranean, supporting the efforts so far to prevent deterioration and strengthen the conservation of both natural and cultural resources;
- guide the legal management measures of natural resources in the Mediterranean Sea that actually protect biodiversity but whose main purpose is not strictly biodiversity conservation;
- address transboundary cooperation and integration of PAs in territorial development strategies to achieve interconnected protection measures and tackle current and future pressures on coastal and maritime ecosystems in the Mediterranean.



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