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FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CASA LEONI, ST JOSEPH HIGH STREET, SANTA VENERA











Total budget - €2.6 million EU co-financement - €1.3 million Partners and National funds - €1.3 million



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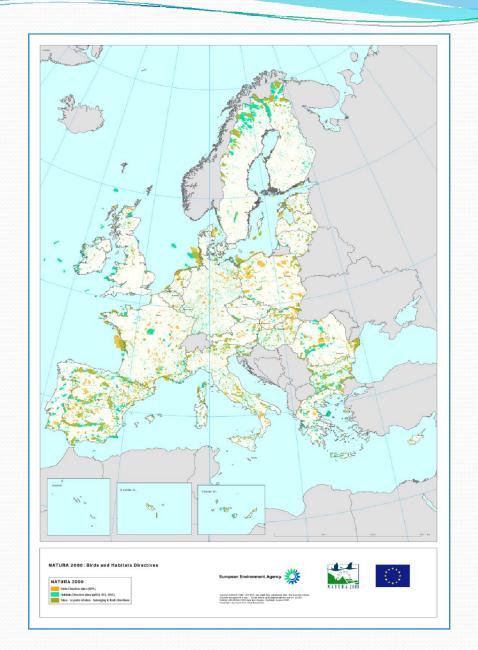


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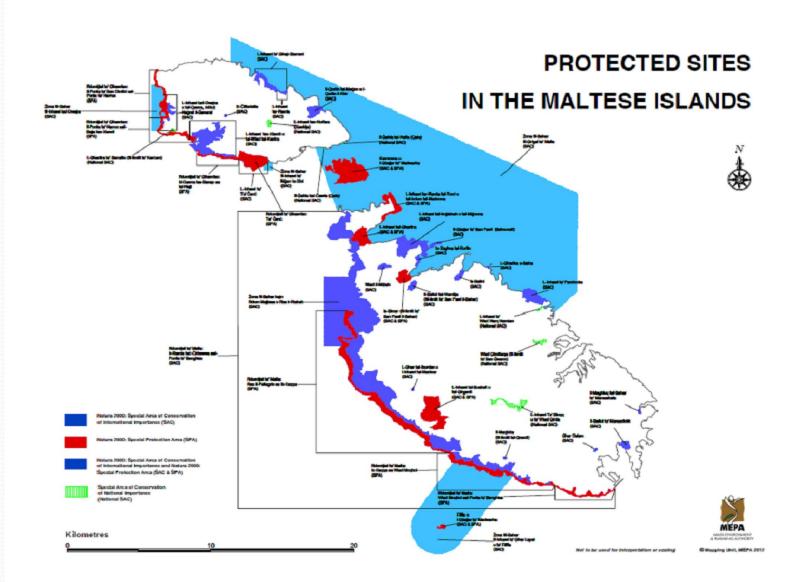






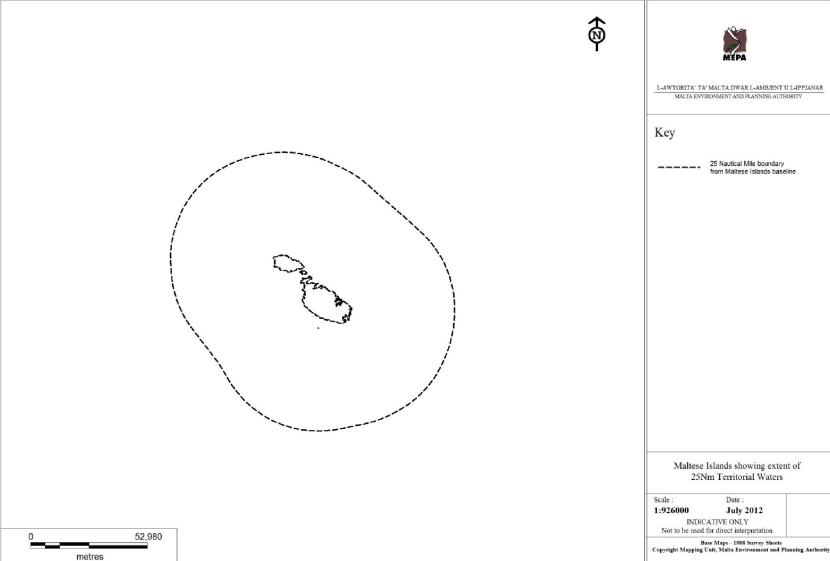












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21 Project Actions

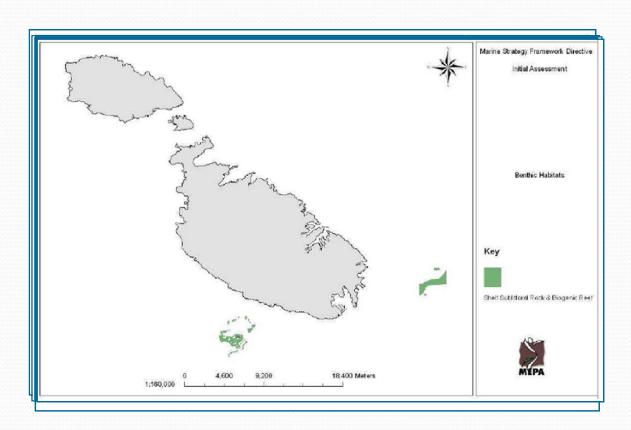
- 8 Preparatory Actions
- 8 Communication and Dissemination Actions
- 5 Project Management and Monitoring Actions

Project duration: October 2013 to June 2017





A1 Desktop data collection Department of Fisheries



Information sources:

- MSFD Initial Assessment
- Journal articles
- Previous projects
- Bathymetric data





A2 Data Analysis and Interpretation University of Malta

EUNIS HABITAT CLASSIFICATION REVISED 2004

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BIODIVERSITY October 2004 IFICATION OF BENTHIC E HABITAT TYPES FOR EDITERRANEAN REGION









Juin 2006

Interpretation of data collected from A1 and A3

- Biology Department Expertise
- Interpretation Manuals
- Interpret desktop data (A1)
- Interpret 1st set of new data (A3 1st survey)
- Interpret 2nd set of new data (A3 2nd survey)





A3 Marine Habitat Surveys Oceana



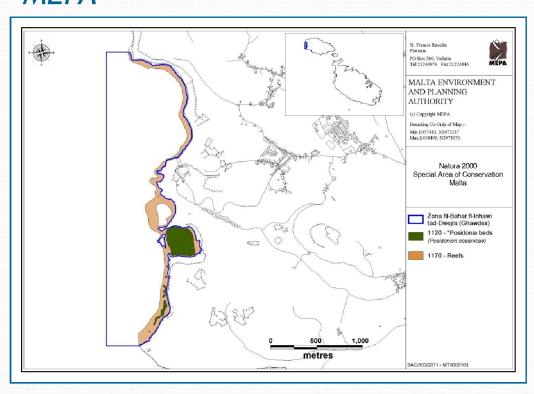
Two Marine Surveys

- Expeditions over 2 Summer
- Total of 140 days
- Hot spots
- Multibeam echosounder
- Side Scan Sonar
- ROVs
- Scientific diving





A4 GIS Development and Implementation MEPA

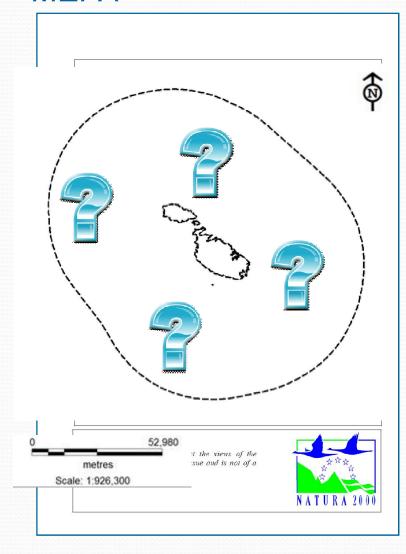


- Provide support
- INSPIRE compliant
- Develop biotope maps





A5 Identification of proposed SCIs MEPA



Identify Marine Protected Areas

- Annex I and Annex III of the Habitats Directive
- Synergy with other Life Projects
- Increase extent of Natura 2000 network





A6 Designation process for proposed SCIs MSDEC

Nrn. 851

ATT DWAR IL-HARSIEN TAL-AMBJENT (KAP, 435)

ATT DWAR L-IPPJANAR TAL-IZVILUPP (KAP, 356)

Regolamenti ta' 1-2006 dwar il-Protezzjoni tal-Flora, Fawna u Ambjenti Naturali

SKONT id-disposizzjonijiet tar-Regolamenti tal-2006 dwar il-Protezzjoni tal-Flora, Fawna u Ambjenti Naturali (A.L. 311 tal-2006), li ģew ippubblikati fis-7 ta' Dicembru, 2006, l-Awtoritā ta' Malta dwar l-Ambjent u l-Ippjmar qieghda b'din tiddikjara s-siti elenkati hawn taht bhala Zoni Specjali ta' Konservazzjoni ta' Importanza Internazzjonali:

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MT0000102 Żona fil-bahar fil-limiti ta' Ghar Lapsi u ta' Filfia kif muri f'pagna 6728.

MT0000103 Zona fil-bahar fil-limiti tad-Dwejra (Ghawdex) kif muri f'pagna 6729.

MT0000104 Żona fil-bahar fil-limiti ta' Mgarr ix-Xini (Ghawdex) kif muri f'pagna 6730.

MT0000105 Zona fil-bahar fil-Grigal ta' Malta kif muri f'pagna 6731.

In-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern Nru. 161 tas-27 ta' Frar, 2007 hija b'din mhassra.

Is-17 ta' Awissu, 2010

No. 851

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT (CAP. 435)

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ACT (CAP. 356)

Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006

IN accordance with the provisions of the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 (L.N. 311 of 2006), published on the 7th December, 2006, the Malta Environment and Planning Authority hereby declares the sites listed hereunder to be Special Areas of Conservation of International Importance.

Special Areas of Conservation of International Importance

MT0000102 Marine Area in the limits of Ghar Lapsi and Filfia as shown on page 6728.

MT0000103 Marine Area in the limits of Dwejra (Gozo) as shown on page 6729.

MT0000104 Marine Area in the limits of Mgarr ix-Xini (Gozo) as shown on page 6730.

MT0000105 Marine Area in the Northeast of Malta as shown on page 6731.

Government Notice No. 161 dated 27th February, 2007 is hereby repealed.

17th August, 2010

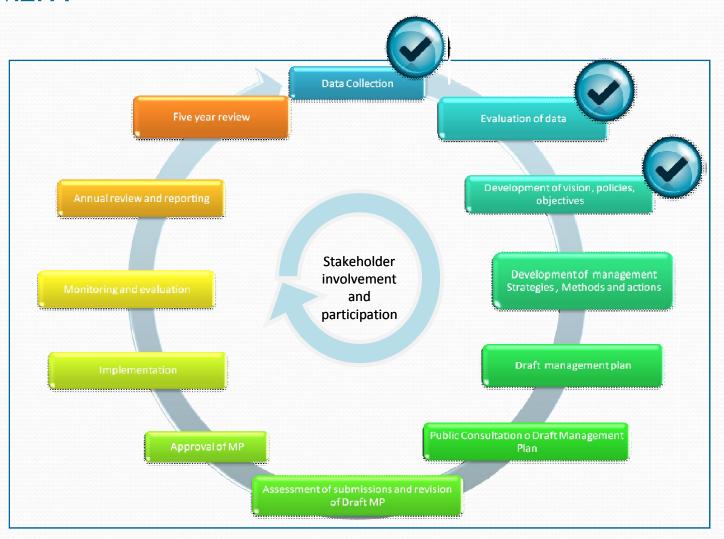
Designation process

- Lead the designation process
- Approves issuing of Government Notice with new proposed Sites of Community Importance





A7 Identification of conservation objectives MEPA







A8 Identification of diversification of tasks for stakeholders being impacted by the SCIs

Department of Fisheries















Targets to achieve

- Habitat surveys up to 25 nautical miles of Maltese marine waters.
- Identification of location, % cover and status of protected habitats.
- To identify potential and existing threats
- GIS system containing several layers of marine data
- Production of habitat maps broad, medium and fine resolution
- Identification of marine pSCIs
- Filling up of Natura 2000 and RAC/SPA Standard Data Forms.
- Designation of marine pSCIs





E1 to E8 Communication and Dissemination

- E1 Project Launch MSDEC
- E2 Awareness-Raising Campaign MEPA
- E3 Information activities for general public MEPA
- E4 Information and knowledge transfer activities for specific stakeholders MEPA
- E5 Project Website MEPA
- **E6 Notice Boards MEPA**
- E7 Layman's Report MEPA
- E8 Closing off event MSDEC





Information Activities

- Stakeholder seminars held at key stages
 - Discuss the project
 - Share experiences
 - Discuss site designation & conservation processes
- 4 day conference:
 - Identification and mapping
 - Managing and monitoring sites
 - Stakeholder involvement
- Dissemination of informational material at seminars and conference
- Photographic exhibition:
 - 12 different localities
 - during 2015 and 2016
 - Calendar displaying winners of photographic competition





F1 to F5 Project Management and Monitoring MEPA

- F1 Project management
- F2 Project monitoring
- F3 Networking with other projects
- F4 Independent financial audit
- F5 After Life Conservation Plan





Benefits of marine Natura 2000 sites

- Protection of habitats and species
- A useful tool against the decline of coastal fish resources
- Beneficial for tourism industry
- Used to improve synergies between marine environmental protection, fishery management, diving activities and recreational activities













