



# MPA ENGAGE

**Engaging Mediterranean key actors in Ecosystem Approach to manage Marine Protected Areas to face Climate Change Impacts** 

The MPA ENGAGE Citizen Science actions

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- How to implement CS actions in your MPA?
- MPA Engage CS actions































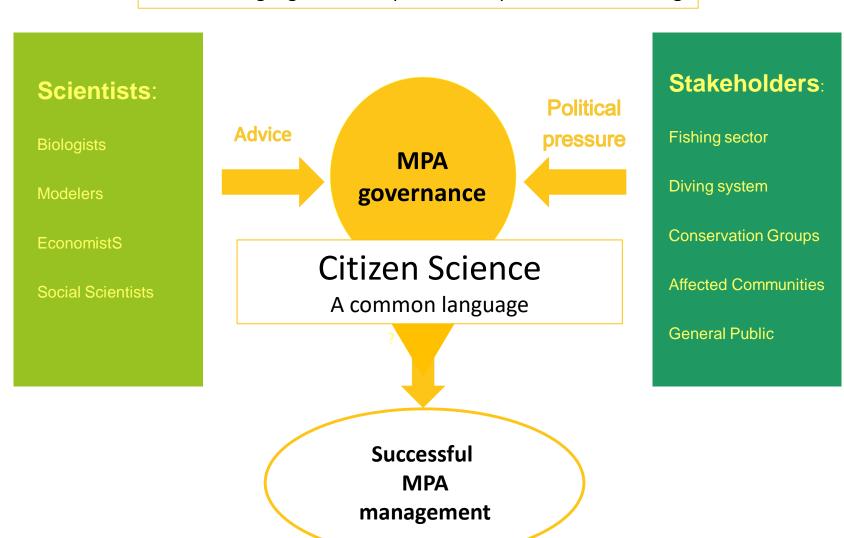




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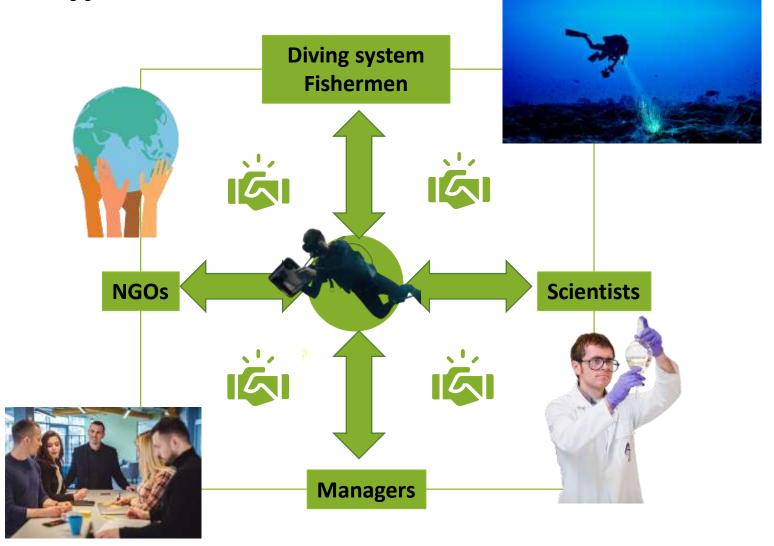
Different languages can compromise reciprocal understanding



# How can CS support MPAs to face the CC challenge?



Around CS most of the categories generally involved in MPAs dynamics can find a *«trust building glue»* 



# How to implement CS actions in your MPA?

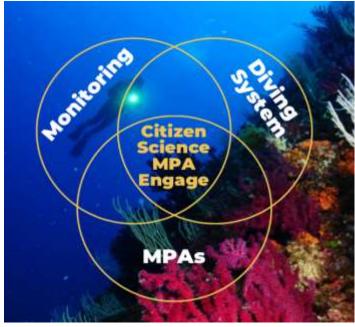


## The process

PHASES	ACTIONS
Before starting	Define a research question
	Define a protocol
Development phase	Define project team and aims
	Check economic sustainbility
	Identify participant expectations
Active phase	Sampling design
	Training of volunteers
	Supporting material
	Protocol adaptation
	Communication strategy/Feedback to volunteers
Data analysis and reporting phase	Effective Data Repository
	Report for management purposes

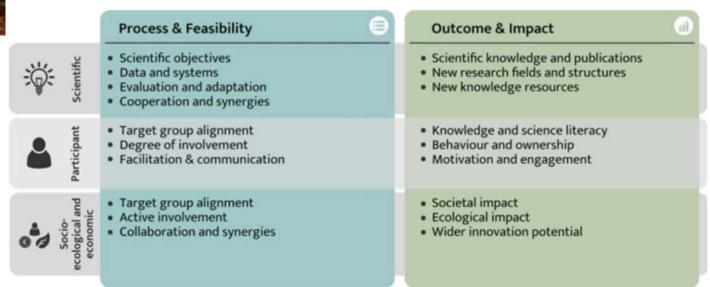
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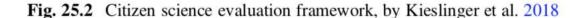






- Large scale temporal and spatial data sets
- Increase awareness
- Contribute to the routine monitoring of the MPA staff





## A SWOT analysis for SUCCESSFUL CS PROJECTS



#### Strengthen

- Clear objectives and organization
- Good website
- Networking among CS projects
- Sponsors

#### Weakness

- Scarce motivation
- Non scientists leading CS projects
- Lack of adequate economic resources
- Low gratification. The website or social network are little effective to give feedback to the volunteers/funders
- Little official recognition. Lack of trust in the scientific value of data

### **Opportunities**

- Engage people with adequate degrees
- Develop timely and opportune proposals with local or international interests
- Increase the level of participation of volunteers in the different phases of the CS project
- Ddemonstration at institutional level of the scientific validity of the data and their exploitation for conservation purposes

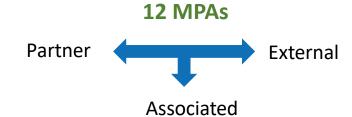
#### **Threats**

- Confusing objectives
- Low number of participants
- Few data
- Wrong participation strategies (occasional engagement, no feedback)

# **MPA Engage CS actions**



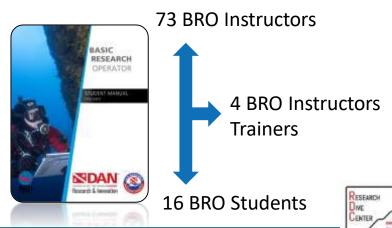
## **ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS**



## **3 PROTOCOLS IMPLEMENTED WITH CS**



### **40 DIVING CENTERS**









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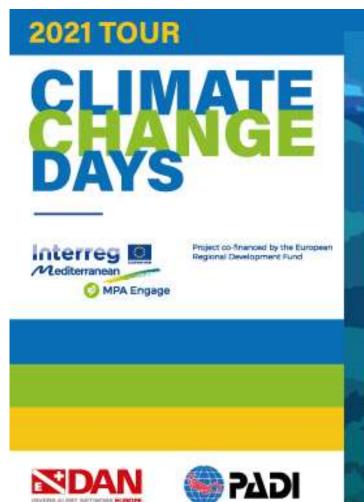








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The interest in CS is rapidly growing from all the actors. Divers are highly committed in ocean conservation and the diving system is actually considering this as an opportunity for promoting and achieving sustainable development.







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# Thank You





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