Biodiversity – Parque Nacional Marítimo Terrestre de Las Islas Atlánticas de Galicia

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Stakeholders Picture

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**Maritime Activity: Conservation Agency**

- Visit and talk to 3 of the staff of the **Islas Atlánticas de Galicia**, one of the 6 natural parks in Galicia;
- 4 archipelago’s designated under EU and Spanish law (1988/2002)
- The only National and the only one terrestrial and maritime in Galicia;
- Three management priorities:
  1. Tourism (sea, beach, island);
  2. Traditional fisheries (not industrial and max 500);
  3. Invasive Species (land and sea);
- Different levels of protection (sustainable use, closed, closed for some);
- Authorized visitors 3,000 in summer, 450 in winter.
Stakeholders’ Perspective about MSP

- No real perspective or opinion on MSP in general or the Spanish process;
- One remark was that the allowed fisheries could be more sustainable;
- The current framework of management of the National Park allows already for measures such as waste control (waste bins removed);
- Amount visitors was up to ferry operators, causing 6,00 per day 2 years ago – the ferry operator now has the one and only license for only 3,000;
- For anchoring and visit by private boat an online permit is needed. Sports angling is forbidden and much more i.r.t. camping, camping in lake and more.

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Parque Cies outline is indicated on the nautical chart – see green line
Suggestions to improve the link between the sector and MSP

- Get in touch with national ecosystem based MSP process coordination team in Spain;
- Update the electronic chart with the note to seafarers;
- Prepare for their possible role (giving evidence, inform the MSP officials, and opinions on future);
- Prepare for questions on what more protection (size / less activities) might do for the ecosystem and biodiversity;
- Keep track of the 60% decline in gulls;
- Keep up the good work – and in particular for the shags (*Phalacrocorax aristotelis*)!
Thank You!

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Us with Beatriz Gamallo