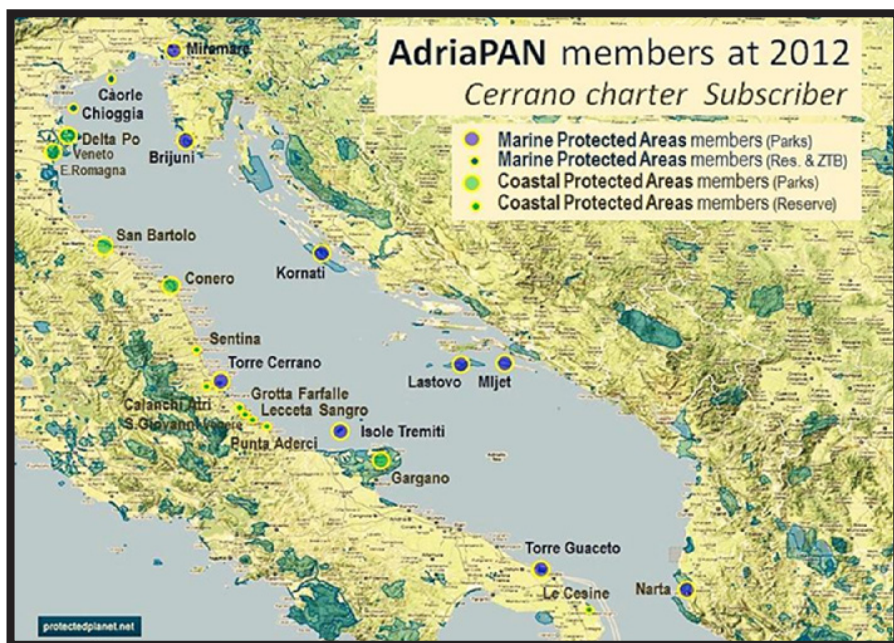




ADRIAPAN

ADRIATIC PROTECTED AREAS NETWORK



"AdriaPAN secretariat" PROJECT



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WHAT IS IT?

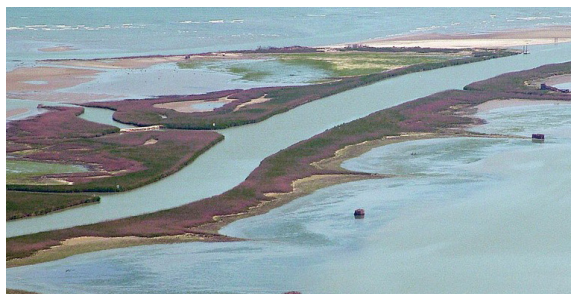
AdriaPAN, the Adriatic Protected Areas Network, is a bottom-up initiative, started by 2 Italian marine protected areas, Miramare and Torre del Cerrano. The network goal is to make easier the contacts among Protected Areas in the Adriatic and to improve their partnership effectiveness, both in management and planning activities. AdriaPAN is a growing network with an high potential for joining efforts in environmental protection, sustainable development. Initially, 10 Italian Protected Areas, both marine and coastal, signed the Cerrano Charter, the founding act of AdriaPAN; Now the number has doubled. It counts over 20 members from all countries bordering the Adriatic Sea, and more than 30 associated organizations (institutions, NGOs, businesses, etc.) interested in collaborating on AdriaPAN initiatives. Joining the network is free and the only requirement is to officially subscribe the Cerrano Charter, to achieve the mission herein defined.





HOW DOES IT WORK?

Within the Adriatic Sea and along the Adriatic coast, there are more than 200 Protected Areas recognized by national and international law. The need for effective coordination and cooperation among Adriatic MPAs led in 2008 to set up AdriaPAN, the Adriatic Protected Areas Network. AdriaPAN is an integral part of the wider MedPAN (network of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas managers in the Mediterranean), within such network it represents and promotes the ecological, cultural and economic specificities of the Adriatic Sea and coast. The network main achievement is to initiate a technical process in support of all MPA managers and staff in the Adriatic, by providing services to improve effective management. It aims at sharing energies and knowledge to promote common programs of international and regional cooperation for environmental protection, sustainable development, green tourism and biodiversity conservation. A common, web-based, communication tool promotes MPAs and their activities to support permanent contacts within the network. The cross-border integration of protected areas contributes significantly to their promotion, according to their capability of being economically self-sustained and effective.





HOW WAS IT BORN?

Torre del Cerrano, which is a member of MedPAN, is the MPA where the AdriaPAN – Adriatic Protected Areas Network - started in 2008 through a general discussion among MPA managers encompassed in the Italian Association of Protected Areas Directors. The discussion led to the “Cerrano Charter”, which is the founding document of the AdriaPAN. In early July 2008, during a training workshop organized by the Italian Association of Protected Area managers – AIDAP - the idea of establishing a network of marine and coastal protected areas in the Adriatic was launched and its feasibility and relevance discussed for the first time. A second meeting was organized shortly after, in order to define the objectives and content of such an initiative.

On July 8th, 2008, the attached Carta di Cerrano (Cerrano Charter) was drafted and circulated to all Italian interested parties for comments: “AdriaPAN” (Adriatic Protected Areas Network) was selected as the official title of the newborn network. On September 26th, 2008, ten Italian protected areas signed the Cerrano Charter during the final workshop in the Delta Po Park. The idea of the AdriaPAN stems from a strong need for coordination among all actions related to the management of Marine Protected Areas in the Adriatic Sea. The AdriaPAN aims at initiating a technical process in support of all MPAs managers in the region, that will speed up the goal achievement, set during the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), to stop the loss of marine and coastal biodiversity through the establishment of networks of marine Protected Areas by 2012. This initiative responds to the main international provisions related to the conservation of the marine environment, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the European Commission’s Directives. More details on the objectives and priority actions of AdriaPAN can be found on the enclosed draft of the Cerrano Charter. The AdriaPAN is conceived as an integral part of the existing network of MPAs managers in the Mediterranean (MedPAN): it aims at representing and promoting the ecological, cultural and economic specificities of the Adriatic Sea and coasts.



CERRANO CHARTER

The Cerrano Charter sets the basis for the establishment of the Network of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas in the Adriatic Sea, or “AdriaPAN Network”: constitution, objectives and interventions.

Text adopted unanimously on July 8th, 2008 in Villa Filiani in Pineto (TE) Italy

Definitions

Pursuant to this charter, the terms below have the following meanings:

Marine and Coastal Protected Area means any defined area within or adjacent to the marine environment, together with its overlying waters and associated flora, fauna, and historical and cultural features, which has been reserved by legislation or other effective means, including custom, with the effect that its marine and/or coastal biodiversity enjoys a higher level of protection than its surroundings.

- **Adriatic network** means a group of Marine and/or Coastal Protected Areas maintaining a coherent ensemble of critical habitats necessary for dynamic functioning of ecological processes, which are essential for the biodiversity and regeneration of natural resources in the Mediterranean sea.

- An **Ecoregion** is a large unit of land or water containing a geographically distinct assemblage of species, natural communities, and environmental conditions. The boundaries of an ecoregion encompass an area within which important ecological and evolutionary processes most strongly interact” (WWF 2003). Ecoregion conservation “is an evolution in thinking, planning, and acting at the spatial and temporal scales best suited for successful biodiversity conservation”

Main objective

The main objective of the AdriaPAN network is to initiate a technical process in support of all MPAs managers, aimed at speeding up the achievement of the goal set during the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)¹ to establish networks of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas by 2012.

In accordance with such an international commitment, as well as with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the countries bordering the Adriatic Sea are called upon to halt marine and coastal biodiversity loss through the identification and design of a system of regional networks of ecologically and culturally representative coastal protected areas, managed effectively, and to create the conditions necessary to achieving such a system by 2012.

In compliance with the European Directive 2008/56/CE ("Framework Directive on Strategy for the Marine Environment", 17/6/2008), the activation of the Network of Marine and Coastal Protected

1 World Summit on Sustainable Development, Plan of Implementation. 31(c): (“sviluppare e facilitare l’uso di diversi approcci e strumenti, includendo ... la costituzione di aree marine protette in accordo con le leggi internazionali e basate su informazioni scientifiche compresi networks rappresentativi, entro il 2012”...

Areas in the Adriatic Sea - AdriaPAN aligns with:

The demand for implementation of thematic strategies - which are precisely those undertaken by the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas - for the management of human activities that have an impact on marine and coastal ecosystems;

The request (Article 13, paragraph 4) to implement conservation measures that can contribute to the establishment of coherent and ecologically representative networks of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas.

Managers of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas and of coastal protected areas whose perimeter is partly in contact with the Adriatic sea², characterized by shared common concerns linked with the protection and proper fruition the Adriatic Sea and coast, voluntarily adhere to the Network of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas of the Adriatic Sea - AdriaPAN. They constitute the "nodes" (nodi) of the network.

The Charter stems from a strong need for coordination among all actions related to the management of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas in the Adriatic Sea.

The Adriatic Sea has always represented an area where different lands and cultures found a common language, new forms of commerce and where, perhaps more than elsewhere, the coastline represented the search for a cross-border cooperation and development. In order to further the socio-economic consolidation and cohesion of the Adriatic ecoregion it is essential to consider the conservation of the marine and coastal environment as the main pillar (structural element) of any plan or programme, with a special emphasis on the most sensitive and vulnerable areas, most notably the coastline, where most economic activities are concentrated and where natural resources are most compromised.

To ensure the proper management of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas in the Adriatic Sea it is therefore necessary:

To define priorities for the conservation of key marine and coastal biodiversity features of the Adriatic, including through gap analyses;

To identify the stakeholders and their level of dependence on the natural resources (such as those operating in the fisheries sector and in tourism);

- To engage local actors, both public and private, in common conservation strategies aimed at promoting sustainable development in and in the vicinity of the protected areas;
- To identify all risks caused by illegal practices and then call on the relevant institutions for their intervention;
- To promote the management of the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas on the basis of common standards and protocols;
- To disseminate knowledge and the comprehension of the environmental, socio-economic and cultural (tangible and intangible) values of the Adriatic Sea and coasts;
- To promote the role of protected areas as an effective tool to achieve national conservation priorities, contribute to the halt of biodiversity loss and the reduction of poverty;
- To disseminate and apply the concepts of integrated coastal and marine areas management;
- To understand the political and administrative processes that lead to the creation of Marine and

2 *Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (2004). TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF MARINE AND COASTAL PROTECTED AREAS, SCBD, 40 pages (CBD Technical Series no. 13)*

Coastal Protected Areas and promote the establishment of new Marine and Coastal Protected Areas in order to expand the network, with a special regard to those biodiversity features still under represented of environmental protection still little represented;

- To identify funding opportunities in support to the Marine and Coastal Protected Areas and the operation of the network.

The AdriaPAN network is an integral part of the network of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas managers in the Mediterranean – MedPAN. Within such a network, AdriaPAN represents and promotes the ecological, cultural and economic specificities of the Adriatic sea and coasts. The existing networks of protected areas in the Mediterranean, such as MedPAN, the SPAMI list (Special Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance), the network of Natura 2000 sites, the network of Ramsar sites, the UNESCO Man and Biosphere reserves, and the network of protected areas belonging to Europarc, represent a reference for the AdriaPAN network.

The AdriaPAN network interfaces with existing networks that are representative of the Adriatic that do not address environmental issues exclusively, such as the Adriatic Euroregion network.

The protocols and tools made available by European and international institutions on MPA management and integrated coastal and marine areas management, such as ICZM Recommendation of the European Commission, the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism, the EC Eco-label, EMAS, represent other elements of reference for the future activities of AdriaPAN.

The Marine and Coastal Protected Areas adhering to the Charter of Cerrano commit to actively contributing to the protection of the marine and coastal environment in the Adriatic ecoregion, to safeguarding such habitats and ecosystems and ensuring their good environmental status as well as the flux of benefits to the coastal communities which still depend on natural resources.

Specific objectives

The specific objectives of the network AdriaPAN are, therefore, the following:

- To ensure the networking of Mediterranean MPAs and create synergies between them;
- To promote technical and institutional exchange between members of the network;
- To facilitate the implementation of concrete actions of common interest to managers, able to contribute to the improvement of Mediterranean MPA management, particularly through improving the dissemination of knowledge and management techniques of these protected areas;
- To facilitate fund raising for the implementation of these actions;
- To meet the technical needs of the other stakeholders involved in the management of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas in the region;
- To encourage the development of the network of Mediterranean marine and coastal protected areas.
- To assist managers of each protected area so that they can manage their area as part of a network;
- To promote the research of the ecological aspects of the Adriatic sea as a whole as well as of the physical and cultural linkages between the “nodes” in the network, with a special regard to:
 - * Collection of information on biological diversity and distribution of marine and coastal habitats;
 - * Collection of information on ecological, socio-economic and cultural aspects of the Adriatic coasts;
 - * Use of GIS systems in support to the decision-making processes, the management and monitoring, including the use of indicators;
 - * Develop the concept of information hubs to disseminate and make available to the public;

- To promote and safeguard local traditions related to the management of the sea and coastal environments;
- To fund raise to achieve the goals set here.

Priority actions

The priority actions of network AdriaPAN are:

- To ensure information flow and coordination among the “nodes” of the network;
- To create and maintain an archive of all Marine and Coastal Protected Areas in the Adriatic in accordance with the methodology developed by WWF, IUCN-Med and UNEP Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (RAC/SPA);
- To run a preliminary survey to understand whether each protected area adhering to the Charter was established through participatory process and verify whether the management is done according to commonly shared protocols and initiatives aimed an engaging local stakeholders;
- To map and evaluate the governance and management of each marine Protected area in the Adriatic;
- To develop projects and fund raise.

Those under signing this Cerrano Charter are committed to establishing a structure that will coordinate, guide and promote the integrated system of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas in the Adriatic in the form of an association.

The number of institutions that can be part of AdriaPAN network can be expanded without geographical restrictions, as long as the objective of promoting sustainable development through participatory process is ensured.

Rosolina (RO) - September 26th, 2008



To join AdriaPAN contact the AdriaPAN Secretariat:

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An important result for the AdriaPAN network was achieved at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Barcelona, Spain, organized on October 6th, 2008, during the public presentation in the Alliance Workshop titled "Speeding up the establishment of a coherent, representative and effectively managed ecological network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Mediterranean". This workshop provided the opportunity to introduce the Cerrano Charter to all interested parties in the Adriatic and set the basis for their active involvement in the AdriaPAN network.

Currently, AdriaPAN involves 60 subjects by networking 23 marine and coastal protected areas of several Adriatic countries and other 37 associated subjects.

AdriaPAN members at 2012

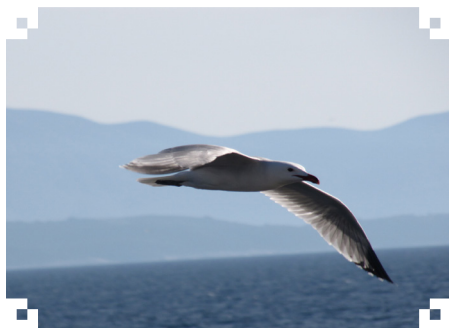
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| 2 <i>Area Marina Protetta di Miramare (Trieste - Ita)*</i> | 15 <i>Oasi Marina di Caorle-Tegnùe P.to Falconera (VE- Ita)</i> |
| 3 <i>Parco regionale Delta del Po Veneto (Venezia - Ita)</i> | 16 <i>Park prirode Lastovsko otočje (Ubli - Hrvatska)*</i> |
| 4 <i>Parco Delta del Po Emilia Romagna (Ravenna- Ita)</i> | 17 <i>Parco regionale Monte San Bartolo (Pesaro - Ita)</i> |
| 5 <i>Riserva Marina di Torre Guaceto (Brindisi - Ita)*</i> | 18 <i>Parco regionale del Conero (Ancona - Ita)</i> |
| 6 <i>Riserva regionale Sentina (S.Benedetto Tr. AP-Ita)*</i> | 19 <i>Riserva Naturale Statale Le Cesine (Lecce - Ita)</i> |
| 7 <i>Riserva regionale Calanchi di Atri (Atri - TE - Ita)</i> | 20 <i>Parco Nazionale Gargano (Foggia - Ita)</i> |
| 8 <i>Zona Tutela Tegnùe di Chioggia (Venezia - Ita)</i> | 21 <i>Area Marina Protetta Isole Tremiti (Foggia - Ita)*</i> |
| 9 <i>Riserva Naturale Lecceca Torina di Sangro (Chieti - Ita)</i> | 22 <i>Riserva Naturale S. Giovanni in Venere (Chieti - Ita)</i> |
| 10 <i>Riserva Naturale Grotta delle Farfalle (Chieti - Ita)</i> | 23 <i>Riserva Naturale Punta Aderci (Chieti - Ita)</i> |
| 11 <i>Nationalni Park Mljet (Dubrovnik - Hrvatska)*</i> | |
| 12 <i>Nationalni Park Kornati (Zadar - Hrvatska)*</i> | |
| 13 <i>Nationalni Park Brijuni (Pula - Hrvatska)*</i> | |

* MedPAN members

AdriaPAN Associated at 2012

AIDAP Ass. It. Direttori e funzionari Aree Protette- Feltre (Bl) ITA., **WWF** Mediterranean Programme Office- Roma ITA., **SUNCE** Association for nature, environment and sustainable development- Split-HVR., **AULEDA** Local Economic Development Agency- Vlore ALB., **Adriatik Center** - Vlore ALB., **Università di Teramo**, Dipartimento Teorie Politiche Sviluppo Sociale-Teramo ITA., **Università di Teramo**, Dipartimento di Scienze Biomediche Comparete- Teramo ITA., **Università di Bari**, Dipartimento di Zoologia- Bari ITA., **CIRSA** - Università di Bologna, Centro Interdipartimentale Ricerca Scienze Ambientali-Ravenna ITA., **IZS A&M "Caporale"**, Ist. Zooprofilattico Abruzzo&Molise -Teramo ITA., **Mario Negri Sud** Consorzio, Environment Research Center- Lanciano (Ch) ITA., **Time Project**, EU Project development Bolzano, **Centro Studi Cetacei**, Association-Pescara ITA., **Tethys** Research Institute- Milano ITA., **Blue World** Institute of Marine Research and Conservation- Split HVR., **Morigenos**, Marine mammal research and conservation society- Piran SLO., **Fondazione Cetacea** Onlus -Riccione ITA. -Reef Check Italia Onlus -Ravenna ITA., **CIVICA** Consorzio, EU Project development-Pescara ITA., **ITACA**, Association for Local Development-Teramo ITA., **Coordinamento Tutela Costa Teatina** - Chieti ITA., **Zadar Nature**, Public institution for Management of Nature Protected Areas in Zadar County- Zadar HVR., **Sibenik Nature**, Public institution for Management of Protected Areas in Knin County- Sibenik HVR., **SELC**, Società per l'Ecologia delle Lagune e delle Coste- Venezia ITA., **EcoVie**- Chieti ITA., **Comitato Riserva Naturale Regionale Guidata Borsacchio**- Roseto degli Abruzzi (Te) ITA., **Diatomea**, Environment planning- Senigallia (An) ITA., **Archeosub Hatria**, Association- Silvi (Te) ITA., **LANDS**, Professional network- Maranello (Mo) ITA., **Monk Seal Group**, Association- Roma ITA & Pula HVR., **BluMarine** Service, scarl- San Benedetto Tr. (Ap) ITA., **Nature Survey**, Association- Milano ITA., **HabitatLAB**, Onlus- Pescara ITA., **Nautilus**, NGO- Kotor CRG., **Green Home**, NGO- Podgorica CRG., **Dolphin Biology&Conservation**, Scientific staff- Perugia ITA., **Ocean Care**, NGO- Wädenswil, SUI., **Camera Commercio Tirana** - Tirana ALB

The AdriaPAN network has a high potential to protect biodiversity, cultural heritage and landscape. AdriaPAN, in fact, has carried out several EU-level projects (such as Serenissima, Hearth of Adria, Ritorno, ReSCWe, BySEAcle, ChaMon, TEA, PANforAMaR, Cal.it) and is now developing and implementing regional strategies, plans and programs. In 2008 AdriaPAN was internationally recognized during an event promoted by MedPAN, at the IUCN "IV World Conservation Conference". In 2010 the network was also recognized by AII (Adriatic-Ionian Initiative), an international organization coordinated by the Foreign Ministers of the Adriatic countries (Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia) for the constitution of a EU Adriatic MacroRegion.



A NETWORK ORIENTED APPROACH

AdriaPAN has been developed following a network oriented approach.



Thus, there is no pyramidal organization of authorities, but only a net of managers. The network consists of "a collection of single marine protected areas operating cooperatively and synergistically, at various spatial scales and with a range of protection levels, in order to fulfil ecological aims more effectively and comprehensively than sites could individually do. The network will also display social and economic benefits, though the latter may only become fully developed over long time frames

as ecosystems recover" (IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, 2007).

A function that AdriaPAN found immediately executive is to share energy and knowledge to aim at financial resources on international cooperation programs for environmental protection, sustainable development and biodiversity conservation.





THE "AdriaPAN Secretariat" PROJECT

A major objective for the implementation of the AdriaPAN network has been reached thanks to the project "AdriaPAN Secretariat" presented by the MPA Torre del Cerrano in collaboration with MPA Miramare, within the "2nd Call for Small Grant Projects for Mediterranean MPAs for 2012-2013" promoted by the MedPAN and sponsored by Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial, Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and MAVA Foundation. The project "AdriaPAN Secretariat" has been selected as the winning proposal among 52 competitors.

The project "AdriaPAN Secretariat" addresses the need for a cross-border and cooperative dialogue tool as means of raising the economical promotion practices of the Adriatic MPAs. The project partners are the MPAs adhering to the Cerrano Charter - the AdriaPAN Network - or being about to adhere to it. The general purpose is to gain the acquaintance and reliance of local MPA managers in this regional branch of the Mediterranean network, by providing services in favour of their MPAs and the local territory. That will take place by building up a common, web-based communication tool devoted to the broad public which will promote MPAs, their activities of interest and will provide general services. The same web portal will promote contacts among MPAs managers and staff - also through a restricted access - in order to produce common projects and proposals in response to funding tools such as EU's instrument for grants on programs like Interreg, IPA Adriatic, MED, Life+, South East Europe and others. "AdriaPAN Secretariat" activities have already started, at the summer 2012, according to the project schedule.





HOW TO JOIN

Joining AdriaPAN is free and the only requirement is to officially subscribe the Cerrano Charter, to achieve the mission herein defined.

The Cerrano Charter is a document of intent that anyone can freely join as managing authority of Protected Areas, organizations or institutions, public or private, Universities, research centers or non-profit organizations, associations, charities and voluntary organizations.

You can join AdriaPAN in two forms: MEMBERS or ASSOCIATED. In both cases joining is free, is not binding in any way and represents only the willingness to share the objectives defined in the Cerrano Charter.

MEMBERS: protected areas, marine and coastal, with a legal recognition or, however, instituted through national or regional laws, that sign the Cerrano Charter with a formal act of its own management board.

ASSOCIATED: organizations (public or private bodies, associations, NGO, Universities, Research Institutes, etc.) that would like to collaborate with AdriaPAN and ask to join the association in the respect of the Cerrano Charter.

In both cases it is necessary to send an email with the requested document, as written above, with name of legal representative of organization (President, Director, etc.) name and email address of the contact, website address and logo.

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