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INTRODUCTION

A stakeholders' forum for the organization of participatory sustainable management activities

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1. Introduction

This document outlines the structured methodology and institutional framework for the establishment of Stakeholder Forums within the EFFECTIVE project as it is already described in the deliverable already submitted [*D7.1. A set of Governance Tools and methodologies for marine and coastal areas (Part 2 - Stakeholders engagement)*].

The previous deliverable is focused on defining a robust process for the creation of participatory governance tools, essential for the effective implementation of the Ecosystem-Based Management System (EBMS) in coastal and marine areas.

The process detailed herein was implemented to formally constitute the Local Governance Forums in the Sardinian pilot sites: the Marine Protected Area (MPA) "Penisola del Sinis – Isola di Mal di Ventre" and the Asinara National Park.

2. Governance Framework and Methodological Structure

The establishment of the Local Governance Forum (LGF) is based on the comprehensive blueprint defined in the project's governance Work Package (D7.2). The methodology ensures the Forum is not a mere consultative body, but a formally integrated component of the protected area's management structure.

2.1 The Role of the Managing Authority

The protected area's Managing Authority (i.e., the Park or MPA administration) is central to the governance model, retaining **Operational Oversight and Accountability** while facilitating shared decision-making. The Authority's commitment during the Forum's *constitution phase* included:

- **Adaptive Management Leadership Commitment:** Formalizing the Authority's role in leading the future adaptive management cycle. This commitment ensures that once the Forum is operational, the Managing Authority will be responsible for ensuring that all data (collected and analysed) is presented back to the LGF, facilitating necessary management adjustments. This sets the foundation for a continuous, dynamic feedback loop.
- **Operational Oversight Framework:** Establishing a clear understanding that the Managing Authority retains ultimate responsibility for legal compliance, financial integrity, and upholding all regulations, complementing the community-based participation.

2.2 Methodology for Forum Establishment (T7.2)

The constitution of the Stakeholder Forum followed a strict, multi-step process designed to structure participation around clear objectives and expected outputs, as defined in the methodology and tools for stakeholder involvement (already submitted within the Task 7.2 deliverable):

A. Initial Scoping and Objective Setting

The foundational stage involved defining the Forum's mandate, ensuring its relevance to the project and EBMS:

1. **SMART Objective Alignment:** The Forum's purpose was framed around achieving SMART objectives (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound). This focused the group on tangible results related to conservation and restoration.
2. **Preliminary Action Plan Structure:** Establishing the structural components of a future action plan that the Forum would be tasked to address, including identifying Key Activities, Responsible Parties, Needed Resources, and Indicators of Success *in principle*. This phase ensured the Forum members understood their long-term purpose from the outset.

B. Conflict Mapping and Synergies Identification

Before official meetings began, the groundwork involved creating a platform for dialogue on critical intersection points:

1. Synergies and Overlaps Framework: Establishing a structured process to identify how the various stakeholders' current actions (e.g., fishing, tourism, scientific research) might naturally support the protected area's goals, and where potential overlaps or conflicts might occur.
2. Proactive Resolution Mechanism: Defining a formal process for addressing conflicts and exploring opportunities for joint initiatives to ensure sustainable co-existence.

C. Formal Integration into Management/Planning Structure

The final step ensured that the Forum was officially recognized as a potential governing instrument:

1. Input Integration Process: A clear and transparent process was defined by the Managing Authority detailing *how* the Forum's future recommendations would be integrated into the official MPA/coastal area planning and decision-making processes.
2. Monitoring and Evaluation Role Definition: The Forum's future role in monitoring the implementation of actions and evaluating their effectiveness was formally established, cementing its status as a key player in the adaptive management of the protected area.

3. Constitution in the Pilot Areas

The comprehensive methodology was successfully implemented, leading to the formal constitution of the Stakeholder Forums in the two Sardinian pilot sites:

3.1 Sinis Marine Protected Area (Penisola del Sinis – Isola di Mal di Ventre)

The Forum in the Sinis MPA was established through dedicated institutional dialogues involving the MPA managers, local authorities (e.g., the Municipality of Cabras), and the local research community.

This process ensured that the newly constituted Forum was immediately aligned with the definition of local GES (Good Environmental Status) indicators and the identification of regional environmental pressures, as planned by the EFFECTIVE project.

3.2 Asinara National Park

The process for constituting the Forum in the Asinara National Park focused on integrating the diverse local community—including residents, service providers, and conservation bodies—into a unified governance structure. The *formal mechanism* for defining roles and responsibilities was successfully applied, ensuring the Park's management has a recognized, multi-stakeholder body to support and validate its long-term sustainable management plans.

Note: The detailed list of the Forum's components for both Protected Areas will be provided in the next chapter

AREA MARINA PROTETTA DEL SINIS - LGF COMPOSITION

Category & Stakeholder	Local Address	Activity Description & Role in the LGF (EFFECTIVE D7.2)
I. Managing Authority & Governance		
Comune di Cabras - AMP "Penisola del Sinis - Isola di Mal di Ventre"	Piazza Eleonora, 1, 09072 Cabras (OR)	Managing Authority. Responsible for Operational Oversight and Accountability of the MPA. Leads the Adaptive Management cycle, ensuring monitoring data is analyzed and integrated into the management plan.
GAL SINIS	Corso Italia, 108, 09072 Cabras (OR)	Local Action Group. Facilitates funding and development for rural/coastal areas. Role is to align Forum initiatives with regional funding strategies and ensure economic Synergy with conservation goals.
FLAG PESCANDO	Corso Italia, 108, 09072 Cabras (OR)	Fisheries Local Action Group. Coordinates sustainable fisheries projects. Ensures fishing interests are represented and contributes to defining SMART Objectives related to marine resource management.
Fondazione Mont'e Prama	Via Tharros, 09072 Cabras (OR) (Presso Museo Civico)	Cultural Heritage & Promotion. Manages and promotes the archaeological site. Role is to integrate cultural heritage conservation with responsible tourism, reinforcing the unique identity of the area.
II. Research & Environmental Expertise		
IAS-CNR	Località Sa Mardini snc, 09170 Torregrande – Oristano	Scientific Research. Provides the scientific knowledge base for the EBMS. Responsible for monitoring, data analysis, and validating the effectiveness of management actions (Monitoring Role).
WWF	Sezione Locale Oristano	Non-Governmental Environmental Organization. Provides expert input on conservation standards and advocacy.

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		Role is to ensure conservation goals are prioritized and to assist in environmental education.
Legambiente	Circolo locale Oristano	Non-Governmental Environmental Organization. Focuses on local environmental and sustainability issues. Contributes to public mobilization and community feedback on management policies.
III. Accommodation & Hospitality Sector		
Hotel Sa Pedrera	Loc. Sa Pedrera, Comune di Cabras	Hotel Operator. Provides high-volume tourist accommodation. Provides input on managing visitor flows and promoting sustainable visitor practices within the Synergies and Overlaps framework.
Agriturismo Su Pranu / Agriturismo Il Sinis	Comune di Cabras	Rural/Agri-Tourism. Combines agriculture with hospitality. Role is to integrate land-based sustainability practices with the coastal management objectives.
B&B Sa Reposada, B&B Shardana, Civico 47, B&B Divina, B&B Artista, B&B Il Fenicottero Rosa, B&B Alice, B&B Su Pottai, B&B le Janas	Comune di Cabras	Local Hospitality (B&Bs). Represents small-scale accommodation. Provides direct feedback on visitor experience and assists in disseminating MPA rules and regulations.
Villa Gaia, Dimora Ferrais, West Sardinia Apartments	Comune di Cabras	Holiday Rentals / Apartments. Represents the real estate and rental sector. Provides input on the economic impact of the MPA and land use planning.
IV. Marine & Tourism Services		
Korakodes Diving	Comune di Cabras	Diving Center. Organizes underwater activities. Crucial for providing on-the-

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		ground intelligence on habitat health and compliance in diving areas.
Sinis Yachting / SinisNavigare / Maremania / La Via del Mare / Solemare	Comune di Cabras	Nautical and Charter Services. Provides boating and excursion services. Advises on navigation rules, anchorages, and managing pressure from recreational boating.
Pescaturismo Arennera / Pescaturismo Faber / Pescaturismo San Giovanni	Comune di Cabras	Fishery Tourism Operators. Direct Synergy actors. Demonstrates the integration of sustainable resource use with economic viability, promoting conservation awareness among tourists.
V. Local Products & Socio-Economic Development		
Cooperativa Sociale Nel Sinis	Via Gennargentu, 5, 09170 Oristano (OR) (Sede Legale)	Social Cooperative. Often involved in local social and cultural initiatives. Ensures the social component of sustainability and community development is addressed.
Taste of Sardinia / Enoteca / Limòlo / Acquae Sinis	Comune di Cabras	Local Food & Wine Businesses. Focus on promoting local gastronomy (e.g., <i>bottarga</i>). Role is to link product quality and origin to the integrity of the marine environment.
Domo La Laguna / Alea / Civico 47 (Commerciale) / Seanext / Mariposas de Sardinia	Comune di Cabras	Diverse Local Enterprises. Represents the broader commercial sector. Ensures that the overall local economy is considered during the definition of management rules and opportunities.

PARCO NAZIONALE DELL'ASINARA - LGF COMPOSITION

Category & Stakeholder	Local Address	Activity Description & Role in the LGF (EFFECTIVE D7.2)
I. Managing Authority & Governance		
Ente Parco Nazionale dell'Asinara	Via Ponte Romano, 81, 07046 Porto Torres (SS)	Managing Authority. Responsible for Operational Oversight and leading the Adaptive Management cycle. Ensures regulatory compliance, manages the park budget, and implements the EBMS.
Comune di Porto Torres	Piazza Umberto I, 07046 Porto Torres (SS)	Territorial Authority. Ensures the Park's actions are integrated into local urban planning and policies. Critical for socio-economic Synergies with the mainland community.
Capitaneria di Porto Guardia Costiera Comando COMPAMARE Porto Torres	Via Mare, 1, 07046 Porto Torres (SS)	Maritime Authority. Enforces navigation rules, safety, and surveillance within the marine area. Ensures strict maritime compliance across the various zones of the MPA.
Regione Autonoma della Sardegna - Agenzia Forestas	Uffici in Provincia di Sassari (Sede di riferimento)	Regional Land Manager. Cooperates with the Park on fire prevention, endemic species protection, and the sustainable management of terrestrial habitat (Terrestrial EBMS).
II. Research & Environmental Expertise		
Università degli Studi di Sassari	Piazza Università, 21, 07100 Sassari (SS)	Scientific Research. Provides academic expertise on ecology, marine biology, and socio-economic dynamics. Supports the definition of SMART Objectives and validates monitoring data.
Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Sardegna	Via Duca degli Abruzzi, 8, 07100 Sassari (SS)	Veterinary and Wildlife Health. Monitors the health of island fauna (e.g., the white donkey) and terrestrial ecosystems. Provides data relevant to biodiversity and conservation actions.

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ONG Ambientaliste (Legambiente / WWF)	Sezioni Locali Porto Torres / Sassari	Non-Governmental Environmental Organizations. Provides expert advisory on conservation standards, performs advocacy, and assists in community outreach. Ensures a strong focus on conservation priorities.
III. Accommodation & Hospitality Sector		
Associazione Albergatori Stintino	Stintino Area (Associazione di Categoria)	Hospitality Sector Representation. Represents the mainland accommodation base, particularly those serving Asinara visitors. Provides feedback on tourist demand and assists in promoting the Park brand sustainably.
Cooperative di Servizi Turistici Autorizzate	Porto Torres / Stintino Area	Park Service Providers. Groups (e.g., consortia, cooperatives) holding concessions for transport, catering, and accommodation on the island. Provides input on operational logistics and visitor capacity management.
Consorzi Turistici e Pro Loco	Porto Torres Area	Local Tourism Promotion. Groups that promote the entire destination (Porto Torres, Stintino, Asinara). Ensures economic and social benefits of the Park are distributed locally.
IV. Marine & Tourism Services		
Compagnie di Navigazione (per l'Isola)	Uffici e banchine nel Porto Commerciale di Porto Torres (SS)	Ferry and Transport Services. Provides scheduled transport to and from the island. Consulted on scheduling, capacity, and marine safety protocols.
CONSORZIO PESCATORI GOLFO DELL'ASINARA SOC. COOP. A R.L.	VIA ETTORE SACCHI 15, 07046 PORTO TORRES (SS)	Professional Fishing Sector (Collective). Essential for defining co-management rules for fishing zones. Provides data on fish stocks and contributes to SMART Objectives on resource sustainability (Monitoring Role).

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Pescaturismo Cristina / Pescaturismo Rosaria	Porto Torres (Singoli Operatori)	Fishery Tourism Operators. Direct Synergy actors. Demonstrates the integration of sustainable resource use with economic viability, promoting conservation awareness among tourists.
I Sette Mari Tech Dive Center	V. Lungomare Balai, 12/C, 07046 Porto Torres (SS)	Diving Center. Organizes underwater activities. Crucial for providing on-the-ground intelligence on habitat health and compliance in diving areas.
Cala d'Oliva Diving Center A.S.D.	Località Cala d'Oliva, Asinara (Sede Operativa)	Diving Center (On-Island). Operates directly within the Park's marine zone. Provides specific feedback on the effectiveness of marine zoning and monitoring data from dive sites.
Asinara 4x4	Sede operativa: Viale la Pelosa / SP34 Stintino (SS)	Terrestrial Excursion Operator. Organizes guided tours via off-road vehicles. Provides crucial feedback on land-based tourist flows, erosion control, and interpretation programs.
V. Local Products & Socio-Economic Development		
Officine Cosmetiche FarmAsinara	07046 Porto Torres (SS) (Operativa sull'isola)	Agricultural/Product Enterprise. Manufactures natural cosmetic products using island plants. Represents a model of sustainable, non-extractive resource use and local value creation.
Società Agricola F.Ili Zidda S.R.L.	Str. Prov. 57 Porto Torres - Palmadula (SS)	Agricultural/Farming Interests. Represents farming interests in the area bordering the Park. Crucial for managing the buffer zone and addressing terrestrial conservation issues.
Associazioni dei Residenti e della Memoria Storica	Porto Torres Area (Associazioni specifiche)	Cultural Heritage/Social Stakeholders. Contributes to the interpretation of the island's unique history (prison, lazaretto) and ensures social sustainability for the local community.

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FLAG Nord Sardegna	Porto Torres/Sassari (Ente Sovracomunale)	Fisheries Local Action Group (Wider Area). Facilitates investments in the fishing/maritime economy beyond the immediate Park area, ensuring wider regional Synergy for blue economy initiatives.
Associazioni Commerciali e Artigianali	Associazione di Categoria Porto Torres	Local Commerce and Artisans. Represents the general economic fabric. Ensures that the commercial sector benefits from the Park's appeal and is aware of compliance requirements.