

Restricted fishing area



Cap Roux

Fishermen, local authorities and scientists have been brought together by a local NGO to build the first steps of a future effective and sustainable management plan to enforce conservation measures in a restricted fishing area on France's Côte d'Azur.

In an area where pressure from urbanisation and tourism activities is high, the 445 ha restricted fishing area of Cap Roux was set up in 2004 by the local *Prud'homie* (fishing organisation). However, a lack of visibility and insufficient capacity to enforce the rules meant that the impacts on this protected area and its marine resources were limited.

This 2 year project has supported fishermen to carry out surveillance activities to combat illegal fishing and explore avenues for developing a future sustainable management plan. Scientific studies and data collection are helping to monitor the impacts of conservation measures on flora and fauna in the area. In parallel, promotion of the protected area and cooperation with other users of the marine space, such as tourism organisations, is helping to raise awareness of the area's assets and the importance of preserving such resources.

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RESULTS (AFTER 2 YEARS):

- > Over 112 surveillance operations carried out
- > 7 fishermen mobilised and compensated financially for surveillance activities (a total of 1 FTE)
- > Improved status of the local environmental resource
- > Strengthened role of the *Prud'homie* in managing the local fisheries resource.

SUCCESS FACTORS:

- > Financial viability as a key condition for ensuring conservation projects are sustainable over time.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: €142 072

- > EFF Axis 4: €52 856
- > National co-financing: €43 217
- > Region & Province: €46 000

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