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International Conference in Management of Accessible Underwater Cultural and Natural Heritage SItes:

"DIVE IN BLUE GROWTH"

16-18 October 2019 Athens, Acropolis Museum, Auditorium

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

BLUEMED

Plan, test and coordinate Underwater Museums, Diving Parks and Knowledge Awareness Centres in order to support sustainable and responsible tourism development and promote Blue growth in coastal areas and islands of the Mediterranean Mediterranean



Introduction

The International Conference in Management of Accessible Underwater Cultural and Natural Heritage Sites, "*Dive in Blue Growth*", was organized by the University of Patras in

collaboration with Region of Thessaly, Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities, ATLANTIS Consulting and the active participation of BLUEMED partners, under the auspices of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic Mr. Prokopios Pavlopoulos, in Acropolis Museum, in Athens, from 16 to 18 October 2019.

Coastal areas and islands of the Mediterranean are tourism-based economies with key underwater assets that are vulnerable to extreme climatic conditions. They face common challenges: a) lack of coordinated policies, methods and tools to support sustainable economic development, b) ineffective protection of underwater heritage and inability to use it for sustainable tourism development, c) insufficient measures to tackle impacts of extreme climatic conditions.

BLUEMED aims to protect and preserve in a unified manner the underwater natural and cultural heritage of the Mediterranean, to help coastal and island economies prosper through a sustainable blue model for tourism development, and to protect our marine ecosystem. BLUEMED is part of Interreg MED 2014-20 Programme, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund.

The overall success of the Conference is based on the warm welcome that conference subjects received and the high level of participation, as more than 300 people from 11 countries, from Europe, Asia and the America participated in the conference.

The three productive days of the Conference, in which 55 speakers from all over the world participated, was a great opportunity for underwater archaeologists, public organizations, local governments, universities, marine researchers, NGOs, tourist organizations, diving park/dry dive managers, and underwater industry players to exchange views on problems and solutions for underwater natural and cultural heritage.

Roberto Petriaggi, Istituto Superiore per la Conservazione ed il Restauro (ISCR) consultant for Restoring Underwater Project, Dimitris A. Pados, Charles E. Schmidt Eminent Chair Professor of Engineering and Computer Science in the Florida Atlantic University and Christos Economou, Head of the Unit Sea basin strategies in DG MARE, specialist Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security participated as Keynote Speakers in the International Conference.

During the conference different perspectives were discussed in the 3 very interesting conference topics:

Management and protection of accessible Underwater Cultural Heritage sites and diving parks





- Initiatives for sustainable Blue tourism through accessible UCH sites and diving parks
- Technologies for offering dry dive experiences to non-drivers.

Conference participants had the opportunity to live a dry dive experience in BLUEMED pilot sites with the Virtual Reality glasses and equipment that University of Calabria provided.

In the following, you can find the submitted full papers that were presented during the Conference.

For more information about "*Dive in Blue Growth*" Conference visit the official website of BLUEMED (bluemed.interreg-med.eu).

Acknowledgement

We express our sincere gratitude to all who have actively contributed towards the success of this

International Conference and particularly the authors for their contributions. We are indebted to all who assisted in the organizing effort.

Conference Chair

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

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- 09.00 -09.30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS
- 09:30 -10.00 OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS Yorgos J. Stephanedes, Professor, Civil Engineering, BLUEMED Scientific Coordinator at University of Patras Kostas Agorastos, Regional Governor of Thessaly

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10.00 -10.30 KEYNOTE SPEECH

The "Restoring Underwater Project": how everything started

Dr. Roberto Petriaggi, Underwater Archaeologist, Consultant of the Istituto Superiore per la Conservazione ed il Restauro for the Restoring Underwater Project







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Touristic potential of the Supetar, Cavtat, underwater archaeological zone Irena Radić Rossi, Katarina Batur

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Protecting marine biodiversity at accessible Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH) sites and UCH diving parks

Yianna Samuel, Yiannos Mylonas, Stavros Stylianou, Gregory Konnaris, Pavlos Diplaros, Georgios Fyttis

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Diving into a sea of history. Communicating the Underwater Experience in a Museum: An Analysis of ARQVA's Interactive Media Antonio Cosseddu

Raising the awareness about underwater archaeological heritage through Edutainment and Virtual/Augmented Reality

Fabio Bruno, Marco Cozza , Maurizio Mangeruga , Dimitrios Skarlatos , Panagiotis Agrafiotis , Barbara Davidde Petriaggi , Roberto Petriaggi , Selma Rizvic , Fotis Liarokapis

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An innovative platform for virtual underwater experiences targeting the cultural and tourism industries

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Deep-Sea archaeology in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Cyprus Achilleas Iasonos









15.00 -15.30 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Financing Opportunities for Blue Growth

Christos Economou, Unit Sea basin strategies, DG MARE, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security

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and diving parks
Session Chair: Barbara Davidde Petriaggi

Technological protection of an underwater archeological site; a newly discovered Roman shipwreck from the 1st century BC, on the island of Pag Vedran Dorušić, Matko Čvrljak

Theraic Sea: A bottom-up initiative for marine conservation and sustainable living Maria Salomidi, Sylvaine Giakoumi, Vangelis Paravas, Pierre-Yves Cousteau

Towards the Creation of Accessible Underwater Archaeological and Historical Sites in Fournoi and Leros (Eastern Aegean): an Interreg VA, Hellas - Cyprus 2014 -2020 program under Development George Koutsouflakis

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Accessing Underwater Cultural Heritage on dry feet: some Sicilian case studies Francesca Oliveri

Preservation, management and protection of Tangible Underwater Cultural Heritage of Anfeh (North Lebanon) Nadine Panayot Haroun

Community cultural infrastructure: sustainability of the underwtaer cultural heritage of Bocachica, Cartagena Liliana Patricia Rozo Pinzón

The in situ preservation as a priority option. Experiments in the upper Adriatic Sea Massimo Capulli

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Linking WWI and II Underwater Cultural Heritage to Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean: An Integrated Participatory Strategic Planning Approach Vasilike Argyropoulos, Anastasia Stratigea

Tourism experience in the Underwater Archaeological heritage site: managing emotional state to increase archaeological diving tourism in the Sunken City of Baiae Cristina Canoro, Francesco Izzo, Barbara Masiello

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Cartographic Documentation and Proposed Criteria towards the Protection and Preservation of Wrecks from the Great War in the Greek Seas Elpida Katopodi, Kimon Papadimitriou

The National Marine Park of Alonnisos Northern Sporades: an area of rich natural and cultural heritage facing human and climatic pressures Dimitris Poursanidis, Vasiliki Vasilopoulou

A fresh (water) case study: the time travel under water project in Lake Attersee Cyril Dworsky

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The Faro Convention and the sustainable valorization of the underwater heritage. Case studies and projects in the Adriatic and Ionian seas

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Abstract: During the last years, some marine or coastal protected areas subject to the landscape planning restrictions, along the Adriatic and Ionian coasts have been the backdrop of the coastal landscape archaeological researches carried out by the Salento and Trieste Universities, in collaboration with national and international partners, both public and private. They are excellent sites for geo-archaeological research, where the protection activity allows us to individuate the signs – poorly recognizable or unequivocal – of the changes and to re-trace through the transdisciplinary analysis the ancient landscape features.

The presentation aims to describe some projects, some of which are in progress, that have as common denominator a valorization model of the environmental and historical-archaeological heritage and a methodological protocol of the geo-archaeological investigation in a particular context such as a protected marine area and/or natural park.

These valorization proposals comprise a series of actions: a preliminary paleo-geographic, paleoenvironmental and archaeological investigation program, that includes also topographical and bathymetric surveys, cores, targeted excavations, mapping and development of integrated information systems; furthermore the design of technical, exhibition and reception spaces, with interactive multimedia displays, life-size and scale replicas, landscape reconstructions and simulation of its changes, through semi-immersive fruition using holographic systems presented in sequence; design and installation of "blue paths" accessible by snorkeling, scuba diving with trained guides (also for people with a disability) and/or boat, glass bottom boat or video-boat; the blue paths' stops are represented by environmental, geomorphological, archaeological and geoarchaeological points of interest.

Keywords: marine or coastal protected areas, waterscapes archaeology, in situ preservation, enhancement, blue paths, Museum-acquarium.

1. ARCHAEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT, "WATERSCAPES" ARCHAEOLOGY

The best practice of the in situ preservation and enhancement is the natural target of the global landscapes archaeology, in our case "waterscapes archeology", "a coherent sub-discipline of human ecology, neither a form of natural science nor a form of archaeology, but an integrated way of understanding humans in dynamic landscapes" (Barker G., Bintcliff J. 1999: 207). As we know, the landscape/waterscape is a system generated by mutual relations between physical, anthropic and cultural features. Our primary task – as historians, geoarchaeologists, etc. – is to tell the story of social groups in changing landscapes, recording the discontinuities, the development processes, the identity-making features; this operation enables us to write the longue durée history, complementary to the Braudelian"histoire événementielle" (Braudel H. 1949; Barker G. 1991; Hodges 1993; Cambi, Terrenato 1995: 282-289)

The global landscape archeology, due to its holistic approach, has a very evident political connotation: it is public archaeology, "archaeology of the territory, carried out in the territory for the territory", an effective tool "for the protection of the landscapes and for the measures of territorial planning, more careful to the

safeguard and enhancement of the archaeological heritage, capable to reconcile the needs of the current society with the knowledge and the preservation of the traces of the past".

The waterscape, because of its complexity and dynamism, is the most challenging and organic o of the territorial and cultural "archives", able to facilitate the entirety of approach and sources and to reassemble the various archaeological competences in a holistic perspective.

The submerged archaeological site is a perfect mix between nature and culture. We would define it as "ecomuseum" or "widespread museum", where landscape, in our case waterscape, becomes museum, as a system where goods and objects are in connection and, because of this, understandable; a widespread museum, where the cultural heritage is preserved in the environment of which it is an integral part.

On this statement the Italian legislation is perfectly consistent with the European as testified:

- Codice Urbani: the archaeological park is a territory characterized by important archaeological evidences and by the joined presence of historical, landscape and environmental values, equipped as an open-air museum";
- also the framework law 394/1991 on the protected areas aims at safeguarding *anthropological, archaeological, historical, architectonical values*
- Faro Convention:

Art. 2 - definition of cultural heritage: a group of resources inherited from the past which people identify, independently of ownership, as a reflection and expression of their constantly evolving values, beliefs, knowledge and traditions. It includes all aspects of the environment resulting from the interaction between people and places through time;

See also Art. 8 – Environment, heritage and quality of life.

The marriage of nature and culture is particularly efficient in the touristic aspect of the *in situ* preservation. In the underwater tourism historical and biological/naturalistic concerns merge. Piero Pruneti, promoter of this kind of cultural tourism in Italy, speaks of an "history ecosystem". The underwater tourism combines in a single activity leisure, sport, culture and ecology. For exploiting its potential, it needs a local touristic system integrated and effective, quite diversified, in which different actors accept to interact. Futhermore, it's a kind of tourism that needs areas provided of a status of juridic protection of environmental type (MPA) and/or archaeological type (Parks).

These forms of protection imply and at the same time foster a "culture of the territory", that is increasingly important for our country.

If we want to attract cultural tourism or the more profitable underwater cultural tourism, it occurs to invest in protection policies and to make the territory more attractive with specific environmental brands (MPA), as evidenced/demonstrated by the brand "Unesco World Heritage", obsessively sought-after by the local authorities.

On the other side, the underwater archaeological tourism has a limit that conflicts with the principles of the UNESCO Convention and Faro Convention: it implies elevated costs for the users and limits the fruition to the middle and upper class, in a form of "gentrification". This public during holidays likes to or must spend a significant budget for diving services and equipment, the transport and the boat rental, the touristic services, such as hotels and restaurants.

It is very profitable/lucrative, of low or zero environmental impact, that is to say sustainable, "programmed alternative tourism", at high regulation and low intensity of flows. But it still doesn't seem a tourism for all that is that not all the community will be able to access, know and share its own heritage.

2. STUDY CASES: MARINE OR COASTAL PROTECTED AREA

During the last years, some marine or coastal protected areas subject to the landscape planning restrictions, along the Adriatic and Ionian coasts (Miramare Marine Protected Area and the Marano Lagoon (Ud) in Friuli Venezia Giulia, Torre Guaceto Marine Protected Area, Porto Selvaggio-Palude del Capitano Natural Park and the contiguous Marine Protected Area of Porto Cesareo) have been the backdrop of the coastal landscape archaeological researches carried out by the Salento and Trieste Universities, in collaboration with national and international partners, both public and private. They are excellent sites for geo-archaeological research, where the protection activity allows us to individuate the signs – poorly recognizable or unequivocal – of the changes and to re-trace through the trans-disciplinary analysis the ancient landscape features. They are excellent sites in which to experiment widely accessible forms of underwater tourism, affordable tourism for all, in line with the principles of Faro Convention.

The first example is offered by the **Miramare Marine Protected Area** and its immediate surroundings, located at the foot of the Miramare promontory.



Fig. 1: Grignano, Trieste. The promontory. Aerial photo: 1. submerged breakwater; 2. findings behind the Miramare Stables (a) and to the north (b); 3. Roman pier under the modern port (Regione FVG- volo Trieste 2003, lotto 15, strisciata 38, fotogramma 33).

The maritime character is clear, since the Roman and Medieval age; from the beginning of the 12th century, at the start of the Venetian hostilities, the Venetian ships lay in ambush in the little harbour of Grignano, while the Triestine ships sought refuge in the same harbour....For the Roman age we can draw a more articulated system: a northern basin, the port of Grignano, with the greek pishaped pier known to Kandler and documented in the historical cartography and also by Degrassi in the last century; a second little landing place, or, better, boats to the south, at the mouth of the Aurisina creek. The researches carried out as part of the Interreg Italia-Slovenija *AltoAdriatico* project allowed us to document

both the foundation of the pier in the Grignano bay and a breakwater -a 70 m long, 2 m high, L-shaped dry stone jetty - in front of the Miramare Stables.

Both the sites must be related to one or more important coastal residences, whose traces – mosaics, brick stamps, etc. - have been found in a kilometer long stretch of the coast. The submerged and geoarchaeological evidences could enrich the already wide offerings of the MPA, and could provide additional opportunities for training, educational and touristic programmes.

The *Storie dal* mare research project, carried out by the Trieste University and the Superintendency for Cultural Heritage of Friuli Venezia Giulia had as its primary focus **the lagoon area of Marano**, frequented

since the Neolithic age and showing a strong role in trade supported by the waterways mostly evident from the Iron age. It is possible to reconstruct for the Roman age an articulated settlement framework with strategic landing places both on islands and on the lagoon perimeter, that represented strategic points in strict connection with the Aquileia harbour system.



Fig. 2: The Marano lagoon.



Fig. 3: The Marano Lagoon. Archaeological map.

The import from different Mediterranean areas (food, pottery and other goods) indicates the vitality of the trade flows, and, together with the shipwrecks in the riverbeds and probably also in the lagoon, put in light the area's role as an hub between the land routes, the rivers and the sea routes.

Near the two Regional Reserves, Foci dello Stella and Valle Canal Novo, there are some other archaeological sites, investigated during the Project, such as the room with mosaic at Piere d'Isela, the archaeological ceramic materials at Piere del Ficariol, the relevant building complex at Piere del Tribel, the

Early Mediaeval structures and deposits on the S. Andrea island, hypothetically referred to a Christian church, founded by the Patriarch Elia at the end of the 6th cent. AD.

As results of the project we have achieved

- an hypothesis of reconstruction of the paleo-landscape, through the study of the relative sea-level changes and the morphological evolution of the lagoon environment;
- the elaboration of the archaeological GIS of the Marano Lagoon
- knowledge-sharing events, such as the exhibition "*Alle porte del mare. Paesaggi d'acqua e di storia nella laguna di Marano*", that was held in Marano, old fishery, 1st September 3rd November 2013
- educational and touristic initiatives, such as laboratories, guided visits, themed dinners and tastings (*The flavours of history*)
- publications, such as papers in scientific journals and the exhibition catalogue R. Auriemma, P. Maggi (a cura di), *Alle porte del mare. Paesaggi d'acqua e di storia nella laguna di Marano*, Catalogo della mostra, Luglio Editore, Trieste 2013.
- the design of an archaeological itinerary, on the land, the islands and under water, linked to the existing environmental one, capable of enriching the high quality touristic offer.

In the **Southern Adriatic**, coastal landscape archaeological researches have been carried out in various areas, aiming at the continuous updating of the Archaeological Underwater Map / Web GIS of the Apulia Region.

In the natural **Reserve and Marine Protected Area of Torre Guaceto**, where the coast shows beautiful pocket beaches, the three islets of Torre Guaceto, in front of the promontory of the same name, and the 2 southernmost islets of Apani.

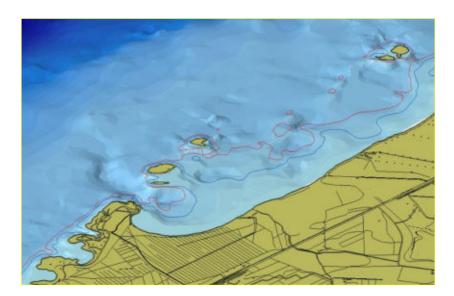


Fig. 4: Torre Guaceto. Bronze age (red) and Roman coastline (blu).

A vast Bronze age settlement extends at least 1 km along the coast, on the islets and also on the sea bottom, all scattered with post holes of different shapes and sizes, frequently aligned, up to a depth of 3.5/4 m.

Roman age deposits and a shallowly submerged quarry are on the second islet, that - as the landscape evolution analysis has demonstrated - was at that time a sort of headland used as a landing and loading point for little boats that transported local products - especially wine and oil contained in amphoras - to the Brindisi terminal.

Late antique deposits and the squared blocks foundation of a hypothetical tower/lighthouse are on the third islet. The stretch of water between the latter and the shore shows the scattered remains of a late antique shipwreck: ballast stones, amphoras and tile sherds, a rotary millstone, etc. This wreck demonstrates that at the end of the Roman Empire the relative sea level increase caused the sea ingression and the definition of the islets that represent the protruding fragments of the ancient coastline.

Archaeological and morphological data allow us to recognize important changes in the coastal profile, between the Bronze age and the medieval age (Auriemma R. 2004, I: 86-87; Auriemma R. et al. 2004. Scarano T. et al. 2008). The inhabited areas are located on high terrains compared to acoastal plain (larger than the current one) characterized by abundant water flows (Canale Reale), widespread swamps and lush vegetation.

In the 2nd millennium BC, due to a medium sea level 3-4 m lower than current one, the landscape was characterized by sites in the most elevated points of the coastal plan, eminent in respect of other areas rich in fresh water (the water network of the ancient Canale Reale) and game.

After the Bronze age, the rising sea level started to undermine the MIS 5 dunes, and eroded and flooded the hollows behind. Underwater findings attest the existence of a landing place in Torre Guaceto during the late Republican and Early Imperial Roman age, functional to the nearby Apani amphoras kilns and to the significant oil and wine production in the hinterland, probably near the mouth of Canale Reale (Auriemma R. 2004, I: 91-94). During this phase, in accordance with the archaeological sea level markers of nearby sites such as Egnazia and Torre S. Sabina, with a sea level 2.5-3 m lower than current, the "caricatore" could have been located on a promontory coinciding with the two surviving islets. In the Late Antiquity the remains of a cargo in the shallows between the third islet and today's shore testify to the sea ingression, as do the vestiges of a presumed tower-lighthouse also on the third islet (Giardina B. 2010).

This site testifies that there is no valorization without a preliminary strategic research programme.

We identified the focal points in the homonymous look-out coastal Tower and in the **blue trails**, underwater itineraries with floral and faunal, geomorphological (the submerged sapping valley to the east of the Tower), geoarchaeological (the paleoshore) and archaeological points of interest, that are presented to the visitors with replicas of scattered cargos and decontextualized finds.

The interior of the Tower has been set up with a replica of a little cargo boat apt to transport amphoras to the Brindisi harbour from the loading place of Guaceto, inspired by a small "cabotatore" 8 m long, similar to the Cavalier shipwreck. Educational panels attractively illustrate the landscape context, the agricultural activities and tools, such as the grain milling, the wine and oil production, the amphora kilns and the transport of the goods by cart to the landing place, etc.

In the Ionian sea we have operated in some Marine Protected Areas, such as that of Porto Cesareo.

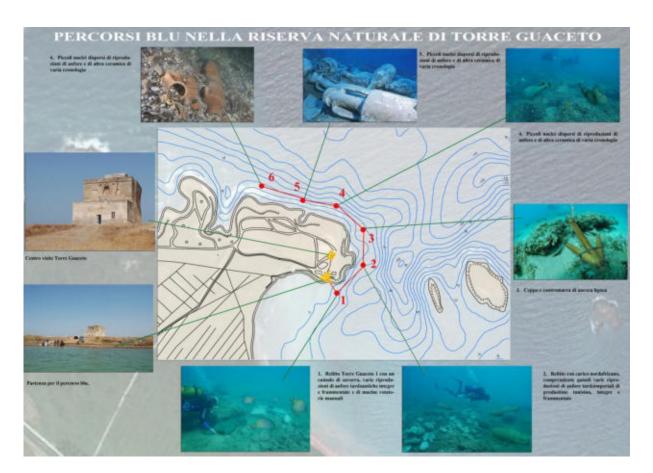


Fig. 5: Torre Guaceto: blue trails project.

Here there are some well-known underwater evidences, such as the **navis lapidaria** shipwreck, with the monumental cipollino marble column cargo coming from Eubea, that lies at a depth of 4.5 m, but also some decontextualized finds, including the small precious statue of the baboon-God Thoth, in green basalt and with hieroglyphics, some lead stocks recently found (one recovered), etc., that attest an intensive frequentation of this coastal stretch, both along fishing and cabotage pathways and the crossing route of the Ionian sea, towards Kroton.

The Torre Chianca headland and the nearby small peninsula show very conspicuous archaeological deposits dated back to the Roman age, exposed by erosion, as well as wall block foundations that delimit some settings, and a necropolis area, with limestone sarcophagi and tombs cut in the rocky bed, with skeletal remains, all now partially submerged, due to relative sea level changes that have caused the transformation of a headland into the island of Malva.

All these evidences can be referred to an extended settlement located around the bay, aimed at exploiting maritime resources.

A little further to the south of Torre Chianca, the promontory of Scalo di Furno hosts one of the most significant proto-historical settlements of the Salento coast, dating from the Bronze to the archaic age $(18/17^{\text{th}} - 8^{\text{th}} \text{ cent. BC} \text{ and further})$, that has offered also Mycenaean pottery.



Fig. 6: Scalo di Furno (Lecce). Bronze age settlement's lower terrace with the now submerged fortification and stone pavement; the yellow line indicates the ancient coastline – 4.5 m.

Subsequently, between the end of the 7th and the beginning of the 5th cent. BC, the site became a place of worship, with a small temple devoted to a messapic Goddess, altars and votive deposits and offerings.

The underwater survey between the promontory and the opposite islet allowed us to reconstruct a paleolandscape completely different from present; we have recognized the lower terrace of the settlement, with the now submerged fortification wall and cobble stone pavement, that reveal a sea level rise of 4.5 m from the Bronze age and a relevant tectonic down-lift.

A further wreck has been brought to light recently; a beached wreck dated back to the Medieval age (770-1020 d.C.) by radiocarbon analysis and maybe referable to the Eastern Mediterranean environment.

Also in this case some blue trails have been designed and promoted to the public. Furthermore, we developed a VR replica of the column cargo ship that can be enjoyed by the visitors.

Since 2008 a vast coastal landscape research program (surveys and excavations on the land and under water) has been carried out in the **Natural Park of Porto Selvaggio and Palude del Capitano (Nardò),** partially contiguous to the Porto Cesareo MPA.



Fig. 7: Natural Park of Porto Selvaggio and Palude del Capitano (Nardò).

The investigations concerned the coastal settlement of Frascone, a maritime villa in the late republican phase and a fishing farm in the Roman Imperial stage.

The Municipality of Nardò requested to extend the park to the southerly bordering maritime stretch, up to Porto Selvaggio and S. Caterina; in this way, some shipwrecks could be included in the protected area: the cargo traces reported at P. Lea and the 2 ships sunken near S. Caterina harbour (dia): the hellenistic wreck of Scogli delle 2 sorelle (dia), of which scattered remains of the cargo are visible on the beautiful sea bottom; the well known wreck of S. Caterina-Punta dell'Aspide, with Greco-italic wine amphoras partially excavated, that has been proposed for the in situ preservation. Also the former could be enjoyed, even if heavily looted, through reproductions of amphoras and living on board objects, and 3D models.

The research program has allowed the very recent opening of an educational **Maritime Museum in Nardò**, displaying all the results and conceived particularly for a young public.

The strong relationship between naturalistic and cultural aspects of the sea constitutes the core of the **Museum-Aquarium of S. Maria al Bagno**, carried out within the interdisciplinary 'Aquaria for the Promotion of Environment and History' (A.Pr.E.H.) project financed by the European Territorial Cooperation Programme (E.T.C.P.) "Greece-Italy" 2007-2013. The mission of the 2 Aquaria of the project (in S. Maria e in Argostoli, Greece) will be the promotion, education, and information not only for the knowledge of the local marine fauna and flora, but also of the ancient, modern and contemporary history, through renderings and reproductions of some wrecks belonging to the various periods, from the Roman ship of S. Caterina to the II World War steamers and plane (Posi et al. 2013).

The coastal area of the Natural Reserve of Le Cesine, one of the surviving testimonies of the extended marshes along the Apulian shore, deserves a mention; various submerged and partially submerged evidences are known: Bronze age deposits, squared block structures, a presumed fishpond, basins for the salt production and walls.

Recently the hull of a modern copper-bottomed beached wreck with double planking has been discovered, of medium tonnage and presumably 30 m long. In close proximity 2 cannons lie in the sandy bottom 2,40 m and 2,10 m long.

The wreck is comparable, as far as the preservation, position and naval carpentry are concerned, with the contemporary wreck of Torre Rinalda, a little to the north, in the Municipality of Lecce.

Also in this case the in situ preservation seems the best option for the enhancement of the whole context and we proposed a trail around the cannons and the visible perimeter of the hull, 300-400 m long.

We can also quote **Ugentosommerso project**: naturalistic and archaeological underwater trails in the Ugento shallow waters; the project has foreseen a multilingual video and other informative and communication materials production.

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A project of enhancement and in situ preservation of the Apulian underwater heritage is currently in progress: through the knowledge and the data base of the Southern Apulia Underwater Archaeological Map/webGIS, the purpose is to create an efficient touristic network of accessible submerged or partially submerged sites (structures and shipwrecks or cargos, isolated finds and harbour dumps). Along the Salento coast there are various and heterogeneous shipwrecks that are suitable to this project: marble cargos/*naves lapidariae* as well as amphoras and pottery cargos, beached wrecks, etc.

The goal is also to involve local actors – especially young people, through specific measures and calls for interest - for the setting of the sites (also with metallic cages), management and development of related activities, including the resumption of old trades such as the shipwright for building ships' **didactical replicas** or virtual replicas.

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