

Decision IG 17/13: Inclusion in the SPAMI List of: the Miramare Marine Protected Area (Italy), the Plemmirio Protected Area (Italy), the Tavolara - Punta Coda Cavallo Marine Protected Area (Italy) and the Marine Protected Area and Natural Reserve of Torre Guaceto (Italy)

The 15th Meeting of the Contracting Parties,

Recalling Article 8 of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, hereinafter referred to as the Protocol, on the establishment of the List of Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs),

Having regard to Annex I to the Protocol, related to the Common Criteria for the choice of protected marine and coastal areas that could be included in the SPAMI List,

Taking into account the request made by Italy pursuant to Article 9 paragraph 3 of the Protocol, to the Eighth Meeting of National Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas (Palermo, June 2007),

Considering the examination by the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas (SPA/RAC) focal points meeting, in accordance with the requirements of Article 9 paragraph 4.a of the Protocol, on the conformity of the proposal with the criteria provided for in Article 16 of the Protocol, as contained in the Annex to this decision,

Decides to include the following sites in the SPAMI List:

- the Miramare Marine Protected Area (Italy),
- the Plemmirio Protected Area (Italy),
- the Tavolara - Punta Coda Cavallo Marine Protected Area (Italy), and
- the Marine Protected Area and Natural Reserve of Torre Guaceto (Italy);

Requests the Party concerned to take the necessary protection and conservation measures specified in its proposals in accordance with Article 9 paragraph 3 and Annex I to the Protocol;

Requests SPA/RAC to inform the competent international organisations of the newly adopted SPAMIs including the measures taken in these SPAMIs, as provided for in Article 9, paragraph 5 of the Protocol.

ANNEX

Synthesis of the documents submitted by Italy, for the inclusion of the Miramare Marine Protected Area, the Plemmirio Protected Area, the Tavolara - Punta Coda Cavallo Marine Protected Area and the Marine Protected Area and Natural Reserve of Torre Guaceto the SPAMI List.

MIRAMARE MARINE PROTECTED AREA

Main Criteria for consideration on the SPAMI list

The MPA **contains ecosystems specific to the Mediterranean area or the habitat of endangered species**, and **is of special interest at the** scientific, aesthetic, cultural and, in particular, **educational level**

Protection Regime

The MPA has an adequate legal status.

The management objectives are clear. There are a Management body and a management plan including monitoring program

Conclusion

This area fills the minima criteria requested and is eligible for the inscription on the SPAMIs list.

PLEMMIRIO MARINE PROTECTED AREA

Main Criteria for consideration on the SPAMI list

The MPA **is of importance for conserving the components of biological diversity in the Mediterranean area and is of special interest at the** scientific, aesthetic, **cultural and educational level**

Protection Regime

The MPA has an adequate legal status, since 2004.

The management objectives are based on zoning. There is a Management body but little information concerning the Management plan.

Conclusion

This area fills the minima criteria requested and is eligible for the inscription on the SPAMIs list.

TAVOLARA – PUNTA CODA CAVALLO MARINE PROTECTED AREA

Main Criteria for consideration on the SPAMI list

The MPA **contains ecosystems specific to the Mediterranean area or the habitat of endangered species**, and **is of special interest at the scientific, aesthetic, cultural and educational level**

Protection Regime

The MPA has an adequate legal status, since 1997.

The management objectives are clear. The management objectives are based on zoning. There are a Management body and a management plan

Conclusion

This area fills the minima criteria requested and is eligible for the inscription on the SPAMIs list.

TORRE GUACETO MARINE PROTECTED AREA

Main Criteria for consideration on the SPAMI list

The MPA **is of importance for conserving the components of biological diversity in the Mediterranean area and contains ecosystems specific to the Mediterranean area or the habitat of endangered species.**

Protection Regime

The MPA has an adequate legal status, since 1987.

The management objectives are clear and based on zoning. There is a mixed Management body. The Management plan has been approved by the Ministry of Environment in June 2007.

Conclusion

This area fills the minima criteria requested and is eligible for the inscription on the SPAMIs list.