

FINMARINET Final Conference



EU LIFE+ financing instrument
supporting European marine
conservation



1. Main Players in LIFE

- ✓ The European Commission - DG ENV:
 - ✓ LIFE ENV & Eco-innovation Unit : ENV/INF/TCY
 - ✓ LIFE NAT Unit: NAT/INF
- ✓ National Environmental Authorities - NFPs
- ✓ External contractors assisting the EC
- ✓ Beneficiaries
- ✓ Other stakeholders



1. The Monitoring Team: Role ?

- ✓ Assistance to the LIFE Units
- ✓ Advice to beneficiaries
- ✓ Assess the technical and financial progress of the project
- ✓ Give assistance and advice to projects on reporting, Common Provisions appliance and other issues
- ✓ But not to make decisions on the Commission's behalf (art. 9.2 of CP) and not involved in the management of financial resources
- ✓ Bound by a confidentiality and independence declaration

2. How LIFE+ supports European Marine Conservation?

- ✓ LIFE projects implemented around the Europe support the implementation of EU marine, coastal and water policies
- ✓ LIFE projects focus on issues such as:
 - marine habitats and species surveys and conservation
 - integrated coastal zone management (ICZM), 'green' technologies and sustainable fisheries.



2. LIFE projects related to Coasts, seas & fisheries

- ✓ General marine projects
- ✓ Marine projects proposing Natura 2000 sites
- ✓ Improving environmental quality
- ✓ Enhancing knowledge of the marine environment
- ✓ Prudent use of marine goods and services
- ✓ Preserving and protecting marine species and habitats
- ✓ Coastal wetlands
- ✓ Building partnerships for the seas
- ✓ Shipping
- ✓ Oil spills



2. LIFE projects related to Baltic Sea

Nature and Biodiversity

- 1. BLUEREEF** Rebuilding of Marine Cavernous Boulder Reefs in Kattegat and Tønneberg Banke. www.blureef.dk
- 2. DENOFLIT** Inventory of marine species and habitats for development of NATURA 2000 network in the offshore waters of Lithuania. <http://corpi.ku.lt/denoflit>
- 3. MARMONI** Innovative approaches for marine biodiversity monitoring and assessment of conservation status of nature values in the Baltic Sea. <http://marmoni.balticseaportal.net/wp/>
- 4. SAMBAH** Static Acoustic Monitoring of the Baltic Sea Harbour porpoise. www.sambah.org



4. SAMBAH Static Acoustic Monitoring of the Baltic Sea Harbour porpoise (01/01/2010 to 31/12/2014)

Coordinated by: Kolmardens Djurpark AB, 9 partners

Total budget: 4,244,013.00 €, EU contribution: 2,112,098.00 €

Objectives:

- ✓ Estimate densities, produce distribution maps and estimate abundances of harbour porpoises in the depth range of 5-80 meters within the project area in the Baltic Sea.
- ✓ Identify possible hotspots, habitat preferences, and areas with higher risk of conflicts with anthropogenic activities for the Baltic Sea harbour porpoise. In Swedish waters a set of more detailed objectives.
- ✓ Increase the knowledge about the Baltic Sea harbour porpoise among policymakers, managers, stakeholders, users of the marine environment and the public.
- ✓ Implement best practice methods for cost efficient, large scale surveillance of harbour porpoises in a low density area.





2. LIFE projects related to Baltic Sea Environment Policy & Governance

1. ECOSMA Ecological Certification of Products from Sustainable Marine Aquaculture. **Finished** in 2011.

<http://www.ecosma.de>

2. WEBAP Wave Energized Baltic Aeration Pump.

www.webap.ivl.se

3. BIAS Baltic Sea Information on the Acoustic Soundscape



2. LIFE marine projects from Southern Europe

INDEMARES Inventory and designation of marine Natura 2000 areas in the Spanish sea. <http://www.indemares.es>

- ✓ **Coordinated by:** The Foundation Biodiversidad, 10 partners
- ✓ **Total budget:** 15,405,727.00 €, EU contribution: 7,702,863.00 €



Life Ilhéus do Porto Sant - Halt the loss of European Biodiversity through the recovery of habitats and species of the islets of Porto Santo and surrounding marine area.

<http://www.lifeportosanto.com/>

- ✓ **Coordinated by:** Serviço do Parque Natural (Park Service Authority), 1 partner
- ✓ **Total budget:** 1,150,016.00 €, EU contribution: 571,163.00 €





3. LIFE+ beyond 2013

- ✓ The ongoing Life+ Programme started in 2007 and runs until the end of 2013 with a budget of just above € 2.1 billion, mostly financial grants.
- ✓ Proposal of the European Commission for the future EU financial instrument for the environment and climate protection (2011/0428/COD) was published on 12/12/2011
- ✓ The Commission proposes continuation of the LIFE+ programme by:
 - Allocating € 3.2 billion over 2014-2020 to a new LIFE Programme for the Environment and Climate Action.
 - Reforming the instrument to simpler/lighter and more flexible direction
 - Creating a new sub-programme for Climate Action
 - Creating new possibilities to implement programmes on a larger scale through **"Integrated projects"** which can help mobilise other EU, national and private funds for environmental or climate objectives.



3. LIFE+ beyond 2013

New aspects of the new future LIFE programme include

- ✓ The sub-programme for Environment
 - Environment and Resource Efficiency
 - Biodiversity
 - Environmental Governance and Information

- ✓ The sub-programme for Climate Action
 - Climate Change Mitigation
 - Climate Change Adaptation
 - Climate Governance and Information



Thank You!