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SUMMARY TABLE OF NATIONAL ACTIVITIES **RELATED TO THE PELAGOS PARTNERSHIP** **CHARTER IN THE BIENNIUM 2022-2023**

Introduction

The current document summarizes the collected information on the “Pelagos Partnership Charter” advancements during the last two years implementation in Italy and France.

The content is based on the relevant reports provided by National Focal Point of Italy and by the French animation team (Port-Cros National Park) and is aimed at providing information to the Pelagos Agreement governance bodies (Meeting of the Parties and Technical and Scientific Committee) on the smooth implementation of the Charter.

Status of national activity in the frame of Pelagos Partnership Charter during 2022-2023

| | Issue | France | Italy |
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| 1 | Detected issues by National Focal Points in the implementation of the Pelagos Partnership Charter | <u>Pending reply</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COVID-19 pandemic 2. Economic crisis affecting tourism 3. Politicians/servants shifts within Municipalities 4. Civil servants shift within Ministry |
| 2 | Issues remarked by Municipalities in the implementation of the Pelagos Partnership Charter | <u>Pending reply</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of tools and financial resources 2. Lack of technical/scientific skills 3. Continuity difficulties in the Charter implementation 4. Low quality level and few achieved initiatives |
| 3 | Implemented initiatives | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documentary on interactions between humans and dolphins (available in 2024) 2. Exhibition and info points 3. Several initiatives (contests, on-sea classes, etc.) of raising awareness with schools 4. Several communication and awareness-raising activities (public events, training on ACCOBAMS Code of conduct and on stranded cetaceans, etc.) towards residents and tourists 5. Testing of a system preventing collisions with cetaceans for races with fast sailing boats | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of information offices on marine environment 2. Several communication and awareness-raising activities (public events, film projections, etc.) towards residents and tourists 3. Sport-related initiatives (running, sailing, etc.) for promoting and disseminating Pelagos-related themes 4. Several initiatives (interactive games, webcams under the sea, etc.) of raising awareness with schools 5. Development of an acoustic system to reduce cetaceans/fishing interactions 6. Testing of “floating bins” for plastic wastes collection 7. Beach cleaning with volunteers |

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| 4 | Signatory municipalities | 47 | 49 |
| 5 | Renewed Memberships | 14 in 2022 8 in 2023 | 16 in 2022 24 in 2023 |
| 6 | Withdrawn Municipalities and reason why | 10 (main reason is the difficulty to plan a bilateral meeting) | 44 (reasons are very diversified, and relate to lack of dedicated staff, change in City Government, etc.) |
| 7 | Activities carried out by National Authorities to support the implementation of the Pelagos Partnership Charter | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newsletter in January 2022, February 2023 and May 2023 2. Yearly meetings of Pelagos National Committee 3. Establishment in 2022 of RESANA exchange platform 4. Annual workshops on underwater noise (Ministry) and other researches (NP Port-Cros) 5. Two mobile displays on cetaceans available free-of-charge | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recall on May the 25th 2022 to all the chartered Municipalities 2. Meeting on March the 1st 2023 with MPAs and PAs to ask them to “stimulate” related Municipalities to ask for renewal |