



Pelagos Agreement  
on the Creation of a Sanctuary  
for Marine Mammals in the Mediterranean Sea

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**PELAGOS AGREEMENT**  
**MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
**(2022-2027)**

# Pelagos Agreement Management Plan and Action Plan (2022-2027)

The final draft of the Pelagos Agreement Management Plan and the relevant Action Plan (2022-2027) have been drawn up by Ms. Caterina Fortuna, the appointed consultant, and adjusted to ensure consistency with the comments and draft amendments tabled by the Parties to the Pelagos Agreement. A short explanatory note has also been added to explain the amounts allocated in the Action Plan (2022-2027) of the Pelagos Agreement (Annex 2).

## FOREWORD AND SUMMARY

1. The final drafts of the **Management Plan 2022-2027** and the **relevant Action Plan**, and the **preliminary draft of the Work Plan 2022-2027** have been prepared by an **independent consultant** based on the **themes outlined in the text of the Agreement** and on the Theory of Change, suggesting the need for a **dramatic change in the working method**, which is the main reason preventing the changes needed to implement the Pelagos Agreement.
2. Most of the suggestions made by the Parties' representatives or resulting from public consultation have been taken into account in **writing the final drafts**.
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3. The three documents will not introduce changes in the themes of the Management Plan, in line with the text and intentions of the Agreement; rather, they will focus on a **new vision** for Pelagos that translates mainly into a new **working method**.
5. The key aspects explaining the **design of the Management Plan** are listed below.

### A NEW VISION

I. Pelagos is not a marine protected area in the strict sense (such as, for example, protected areas designated under EU or national laws), but is a Multilateral Environmental Agreement applying within a specific geographical area. Consequently, it does not have a Managing Body - and need not have one -, but has a **Conference of the Parties** and a **Permanent Secretariat** (headed by an Executive Secretary). The area defined in the Agreement is a space within which the terms of the Agreement apply. In this area, the three countries have agreed to better protect marine mammals and their habitat, by promoting consultation and harmonisation of their laws to manage and/or prohibit anthropogenic pressures on these species.

The **text of the Agreement** emphasises - in a rather standard way - the concepts of "*favourable conservation status*", "*habitat*" and "*taking*" in terms of "*capture*", "*killing*" or "*harassment*".

The Agreement **prohibits** the use of driftnets and requires the **regulation** or prohibition of "*fast motor boat racing*".

In the Agreement, the Parties undertake to **harmonise and adopt** appropriate conservation **measures** for marine mammals in line with those adopted by ACCOBAMS and the Barcelona Convention, so as to ensure their favourable conservation status, protecting their populations and habitats from direct and indirect negative impacts of anthropogenic activities **within a specific geographical area**.

The **priority themes of interest identified in the Agreement** are: (a) **species and ecosystem status** assessment, (b) **pollution** (with priority given to the type of pollution under Annex I of the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention), (c) **deliberate disturbance**, (d) **fisheries** (including competition for resources and the problem of ghost nets), and (e) **support** for **coordinated research** and **awareness raising** among all **stakeholders** (particularly on the problem of collisions, drilling and emergency situations).

Finally, in the Agreement the Parties undertook to **include the Sanctuary in the list** of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (**SPAMI**) in the context of the Barcelona Convention. This goal was achieved in 2001.

II. Compared to the context that generated the Agreement in the late 1990s, the local management situation is currently more complex, and a high level of **integration** and **consultation** is necessary for a multilateral environmental agreement to bring about positive change.

Consequently, by operating across multiple organisational levels, the Pelagos Agreement Management Plan becomes a **platform** for **co-designing** (with stakeholders) **adaptive measures, tools, policies and activities** to foster the sustainable management of Pelagos as a **critical ecosystem for marine mammals**.

The creation of this **platform** for a **more participatory governance** of the Pelagos area will lead to the identification and, therefore, the **implementation of practical conservation measures**.

It is important that all the **stakeholders** engage in the implementation of the Management Plan, through **co-design and a participatory approach**.

In this new context, **clarifying everyone's role and expectations** will be crucial.

III. The **Pelagos team**: a Sanctuary for all implies **shared responsibilities**.

To **ensure effective governance**, no "element" of the "Pelagos context" can **act on its own**. The **Parties** at national level, the **Permanent Secretariat**, the **institutional representatives** of the **categories** of sea users, the representatives of the **private bodies** using the Sanctuary, local and international **non-governmental environmental organisations**, the **research** sector, **local authorities** and the **citizens** of the regions involved in the Agreement **are all elements of the system**: as such, they contribute to its success or failure.

The **sectoral approach** is replaced with a **participative model**.

However, this model must be consistent with the spirit of the Agreement, which is a **trilateral governance tool** designed to ensure **concerted management**. The Agreement and, therefore, the Sanctuary exist as a **multilateral diplomatic tool aimed at ensuring international cooperation and consultation** among **authorities** promoting the protection of marine mammals and the conservation of their habitat through **consultation with stakeholders**. The Pelagos Agreement is indeed a pioneer in **marine spatial planning** applied to the conservation of marine mammals and their habitat.

**Figure 1** shows the new **approach to the working method**.

#### **STRUCTURE OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN, ACTION PLAN AND PRELIMINARY WORK PLAN, AND EXPECTED WORKFLOW**

The **Management Plan** provides **practical guidance on**:

- (a) the **policy agreed by the Parties** by order of priority (including "**priority themes for consultation**" and other themes with different priorities for the Permanent Secretariat and the Parties; **Figure 2**) and the **fields of action** (marked with letters A to L); A. Networks ; B. Communication and awareness ; C. Training ; D. Registers, databases, archives ; E. Assessments ; F. Protocols ; G. Mitigation measures ; H. Modus operandi ; I-J. Harmonisation of procedures for governance ; K-L. Administrative management of the Permanent Secretariat);
- (b) the **governance** framework of the **executive bodies** (Contracting Parties and Permanent Secretariat);
- (c) the **role of other stakeholders**.

This document basically sets the **mandate** for action (i.e., the **limits** within which the Agreement bodies and all other stakeholders **can engage and operate**).

Its **Action Plan** is a more detailed guide to the **activities** that are **necessary** to achieve the **short and long-term** goals of the Management Plan in its different **fields**.

Finally, the **Provisional Work Plan** outlined for the six-year Management Plan suggests an approach to complete the proposed activities. However, the provisional Plan is only a source of inspiration and will need to be **modified** and **adapted** to the **needs of the Parties**, taking into account the **changing context of Pelagos**. It will be updated with **the Work Plans adopted by the Parties every two years**.

FIGURE 1 – WORKING METHOD

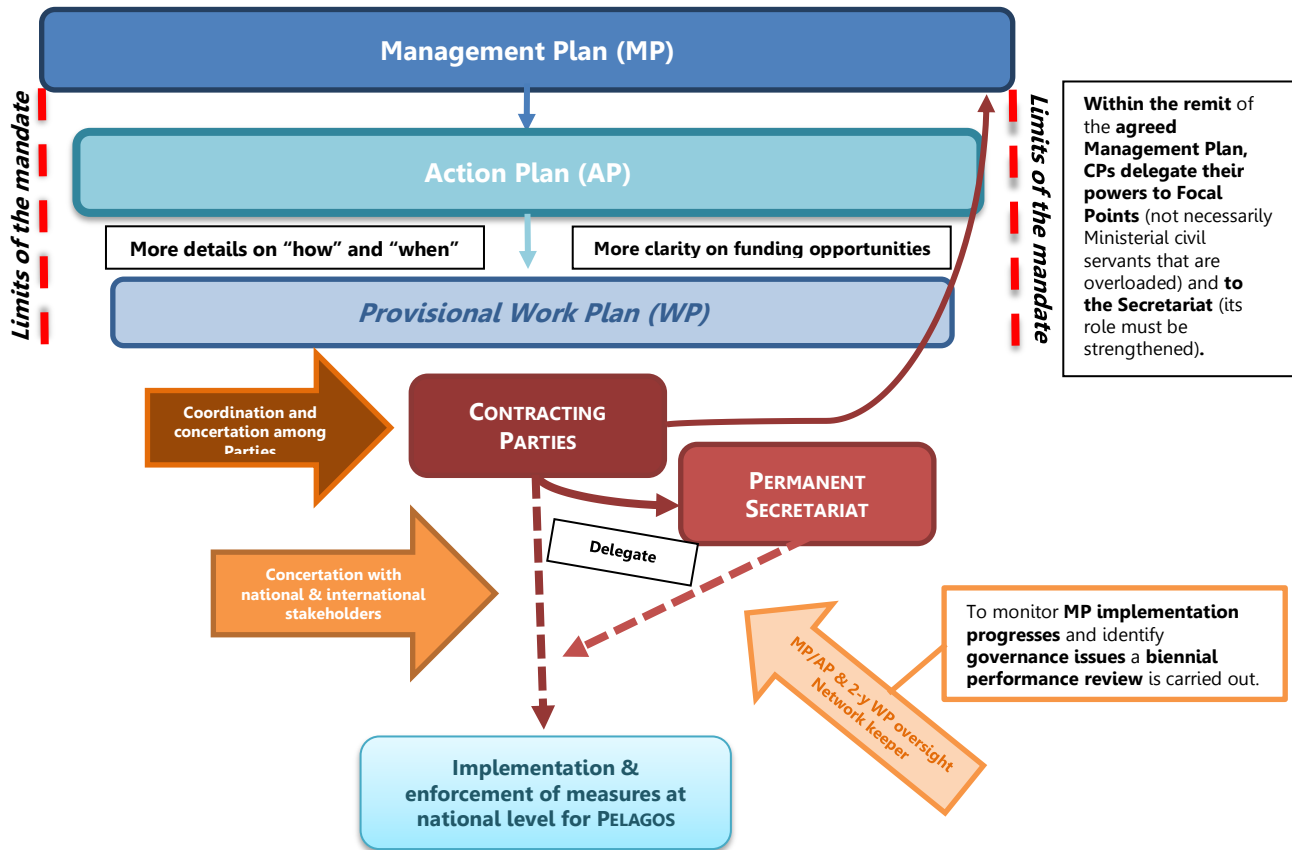
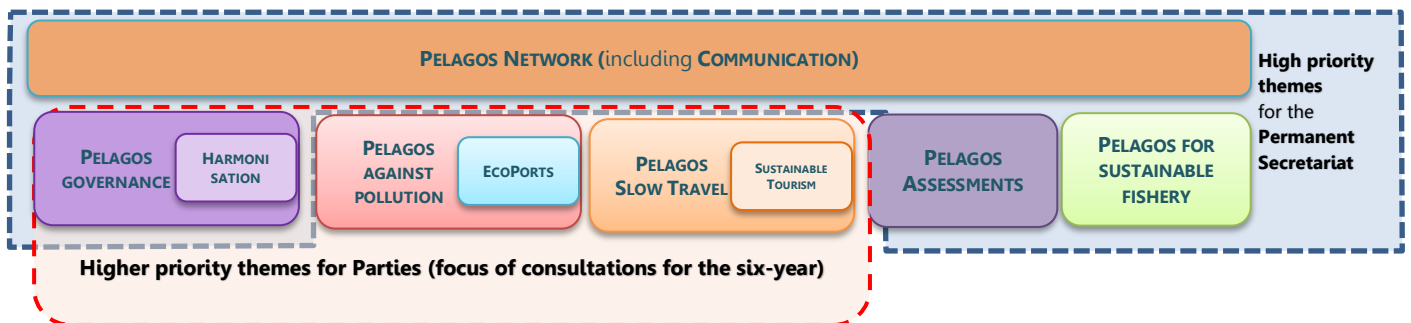


FIGURE 2 - MANAGEMENT PLAN (MP) CROSS-CUTTING THEMES



5. **Potential overlaps** with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements are a "non-issue". The Pelagos Agreement creates the "Sanctuary" as a location under special management, that is an area where conservation measures for marine mammals adopted by the three Parties in other relevant Agreements and Conventions must be **implemented as a priority**. In line with the spirit of the Agreement, the Parties must use **the Pelagos Sanctuary as the best example of implementation of their environmental policies**.

6 **Management Plan funding** is a critical issue. The Parties have expressed their full willingness to create a **Voluntary Fund** governed by a **transparent and effective procedure**, that could receive funds from internal and external sources. Fundraising could be delegated to the Permanent Secretariat and may include participation in **international calls, crowdfunding** initiatives

and support from **sponsors** and **private donors**. This decision can further boost the implementation of the Management Plan 2022-2027.

## INTRODUCTION

7. The review of the current Management Plan (2016-2021) highlighted a number of **critical issues**, many related to the overall governance of the Agreement. The main problems were:

- a national-based rather than multilateral-based approach to the Pelagos area;
- the lack of trilateral coordination/consultation on the management of key pressures (e.g., oil industry, fisheries, shipping, pollution mitigation, tourism, marine infrastructures, etc.), despite this is the core vision of the Pelagos Agreement;
- the systematic lack of procedures for planned/commissioned studies, their official validation and approval. These studies have not been officially integrated into management measures;
- the lack of a framework to perform regular assessments on all priority issues, especially with reference to national and international commitments in maritime spatial planning policies, integrated coastal zone management, environmental impact assessments, as well as the preparation of a set of Pelagos guidelines and a searchable database;
- unnecessary and negative separation between research, management and communication activities, which led to total disconnection with the real world and hindered public environmental awareness on Pelagos Sanctuary priorities;
- the perception of the Pelagos Agreement as a passive player on the international stage.

8. It is no coincidence that Pelagos **success stories** in the current Management Plan (2016-2021) [*Actions 13 and 29: "Encouragement of joint projects" (and related projects) and "Support and communication on ACCOBAMS/Pelagos 'High Quality Whale Watching®' Certificate"*] have three common features: **Pelagos international funding**, a **clearer link between studies and pressures** and **structured international cooperation**.

9. Pelagos can be an **added value** to other existing national and international nature protection policies and legislation in France, Italy and the Principality of Monaco only if the Parties go back to the original spirit of the Sanctuary: an international area where marine mammals and their ecosystem are protected by implementing a more effective management of potentially harmful uses of the sea.

10. The Parties also need to **rebuild trust** among all stakeholders and agree on **simplified procedure tools** meeting the needs of MPA managing bodies, rather than the needs of a very complex Multilateral Agreement. For example, a clear procedure to address all types of conflict of interest could be introduced by implementing the silence (or tacit acceptance) procedure in decision-making during intersessional periods, and external stakeholders could join the governance of the Pelagos Sanctuary at the appropriate levels.

## TOWARDS A NEW APPROACH

11. Pelagos needs a new **vision** that translates into a new **working method**.

12. **Inclusive** and holistic **governance** could help develop the principles of the Agreement to fully achieve its stated goals, i.e., effective conservation of marine mammals and their habitat in a specific area of the Mediterranean Sea.

13 This requires a Management Plan to **co-design adaptive measures, tools and policies** for the **sustainable management of Pelagos** (as a critical ecosystem for marine mammals) on different organisational levels.

14. Public consultation results clearly indicate a strong desire to rediscover the **international nature of the Agreement**.

15. The consultation also revealed strong support for considering **maritime spatial planning** as a useful tool or framework to improve the current management of the Pelagos Sanctuary. The development of **international commitments** to **sustainable development** and **biodiversity** (e.g., UN Sustainable Development Goals, Post-2020 Strategy, EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030, etc.) is considered equally important.

16. Based on the above and the **founding principles of the Agreement**, the new Management Plan focuses on the regeneration of the **Pelagos community**, weaving new relationships with all stakeholders.

17. Over the next six years, work will focus on these principles and their implications for the Pelagos Sanctuary.

18. The general approach to the implementation of all activities will be based on the highest possible level of inclusiveness, in line with the vision of **a Sanctuary for all and of all**. The Permanent Secretariat will seek to ensure - **through different tools** - the widest possible participation taking into account **roles and needs**.

19. In general, the **top priority** of the new Management Plan (2022-2027) will be the **identification and implementation of measures to mitigate the impacts** of key human activities on marine mammals and their ecosystem.

20. Existing knowledge will be summarised to be used in management, mitigation measures and new policies. New **knowledge** will be shared with the Contracting Parties and all stakeholders to build environmental awareness and mutual trust.

21. To be successful, the suggested **inclusive approach** requires greater openness of Pelagos Agreement statutory bodies towards the outside world, as well as a strong response and engagement from all external stakeholders. This is why this **new strategy** will be tested for an initial **period of two years (trial period)**.

22. **Communication**, just like governance, will be the thread connecting the whole Pelagos "world". This will include communication within the Agreement, public awareness-raising within and outside Pelagos borders and training activities within Pelagos.

23. **Governance** is a **cross-cutting priority theme** that is **integrated** into all other activities.

24. The draft **Management Plan 2022-2027** contains a set of **general objectives** divided into **fields of action** to achieve the goals. In the draft **Action Plan 2022-2027**, they are structured into a series of necessary **measures**. The measures are further detailed in **sub-measures** in the draft **Provisional Work Plan 2022-2027**. The Provisional Plan is only as a source of inspiration and need to be modified and adapted to the needs of the Parties, taking into account the changing context of Pelagos. It will be **updated with the Work Plans adopted by the Parties every two years**.

25. Some Management Plan **measures** are time-dependent with respect to others, being preparatory or consequential to them. For example, inventories, mapping and the analysis of legislation and guidelines on pressures mitigation measures must be carried out **in sequence** and prior to overall assessments or the adoption of mitigation measures

26. In the **Action Plan** and the **Provisional Work Plan 2022-2027**, **measures** are **colour coded** to indicate that they relate to seven transversal themes

- Three "**high priority themes**" and two sub-themes for the Parties:
  - **Pelagos against pollution (RED)**, including the sub-theme **EcoPorts (BLUE)** and
  - **Pelagos Slow Travel**, including the sub-theme **Sustainable boating (GREEN)**
  - Governance (**PURPLE**)

Three general priority issues of the Permanent Secretariat and of the Agreement, i.e.:

- **communication and training (ORANGE)**;
- assessments (**BROWN**) and
- sustainable fisheries (**GREY**).

27. **Management Plan funding** (and **Action Plan funding**) is a critical issue that will be partially addressed by creating a **Voluntary fund** receiving support from both internal and external sources, based on a clear and transparent procedure. Moreover, the Parties will delegate to the Executive Secretary the task of working with external organisations to raise funds and participate in **international calls**, to launch **crowdfunding** initiatives and to negotiate support from **sponsors** and **private donors**.

## MANAGEMENT PLAN ARCHITECTURE

28. The Management Plan is divided into four areas:

- Cooperation with international networks;
  - Communication and training: this theme includes all communication, awareness-raising and training activities organised by the Agreement.
- The cohabitation of marine mammals and the uses of the sea:
  - this theme includes all the activities for the periodic assessment of the status of species and the environment in the Pelagos Sanctuary.
- Governance, including international cooperation:
  - this theme includes the new *modus operandi*, the creation of the Pelagos network, the harmonisation of national and international policies and legislation, internal and administrative regulations, etc.

## THREE HIGH PRIORITY THEMES FOR 2022-2027

29. Three priority themes - ***Pelagos fights against pollution*** (including the sub-theme ***EcoPorts***) and ***Pelagos Slow Travel*** (including the sub-theme ***Sustainable boating***) and Governance- will be **coordinated by a country** and facilitated through collaboration with one or more external partners.

30. These themes are fully **in line with** key **international policy** concepts such as “blue economy”, “sustainable tourism”, “biodiversity protection” and “governance”.

31. Their **top short-term priority** will be the **involvement** of **competent local authorities** and **stakeholders**. The **medium-term objective** (within the 6-year period of the Management Plan) will be to **adopt and implement one or two practical management measures**, albeit on a temporary or experimental basis.

32. The **Parties** will play a **key role in negotiating these measures** and **facilitating their implementation**.

33. **“PELAGOS FIGHTS AGAINST POLLUTION”** [see Article 6 of the Agreement]

This priority theme will focus on consultation for the **mitigation of all types of pollution (chemical and noise pollution, pathogens, plastics)**, also related to **seasonal tourism**.

This theme includes all **measures/activities** in **red** in the Action Plan and the Provisional Work Plan 2022-2027 that are considered essential as they are based on the text of the Agreement or required to draw up the **Sanctuary guidelines** - in line with the countries’ needs to meet the requirements of Maritime Spatial Planning, Integrated Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Impact Assessment, Marine Strategy Framework Directive, etc. - and to **implement mitigation measures**.

It will also explore the **feasibility of actions** to **improve** the marine mammal **ecosystem status**, thus generating **virtuous cycles**. Activities may encourage the **recycling of ghost nets** or **plastics recovered from fishing boats** into **biofuels**, as well as **public awareness-raising initiatives** in **schools and local communities** to recycle clean plastics into gadgets and/or materials to decorate public spaces.

The theme will also include the **sub-theme “EcoPorts” (blue)**, which will disseminate **best practices** to make **ports sustainable** among **port authorities** within the **Pelagos Sanctuary**. This sub-theme will also assess the feasibility of implementing an approach similar to that of the Port of Vancouver (Canada) (<https://www.portvancouver.com/about-us/sustainability/>), by adapting it to the size of the main ports in the Pelagos Sanctuary, within the boundaries of Pelagos and in adjacent areas.

Finally, in accordance with **Articles 12 and 13** of the Agreement, this theme will spur a debate among key players on the tools needed to achieve **effective data exchange** on various risks and **maritime sectors**. Communication and regulatory gaps will be discussed to improve **coordination** among the Parties **in case of emergency**.

34. **“PELAGOS SLOW TRAVEL”** [see Article 12 of the Agreement]

This theme includes all measures/activities in **green** in the Action Plan and the Provisional Work Plan 2022-2027.

The theme will transform the progress made so far into **mitigation measures to prevent collisions** in the Pelagos Sanctuary, in close collaboration with all stakeholders. The options will be **tested with the available shipowners**.



As to passenger transport, the Pelagos Sanctuary will promote **new awareness-raising campaigns** for the "rebranding" of some services offered by the companies (e.g., slow rides instead of "fast ferries").

Finally, the theme will also include the **sub-theme "PELAGOS SUSTAINABLE BOATING"** that will harmonise the regulation of **whale-watching** activities, continue the promotion of the "High Quality Whale Watching®" certification (HQWW®) in the Sanctuary and create behaviour models to promote **sustainable boating** and to involve boaters in the life of the Agreement (e.g., through a new campaign for "Pelagos Ambassadors").

35. "**GOVERNANCE**" includes the new **working method**, the creation of the **Pelagos network**, the **harmonisation of national and international policies and legislation**, internal and administrative **regulations**, etc.

## OTHER GENERAL PRIORITY THEMES FOR 2022-2027

36. Other general priorities of the Secretariat and the Agreement include:

➤ **Sustainable fisheries is another overarching priority:**

At least initially, this theme will have low priority. In addition to the activities based on Article 7 of the Agreement, it will mainly focus on the participation in existing initiatives on **sustainable fisheries** in the Sanctuary, mainly those targeting **small-scale fisheries**. In this context, the Agreement will enhance actions based on a **participatory and co-management approach** developing options for sustainable small-scale fisheries, including alternative options to be successfully tested in the Pelagos Sanctuary.

### WORKING METHODS OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT AND THE PARTIES

37. Although **French** and **Italian** will still be the **official languages** of the Agreement, the Parties have agreed to translate the **main documents of the Agreement into English** and to use English **in the work of technical groups**, if any, and in **technical meetings** other than those of the Scientific and Technical Committee and the Conference of the Parties.

38. With a view to supporting the Parties and the Permanent Secretariat in the implementation of the Management Plan and Action Plan, the work will be organised and carried out by several **working groups**, that will be created **based on needs and required skills**. **Voluntary participation** in the working groups will ensure the stakeholders' **inclusion** and **participation**. The groups will work **by correspondence** and/or by holding regular **online meetings**, as preferred by the members, and they will communicate in **English**.

39. The working groups proposed in the Action Plan will remain in office for six years and will be divided into permanent WGs on technical and scientific matters, and ad hoc WGs to be set up whenever necessary to support the Permanent Secretariat and the Parties. The Terms of Reference (ToR) specify the role and organisation of the Working Groups.

- Working Group on Pelagos species and ecosystem status assessment, including human-induced mortality and fish stock assessment, and the assessment of the economic, social and cultural value of Pelagos (Permanent **Assessment WG**; articles 5 and 7);
- Working Group on the fight against pollution and mitigation of human-induced mortality (Permanent **Impacts WG**; articles 6 and 7);
- Working Group on SPAMIs and Marine Protected Areas (ad hoc **SPAMI/MPA WG**; article 16);
- Working Group on the Agreement Governance, (ad hoc **Governance WG**; articles 2 and 17);
- Working Group on communication (*ad hoc* **Communication WG**; articles 12 and 13);
  - Working Group on communication and training;
  - Sub-Working Group of the Communication WG on the monk seal (*ad hoc* **Monk Seal SWG**);
- Working Group on regulatory options (*ad hoc* **Laws WG**; articles 8, 9 and Declaration annexed to the Agreement).

40. Should group work not be possible, the Parties shall provide **a budget for consultants** to carry out the work necessary to achieve the Management Plan goals.



## Pelagos Sanctuary Management Plan (2022-2027)

### Cooperation (international networks)

<b>Objective of Field A</b>	<b>Creation of the Pelagos community to promote a co-management approach by actively involving all the “stakeholders” to: (a) identify mitigation measures improving the conservation of marine mammals in the Pelagos Sanctuary, (b) disseminate the Sanctuary’s vision, (c) contribute to capacity building in the Sanctuary, (d) strengthen international cooperation to achieve the general goals of the Pelagos Agreement</b>						
<b>Goal stated in the Agreement</b>	Promote national and international research programmes in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement (Art. 12); Promote awareness-raising campaigns among professionals, other sea users and NGOs (Art. 12); SPAMI (Art. 16)						<b>Type of funding to achieve the goal</b>
<b>Relevance to other legislation</b>	Ratification laws of multilateral agreements and international conventions EU Habitats Directive Barcelona Convention						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unallocated resources (if available)</li> <li>• Voluntary contributions from the Parties</li> <li>• Pelagos Voluntary Fund</li> <li>• Operating budget</li> </ul>
Field	Field ID	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator NFP Leader	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Evaluation (evaluator)
<b>Networks</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pelagos network</b> [Actions 1-9] ⇒ Definition and implementation of the Pelagos network with all the necessary categories of stakeholders (e.g., expert working groups, ambassadors, cities, universities, IGOs, NGOs, regions and other local authorities, MPAs). This measure is divided into nine actions and sub-actions.	PS, Parties	STC, NFP, STC Chair, representatives of the organisations concerned, working groups	Working groups and a guidelines document, Memorandums of Understanding and agreements	2022-2027	PS (self-evaluations)

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Communication and training							
Objective of Fields B-C		<b>Implementation of communication, public awareness-raising, capacity building and training activities “with Pelagos stakeholders for Pelagos stakeholders”</b>					
		Protection of marine mammals (including the monk seal) and their habitats within the boundaries of the Sanctuary (Art. 2); Promotion of awareness-raising campaigns among professionals, other sea users and NGOs (Art. 12)					<b>Type of funding to achieve the goal</b>
		Aichi Target 1, United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unallocated resources (if available)</li> <li>• Voluntary contributions from the Parties</li> <li>• Pelagos Voluntary Fund</li> <li>• Operating budget</li> </ul>
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Communication and awareness raising	B	<p><b>Communication and public awareness-raising activities</b> [Actions 10-16]</p> <p>⇒ Communication and public awareness-raising activities, including the development of updated and high-quality awareness-raising materials in three languages (FR, IT, EN) on marine mammals and their habitats in Pelagos, events organisation, update of the web communication platform, etc.</p> <p>⇒ Specific communication activities for the projects funded by the Agreement [Action 15] and on the monk seal in the Pelagos Sanctuary [Action 16]</p>	Communication WG Coordinator, PS, consultants	Parties, STC, partners, Communication WG or consultants, persons in charge of funded activities	Communication, training and awareness-raising materials, 6-12 communication and/or training events, newsletter, new website	2022-2027	PS, NFP, external evaluators panel
Training	C	<p><b>Training events</b> [Actions 16-17]</p> <p>⇒ National and international training activities including environmental education training, technical-scientific training for stakeholders, training for emergency response teams, training on post-mortem examinations for bycatches, etc.</p> <p>⇒ Training activities on the monk seal in the Pelagos Sanctuary [Action 16]</p>	National partners, NFP, Impacts WG Coordinator, MC	PS, NFP, Impacts WG Coordinator or consultant, national partners, Parties, Pelagos, Padua University, RAM, PREMAR, DAM, ACCOBAMS, RAMOGE, national parks, MPAs, SPAMIs, FPA2, Monaco Oceanographic Museum	6-12 communication and/or training events, intervention procedure	2022-2027	PS,

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## Cohabitation between marine mammals and sea uses

<b>Cohabitation between marine mammals and sea uses</b>							
<b>Objective of Fields D-E</b>		<b>Optimisation of existing data and information for the periodic assessment of the conservation status of marine mammal populations and their ecosystems</b>					
<b>Goal stated in the Agreement</b>		Periodic assessment of the status of marine mammal populations, threats to their habitats (with a focus on feeding and breeding) and mortality (Art. 5); Fisheries impact on food resources (Art. 7); Impact of ghost nets (Art. 7); Assessment of fisheries technologies (Art. 7); Promote national and international research programmes in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement (Art. 12); Fight against anthropogenic pressures; Fight against pollution (Art. 6); Management of disturbance by different types of maritime traffic					<b>Type of funding to achieve the goal</b>
<b>Relevance to other legislation</b>		EU Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP); EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive; Habitats Directive; EU Directive on Environmental Impact Assessment; EU Directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment; EU Regulations 2019/1241, 2019/1241, 2017/1004 and 2020/967; EcAp / IMAP (Barcelona Convention)					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unallocated resources (if available)</li> <li>• Voluntary contributions from the Parties</li> <li>• Pelagos Voluntary Fund</li> <li>• Operating budget</li> </ul>
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Directories, databases and archives	<b>D</b>	<b>Directories, databases and archives, including the archive of Pelagos Agreement recommendations</b> [Actions 18-20] ⇒ Maps of species distribution and potential threats ⇒ Inventory and assessment of mitigation/control measures of anthropogenic pressures in the Sanctuary ⇒ Archive of Pelagos Agreement recommendations	Coordinator of the relevant WG, PS	STC, relevant WGs, universities, research partners	12-14 university theses  One online archive	2022-2027	STC, Parties
Assessments	<b>E</b>	<b>Assessment of the status of species, ecosystems and anthropogenic pressures</b> [Actions 21-23] ⇒ Status of marine mammal populations in the Pelagos Sanctuary ⇒ Status of pressures ⇒ Pelagos Quality Status Report: periodic assessment of pressures and report	Coordinator of the relevant WG or consultant and QSR editor	STC, relevant WGs, universities, research partners, other experts and stakeholders' representatives	Several documents	2022-2027	STC, NFP

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## Cohabitation between marine mammals and sea uses

<b>Objective of Fields F-G</b>		<b>Optimisation of existing data and information for the periodic assessment of the conservation status of marine mammal populations and their ecosystems</b>					
<b>Goal stated in the Agreement</b>		Periodic assessment of the status of marine mammal populations, threats to their habitats (with a focus on feeding and breeding) and mortality (Art. 5); Fisheries impact on food resources (Art. 7); Impact of ghost nets (Art. 7); Assessment of fisheries technologies (Art. 7); Promote national and international research programmes in compliance with the provisions of the Agreement (Art. 12); Fight against anthropogenic pressures; Fight against pollution (Art. 6); Management of disturbance by different types of maritime traffic					<b>Type of funding to achieve the goal</b>
<b>Relevance to other legislation</b>		EU Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP); EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive; Habitats Directive; EU Directive on Environmental Impact Assessment; EU Directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment; EU Regulations 2019/1241, 2019/1241, 2017/1004 and 2020/967; EcAp / IMAP (Barcelona Convention)					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unallocated resources (if available)</li> <li>• Voluntary contributions from the Parties</li> <li>• Pelagos Voluntary Fund</li> <li>• Operating budget</li> </ul>
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Protocols	<b>F</b>	<b>Development of a protocol for the systematic exchange of information between National Stranding Networks on the monitoring of marine mammal mortality events and assessment of mortality causes, as well as participation in ACCOBAMS initiatives on this topic</b> [Action 24]	Assessment and Impacts WG Coordinators	PS, Assessment and Impacts WGs, ACCOBAMS, Researchers, Pelagis, Padua University	Systematic information exchange protocol	2022-2025	Parties
	<b>G</b>	<b>Identification and implementation of mitigation measures</b> [Actions 25-26] ⇒ Adoption of best practices to mitigate the impacts of planned and authorised activities in the Sanctuary, in the framework of environmental impact assessments and strategic environmental assessments ⇒ Analysis of new fisheries laws and regulations from the Pelagos perspective	Coordinators of the relevant WGs	STC, NFP, IGOs, partners, port authorities, RAM, PREMAR, DAM, PS, Representatives of national fisheries departments	Drafting and adoption of guidelines	2022-2027	Parties

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## Governance of the Agreement - [1/2]

<b>Objective of Fields H-I</b>		<b>Optimisation of the governance of the Agreement</b>					
<b>Goal stated in the Agreement</b>		Harmonisation (Art. 10); Adherence to the principles of the Agreement, UNEP/MAP and ACCOBAMS by the States operating in the Sanctuary (Art. 17); Regulation or ban of offshore racing (Art. 9) and whale-watching activities (Art. 8); Harmonisation of regulations on drilling and extraction activities					<b>Type of funding to achieve the goal</b>
<b>Relevance to other legislation</b>		EU Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP); EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive; EU Directive on Environmental Impact Assessment; EU Directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment; EcAp/IMAP (Barcelona Convention); EU Regulation 2019/1241					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unallocated resources (if available)</li> <li>• Voluntary contributions from the Parties</li> <li>• Pelagos Voluntary Fund</li> <li>• Operating budget</li> </ul>
Field	Field ID	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator NFP Leader	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Evaluation (evaluator)
<b>Working method</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Coordination and funding of the two priority themes for concerted action</b> [Action 27]	Leading Party Coordinator	PS, STC, Parties, stakeholders	1-2 management measures per theme	2022-2027	Consultant
<b>Harmonisation of governance procedures</b>	<b>I</b>	<p><b>Harmonisation at the Agreement level of national policies on marine mammals: legislation and guidelines. Awareness-raising strategy for non-contracting parties</b> [Actions 28-29]</p> <p>⇒ Facilitate the harmonisation of the relevant national and European measures and make an inventory of the relevant legal instruments</p> <p>⇒ Art. 17: Encourage States using the Sanctuary to adhere to their principles on marine mammal conservation and all the relevant policies (e.g., UNEP MAP, ACCOBAMS, EU)</p> <p>⇒ Consider adherence to the following declarations and best practices on an individual basis and by the Agreement: <a href="#">Statement on Traceability and Port State Measures</a>; <a href="#">Declaration to promote best practices in maritime transport for the protection of the marine and coastal environment</a>; <a href="#">SAILS charter</a> of best practices in maritime transport for the protection of the marine and coastal environment</p>	Laws WG Coordinator	PS, Parties, Laws WG, stakeholders	University thesis Harmonisation measures Selection and dissemination of charters in the Sanctuary	2022-2024	PS

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## Governance of the Agreement - [2/2]

Governance of the Agreement - [2/2]							
<b>Objective of Fields J-L</b>		<b>Optimisation of the governance of the Agreement</b>					
<b>Goal stated in the Agreement</b>		Harmonisation (Art. 10); Adherence to the principles of the Agreement, UNEP/MAP and ACCOBAMS by the States operating in the Sanctuary (Art. 17); Regulation or ban of offshore racing (Art. 9) and whale-watching activities (Art. 8); Harmonisation of regulations on drilling and extraction activities					<b>Type of funding to achieve the goal</b>
<b>Relevance to other legislation</b>		EU Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP); EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive; EU Directive on Environmental Impact Assessment; EU Directive on Strategic Environmental Assessment; EcAp/IMAP (Barcelona Convention); EU Regulation 2019/1241					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unallocated resources (if available)</li> <li>• Voluntary contributions from the Parties</li> <li>• Pelagos Voluntary Fund</li> <li>• Operating budget</li> </ul>
Field	Field ID	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator NFP Leader	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Evaluation (evaluator)
Harmonisation of governance procedures	<b>J</b>	<b>Harmonisation of the existing Agreement governance procedures: rules of procedures and working methods, including the periodic assessment of the Management Plan performance</b> [Actions 30-31]	Governance and Assessment WG Coordinators, PS, Consultant	PS, Governance and Assessment WGs, Parties, STC	Update/harmonisation of procedures	2022-2027	PS
Permanent Secretariat administrative management	<b>K</b>	<b>Harmonisation of the Agreement administrative procedures</b> [Action 32]	Governance WG Coordinator, PS	NFP, STC, Governance WG, stakeholders	Harmonisation of administrative procedures	2022-2027	Parties
	<b>L</b>	<b>Day-to-day management of the Permanent Secretariat, including the organisation of the periodic review of the SPAMI status for the Pelagos Sanctuary (2025) and the management of the "Pelagos Voluntary Fund"</b> [Actions 33, 34, 35]	PS, WG Coordinators	All the partners and WGs, experts	Reports, meetings	2022-2027	SPA/RAC

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**RELATIVE PRIORITY:** ↑= high priority ↔= medium priority, ↓= low priority


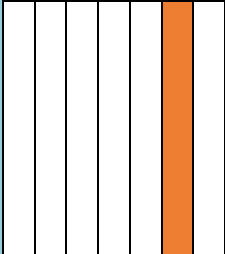
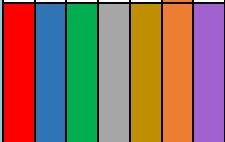
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Field: Cooperation										
Sector	Link between high-profile projects and measures	Measure ID	Priority	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Type and amount of funding	Evaluation (evaluator)
The experts	<span style="color:red">■</span> <span style="color:blue">■</span> <span style="color:green">■</span> <span style="color:lightblue">■</span> <span style="color:orange">■</span> <span style="color:yellow">■</span> <span style="color:purple">■</span>	<b>A-1</b>	↑	<b>Creation of the Pelagos network of experts</b> ⇒ This network will include scientists, technicians and experts in the full range of topics related to the management of the Pelagos Sanctuary. This pool of volunteer experts will be used for consultation purposes, where necessary. Members will be selected through a call for expression of interest	PS	STC, NFP	ToR and Call for expression of interest	2022, 2024, 2026	OB, PVF, VC	PS (self-evaluation)
	<span style="color:red">■</span> <span style="color:blue">■</span> <span style="color:green">■</span> <span style="color:lightblue">■</span> <span style="color:orange">■</span> <span style="color:yellow">■</span> <span style="color:purple">■</span>	<b>A-2</b>	↑	<b>Finalise formal collaborations with Universities of the Pelagos Sanctuary for training purposes</b> ⇒ Finalise agreements with Universities of the Sanctuary (University of Nice, Toulon, Corsica, Genoa, Pisa and Siena) focusing on the educational aspects of the Pelagos Sanctuary (e.g., possibility to coordinate university theses of interest to the Pelagos Agreement and to organise scientific events).	PS (ES)	STC, NFP	5 official collaborations	2022, 2024, 2026	OB	PS (self-evaluation)
The Ambassadors	<span style="color:red">■</span> <span style="color:blue">■</span> <span style="color:green">■</span> <span style="color:lightblue">■</span> <span style="color:orange">■</span> <span style="color:yellow">■</span> <span style="color:purple">■</span>	<b>A-3</b>	↑	<b>Pelagos ambassadors: promotion and management of the initiative</b>	Communication WG Coordinator	Depending on the sub-action	1 kit, 6 bulletins, 3 events, 3 membership	2022-2027	OB, NF, VC, UR	PS (self-evaluation)



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Coastal municipalities of the Sanctuary		<b>A-4</b>	↑	<b>Partnership Charter with the coastal municipalities of the Sanctuary</b>	Parties, PS	Depending on the sub-action		2022-2027	OB, NF, PVF,	PFN
		<b>A-5</b>	↑	<b>Relations with local administrations</b> ⇒ Identify synergies with local administrations on common interests and initiatives concerning management and conservation actions for marine mammals and their ecosystems.	Parties	PS	More than one new Agreement	2023, 2024, 2026	OB	SP
Other international organisations		<b>A-6</b>	↑	<b>Relations with other international organisations</b> ⇒ Identify synergies with international organisations on common interests and initiatives concerning management and conservation actions for marine mammals and their ecosystems.	PS (ES)	Depending on the sub-action	-	2022, 2023	OB, PVF, VC	SP (self-evaluation)
NGOs		<b>A-7</b>	↑	<b>Relations with other non-governmental organisations</b>	PS (ES)	Depending on the sub-action	-	2022, 2024, 2026	OB,	SP (self-evaluation)
Marine Protected Areas		<b>A-8</b>	↑	<b>Define and implement a protocol to involve the Sanctuary's Marine Protected Areas and N2k sites for the <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> in the activities of the Agreement</b>	PS (ES)	Depending on the sub-action	Memorandum of Understanding	2022, 2023, 2024-2027	OB, PVF	Expert
		<b>A-9</b>	↑	<b>Improve cooperation with other SPAMIs on marine mammal communication and governance</b>	PS (ES), SPAMI/MPA WG Coordinator	Depending on the sub-action	-	2022, 2024, 2026	OB, VC, PVF, UR	Expert

Field: Communication and training														
Sector	Link between high-profile projects and measures					Measure ID	Priority	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Type and amount of funding	Evaluation (evaluator)
Communication, awareness-raising and training						<b>B-10</b>	↑	<p><b>"News from the Pelagos Sanctuary: the importance of marine mammals and their habitats"</b></p> <p>⇒ Development of updated and high-quality awareness-raising materials in three languages (FR, IT, EN) on marine mammals and their habitats in Pelagos targeting the general public/ tourists, schools, universities, MPAs, municipalities, ferries and fishermen. Pelagos provides specific advice on the format and general topics. Production of short video stories on the importance of Pelagos marine mammals and their ecosystems.</p>	Communication WG Coordinator	NFP, STC, Communication WG	Video stories	2022, 2024, 2026	VC, PVF, UR	External panel
						<b>B-11</b>	↔	<p><b>Development of new communication tools for the youth and schools (posters, awareness kits, newsletters, T-shirts)</b></p>	Communication WG Coordinator and/or Monk seal SWG Coordinator	Communication WG, Monk seal SWG Coordinator	Posters, awareness kits, newsletters, T-shirts	2022, 2024, 2026	VC, PVF, UR	External panel

Sector	Link between high-profile projects and measures	Measure ID	Priority	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Type and amount of funding	Evaluation (evaluator)
Communication, awareness-raising and training		<b>B-12</b>	↑	<b>Organisation of "Pelagos Sanctuary" communication events</b>	Depending on the sub-action	Depending on the sub-action	6-12 communication and/or training events	2022-2027	OB, VC, PVF, UR	SP (self-evaluation)
		<b>B-13</b>	↔	<b>Development and update of the external communication platform (website, social networks, e-mailings, newsletters, conferences, participation in awareness-raising activities, etc.), as well as English translation of the most important contents, including the text of the Agreement</b>	Depending on the sub-action	Depending on the sub-action	-	2022-2027	OB, VC, PVF, UR	NFP
		<b>B-14</b>	↔	<b>Creation or identification of an app for citizen science data collection on marine mammals</b>	Communication WG Coordinator, STC,	Communication WG	One app	2024	OB, VC, PVF	NFP













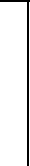





Communication and training										
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Communication, awareness-raising and training		<b>B-15</b>	↑	<b>Specific communication on activities/projects funded by the Pelagos Agreement</b>	Communication WG Coordinator	Depending on the sub-action	As needed	2022-2027	OB,	PS
		<b>B-16</b>	↑	<b>Monk seal in the Pelagos Sanctuary: awareness-raising and monitoring of historic caves</b> Linked to C-17 for "monitoring" purposes.	Monk seal SWG Coordinator	Parties, Monk seal SWG	Monitoring and awareness-raising initiatives	2022, 2023-2027	OB, NF, VC, PVF	STC
		<b>C-17</b>	↑	<b>Development of training modules on the Pelagos Sanctuary within the framework of the various partners' training offers</b>	Depending on the sub-action	Depending on the sub-action	6-12 communication and/or training events	2022-2027	OB, NF, , PVF	NFP

### Field: Cohabitation between marine mammals and sea uses

Sector	Link between high-profile projects and measures	Measure ID	Priority	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Type and amount of funding	Evaluation (evaluator)
<b>Directories, databases and archives</b>										
<b>Assessment of species and ecosystem status</b>										
		<b>D-18</b>	↑	<b>Maps of species distribution and potential threats</b> ⇒ These maps will be created on the basis of existing published open-source data. Mapping will be developed through university theses.	Coordinator of the relevant WG	PS, Universities, MBPC	8-9 university theses	2022-2026	OB, , PVF	Parties
		<b>D-19</b>	↑	<b>Inventories and assessment of mitigation/control measures of anthropogenic pressures in the Sanctuary</b> ⇒ These inventories will be created on the basis of existing published open-source data. This activity will be implemented through university theses.	Coordinator of the relevant WG	PS, Universities, MBPC	4-5 university theses	2022-2025	OB, , PVF	STC
		<b>D-20</b>	↑	<b>Archive of Pelagos Agreement recommendations</b>	PS	-	One online archive	2025, 2027	OB, VC, PVF	SP (self-evaluation)
		<b>E-21</b>	↑	<b>Assessment of the marine mammal population status in the Pelagos Sanctuary</b> ⇒ This activity consists of various monitoring, assessment and reporting actions. Assessment will be done on a periodic basis and will be based on all publications and unpublished reports on Pelagos funded projects. Works and data will be systematically reviewed at the Sanctuary level.	Assessment WG Coordinator	PS, Parties, STC, relevant WGs, MBPC	Several documents	2022-2027	OB, VC, PVF, NF	STC

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<b>Assessment of anthropogenic pressures</b>										
		<b>E-22</b>	↑	<p><b>Initial assessment of pressures</b></p> <p>⇒ It will be based on the assessment of: (a) maps produced in action D-18; (b) published data and reports on Pelagos funded projects; (c) information available in open-source databases; (d) national reports on these topics; (e) official data from competent authorities, etc. New data will only be collected if assessments identify specific gaps hampering the identification and implementation of appropriate mitigation measures.</p>	One expert of the Pool	PS, coordinators of the relevant WGs	Initial summary report	2022-2023	OB,PVF	STC
		<b>E-23</b>	↑	<p><b>Pelagos Quality Status Report: periodic assessment of pressures and report</b></p>	QSR editor	STC and WG coordinators, other experts and stakeholders' representatives	Report	2027	OB, VC, PVF, UR	STC, NFP

Cohabitation between marine mammals and sea uses										
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Protocols	     	F-24	↔	<b>Development of a protocol for the systematic exchange of information between National Stranding Networks on the monitoring of marine mammal mortality events and assessment of mortality causes, as well as participation in ACCOBAMS initiatives on this topic</b>	Assessment and Impacts WGs Coordinators	PS, Assessment and Impacts WGs, ACCOBAMS, Researchers, Pelagis, Padua University	Systematic information exchange protocol	2022-2027	OB, VC, PVF	STC
Mitigation measures	     	G-25	↑	<b>Adoption of best practices to mitigate the impacts of planned and authorised activities in the Sanctuary, in the framework of environmental impact assessments and strategic environmental assessments</b>	Depending on the sub-action	Depending on the sub-action	Drafting and adoption of guidelines	2022-2027	OB, VC, PVF	Parties
	     	G-26	↔	<b>Analysis of new fisheries laws and regulations from the Pelagos perspective</b>	Laws WG Coordinator	Depending on the sub-action	Summary document	2024-2027	OB, VC, PVF	NFP/STC

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Field: Governance of the Agreement										
Sector	Link between high-profile projects and measures	Measure ID	Priority	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Type and amount of funding	Evaluation (evaluator)
A new vision		<b>H-27</b> see the following tables	↑	<b>Coordination and funding of the two priority themes for the Parties</b>	Coordinator identified by the Leading Party	PS, STC, Parties, stakeholders	Practical management measures	2022-2027	NF, PVF	Pelagos pool of experts
		<b>I theme</b>	↑	<p><b><i>Pelagos fights against pollution</i></b></p> <p>⇒ In addition to the activities in <b>red</b>, this priority theme is focused on concerted action for the mitigation of all types of pollution (chemical and noise pollution, pathogens, plastics), also related to seasonal tourism.</p> <p>⇒ This priority theme will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prepare guidelines for the Sanctuary in line with the needs of countries to meet the requirements of Maritime Spatial Planning, Integrated Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Impact Assessment, Marine Strategy Framework Directive, etc., and the implementation of mitigation measures.</li> <li>• explore the feasibility of actions to improve the status of the marine mammal ecosystem, thus generating virtuous cycles.</li> </ul>	IT	PS, STC, NFP stakeholders	Practical management measures	2022-2027	NF, PVF	Pelagos pool of experts

Governance of the Agreement														
Sector	Link between high-profile projects and measures					Measure ID	Priority	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Type and amount of funding	Evaluation (evaluator)
A new vision						sub-theme	↑	<p><b>EcoPorts</b></p> <p>⇒ In addition to the activities in <b>blue</b>, the sub-theme "EcoPorts" will disseminate the best practices to make ports sustainable among Pelagos port authorities. This sub-programme will also assess the feasibility of implementing an approach similar to that of the Port of Vancouver (Canada) by adapting it to the size of the main ports in the Pelagos Sanctuary, within the boundaries of Pelagos and in adjacent areas.</p> <p>⇒ In accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the Agreement, this sub-theme will spur a debate among key players on the tools needed to achieve effective data exchange on various risks and maritime sectors. Communication and regulatory gaps will be discussed to improve coordination among the Parties in case of emergency.</p>	IT	PS, STC, NFP stakeholders	Practical management measures	2022-2027	NF, PVF	Pelagos pool of experts

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Sector	Link between high-profile projects and measures				Measure ID	Priority	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Type and amount of funding	Evaluation (evaluator)
A new vision					II theme	↑	<p><b>Pelagos Slow Travel</b></p> <p>⇒ In addition to the activities in <b>green</b>, this theme will be in charge of preparing guidelines for the Sanctuary in line with the needs of countries to meet the requirements of Maritime Spatial Planning, Integrated Coastal Zone Management, Environmental Impact Assessment, Marine Strategy Framework Directive, etc., and the implementation of mitigation measures.</p> <p>⇒ The theme will transform the progress made so far into management measures to mitigate collisions in the Pelagos Sanctuary, in close collaboration with all the stakeholders.</p>	FR	PS, STC, NFP, stakeholders	Practical management measures	2022-2027	NF, PVF	Pelagos pool of experts
					II sub-theme	↑	<p><b>Pelagos Sustainable Boating</b></p> <p>⇒ This sub-theme will be in charge of harmonising the regulation of whale-watching activities, will continue the promotion of the "High Quality Whale Watching®" certification (HQWW®) in the Sanctuary and create behaviour models to promote sustainable boating and to involve boaters in the life of the Agreement (e.g., through a new campaign for "Pelagos Ambassadors").</p>	FR	PS, STC, NFP, stakeholders	Practical management measures	2022-2027	NF, PVF	Pelagos pool of experts

Governance of the Agreement [4/5]														
Sector	Link between high-profile projects and measures					Measure ID	Priority	Measures needed to achieve medium and long-term objectives and to maintain the effectiveness of short-term objectives: title and description	Coordinator	Partners	Deliverables	Timeline	Type and amount of funding	Evaluation (evaluator)
Harmonisation						I-28	↔	<p><b>Draw up a strategy to involve the States operating in the waters of the Pelagos Sanctuary</b></p> <p>Invitation to the States operating in the Sanctuary to adhere to its principles and the principles of UNEP/MAP on the conservation of cetaceans in the Mediterranean, ACCOBAMS or any other relevant legislation/Convention (Art. 17)</p>	MC	Laws WG, ACCOBAMS	University thesis Drafting of a strategy	2024-2025	OB, PVF	Parties
						I-29	↑	<p><b>Harmonisation of governance procedures at Agreement and national level for the management of impacts on marine mammals that seem to be inconsistent: legislation and guidelines</b></p> <p>⇒ Without prejudice to the principles of sovereignty and jurisdiction, the Parties shall endeavour to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facilitate harmonisation of national and European measures relevant to the Agreement (e.g., fast motorboat racing and whale watching)</li> <li>● Make an inventory of the legal instruments of the Pelagos Agreement.</li> </ul>	Laws WG Coordinator	MC and depending on the sub-action	University thesis Harmonisation measures	2022, 2023, 2024	OB, PVF	PS
						J-30	↑	<p><b>Harmonisation of the Agreement governance procedures: regulations and working methods</b></p>	Depending on the sub-action	Depending on the sub-action	Update/harmonisation of procedures	2022-2027	OB,	PS

Governance of the Agreement															
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Harmonisation							<b>J-31</b>	↑	<b>Management Plan monitoring implementation</b> ⇒ Adjustments will be made almost in real time thanks to this periodic assessment	PS	NFP, STC	As needed	December 2024, December 2026	OB,	Pool of experts
							<b>K-32</b>	↑	<b>Simplification of the Agreement administrative procedures</b>	PS	NFP, STC	New administrative procedures	2022-2027	OB, PVF	Parties
Day-to-day management							<b>L-33</b>	↑	<b>Day-to-day management of the Permanent Secretariat</b>	PS	-	-	2022-2027	OB, VC, PVF, UR	Parties
							<b>L-34</b>	↔	<b>Organisation of the periodic review of the SPAMI status for the Pelagos Sanctuary (2025)</b> ⇒ Drafting of the "Revised Format for the Periodic Review" of the SPAMI status; report on the renewal of the SPAMI status and organisation of the Technical Advisory Board.	PS (ES)	SPA/RAC, NFP, STC, experts	A report	2024, 2025	OB	SPA/RAC
							<b>L-35</b>	↑	<b>Creation and management of the "Pelagos Voluntary Fund" (PVF)</b>	PS (ES)	NFP	PVF management	2022-2027	OB, VC, PVF, )	PS
							<b>L-36</b>	↑	<b>Drafting and approval of the Management Plan (2028-2033)</b>	SP	NFP, STC	As needed	End of 2027	OB, VC, PVF	Experts Pool

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE - AMOUNTS ALLOCATED IN THE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022-2027 OF THE PELAGOS AGREEMENT**

The objectives identified in the Management Plan, the relevant Action Plan (2022-2027) and the three biennial Work Plans of the Pelagos Agreement can be achieved through different sources of funding.

Planned activities can be implemented by means of:

- operating budget;
- unallocated financial resources;
- voluntary contributions from the Parties;
- funds allocated under the "Pelagos Voluntary Fund" (PVF) in the following ways:

in a binding manner for the implementation of activities identified by the donor within the Management Plan, the Action Plan (2022-2027) and the biennial Work Plans of the Pelagos Agreement;

in a non-binding manner and at the discretion of the Commission in charge of the assessment, acceptance and allocation of voluntary contributions within the Management Plan and Action Plan (2022-2027) of the Pelagos Agreement.