



# ACTION PLAN FOR THE CONSERVATION OF MARINE VEGETATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

" Adopted in 1999 "



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## OBJECTIVES

- Ensuring the conservation of macroscopic marine vegetation species and vegetal assemblages by implementing management and legal protection measures;
- Avoiding loss and degradation of the seagrass meadows, and of other vegetal assemblages of importance for the marine environment, and keeping them in favourable conservation status.

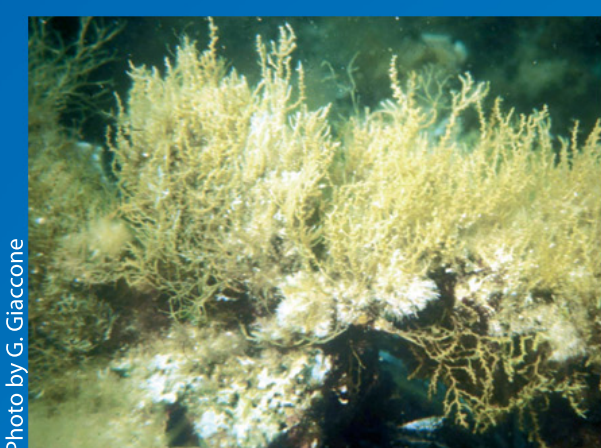


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## PRIORITIES

### At species level:

Action Plan implementation for macrophyta species inhabiting the Mediterranean and particularly those appearing in Annex II to the SPA Protocol.

### At national level:

- Inventory of species and mapping
- Identification of threats
- Protection of seagrass meadows and other key vegetal assemblages
- Elaboration and implementation of appropriate legislation
- Establishment of marine vegetation monitoring networks

### At regional level:

- Strengthening cooperation and exchange of experience
- Promote information in the case of transboundary phenomena
- Promote and support the setting up of national monitoring networks
- Support the creation of protected areas for *Posidonia* meadows and other key vegetal assemblages

## ACTIONS TO ATTAIN THESE OBJECTIVES

- Organisation of the Mediterranean Symposium on Marine Vegetation (every 3 years)
- Elaboration of Guidelines for impact assessment
- Elaboration of the Directory of concerned specialists, laboratories and organisations
- Elaboration of national plans
- Inventory and mapping of seagrass meadows around the Mediterranean: *Libya (2000, 2006); Tunisia (2000, 2001); Albania (2003); Cyprus (2003); Greece (2003); Malta (2003); Morocco (2003); Slovenia (2003); Syria (2003); Algeria (2004); Israel (2004); Lebanon (2005)*
- Setting up of networks for the monitoring of marine meadows.



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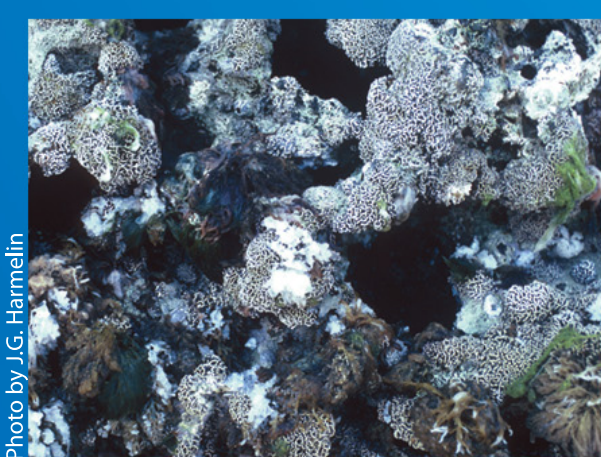


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