

PLEDGE PROCESS IN CROATIA – REACHING 30% TARGET IN MARINE ENVIRONMENT

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development

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CROATIA BIODIVERSITY PLEDGE PREPARATIONS

Consultation Process

from December 2021

- **with NGOs and scientists**
- **broader experts from the nature sector**

Collecting data on species and habitats needing conservation

Utilized questionnaires, online meetings, expert meeting, ect.

***Advancing Dialogue:* Coordination with Fisheries Administration ongoing
Focus on proposals for additional protected areas in the sea**

Current state 2024

- ▶ PA (Natura 2000 & nationally designated protected areas):

38,1 % - land

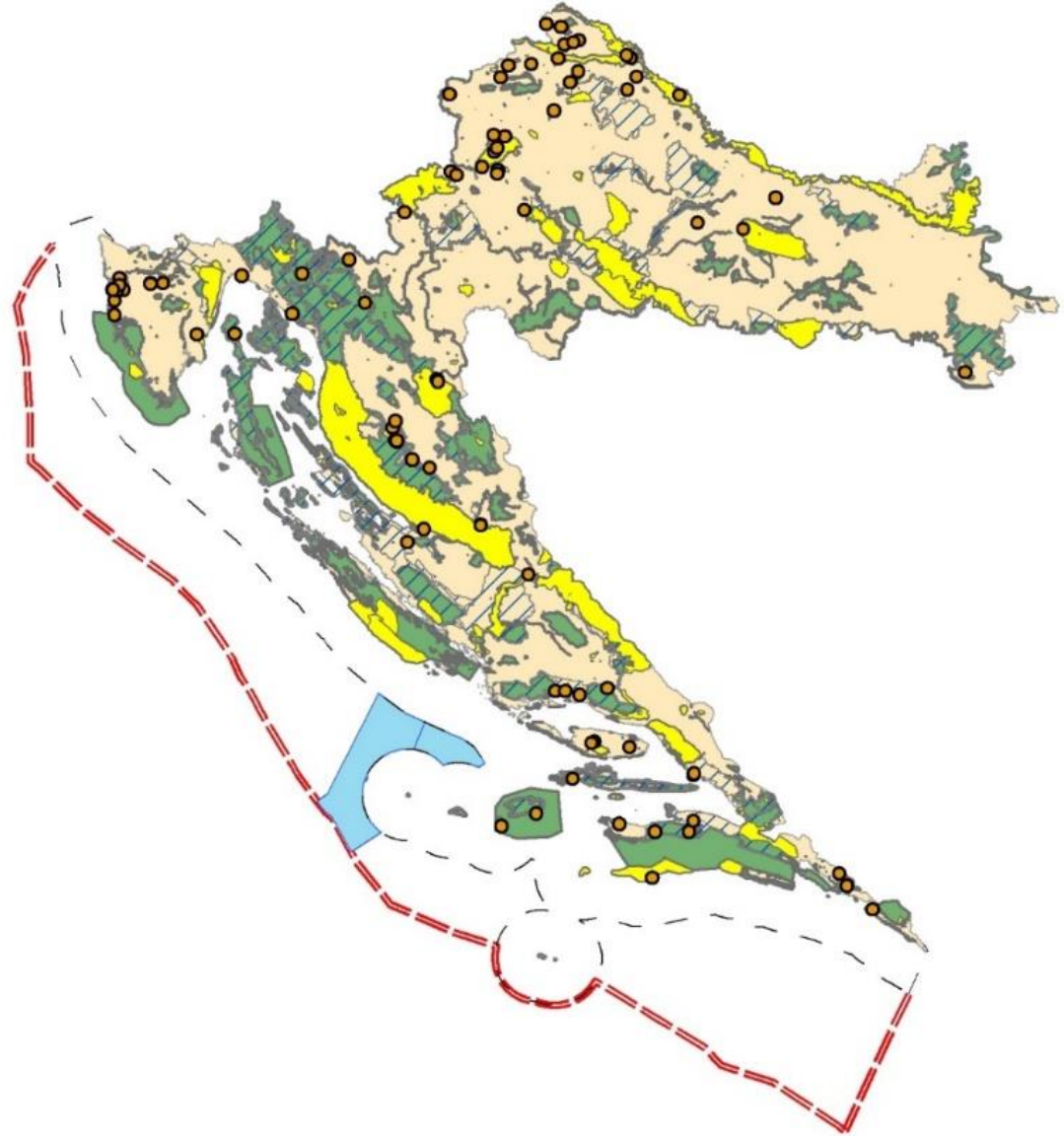
9,4 % - sea

- ▶ PA and Jabuka pit/FRA

12,6 % -sea ←

Strict protection

1,4 % land and **0,39 %** sea RH ←



30% EU target

Existing obligations

Natura 2000 additional designations:

scientific reserve:

Caretta caretta MMED

Tursiops truncatus MMED- off shore

1120 Posidonia beds MMED

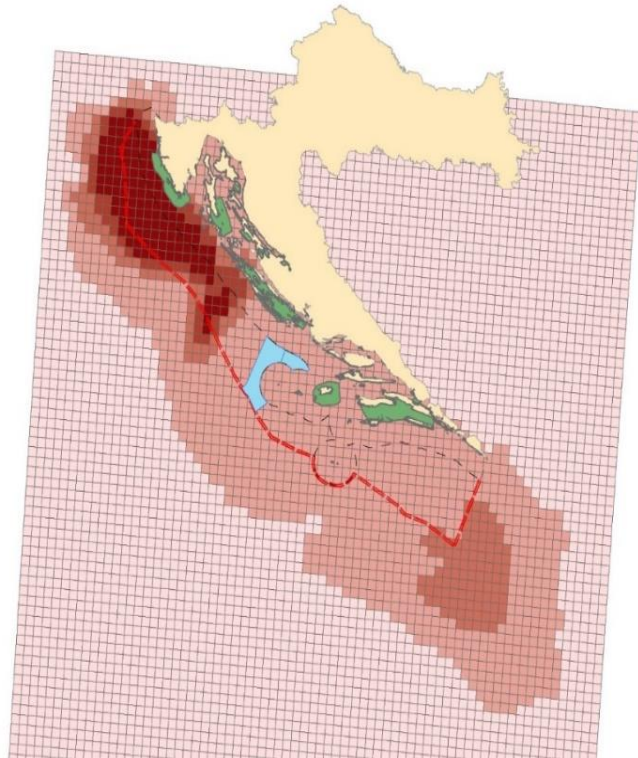
1170 Reefs MMED- off shore

Seabirds- SPA (IBA- Life Artina project)

New marine habitat map covering 51% of national territory



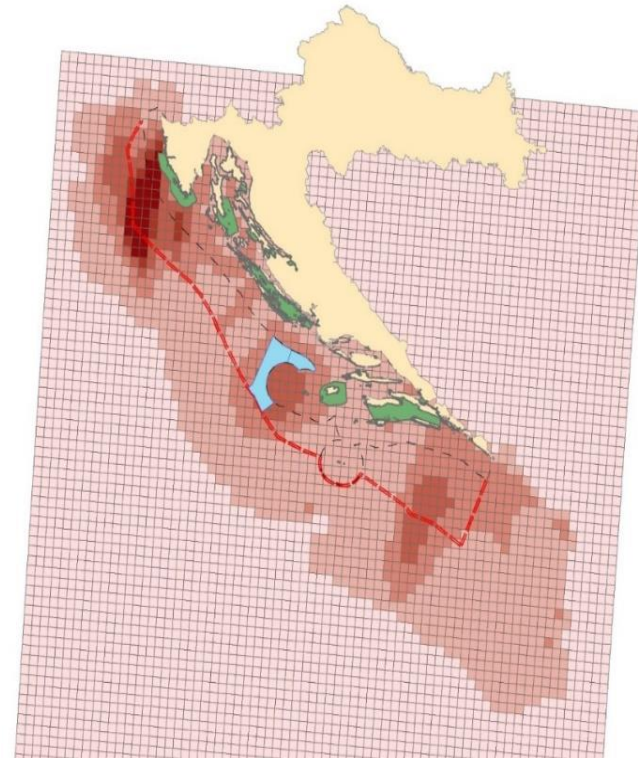
Caretta caretta



Density of sea turtles



Tursiops truncatus



Density of bottlenose dolphins



2024 –

Consultation on proposal for additional PA in Adriatic is ongoing

Joint proposal (Nature/Fisheries) to be presented to other line ministries, agencies and fisherman organisations, to gain support for the proposed areas

Opportunity to include potential areas in new MSP (under development)

Efforts should be made to secure funding and resources for the implementation of conservation measures within designated area (EU funds)

Pledge preparation could be delayed due to parliamentary elections in the next few months

Government resolution/conclusion about the content of the pledges (planned IV Q 2024)

Thank you
for your attention

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