

# Il contributo della modellistica nel progetto CASCADE

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# Modelling is one of the key approaches in CASCADE

### Project overall objective

The CASCADE project overall objective is to **increase marine knowledge through** the consolidation of inland and marine waters monitoring (**observing and modelling**) tools to address environmental vulnerability, fragmentation, and the safeguarding of ecosystem services, to support the protection of marine ecosystems and to develop science-based restoration methodologies and actions to assess the impacts of extreme events on marine ecosystems. In particular, CASCADE will concretely contribute to biodiversity protection in several Natura 2000 sites also providing monitoring tools, best practices of restoration of endangered species and integrated management plans.

### **Project results**

Three main results will be achieved:

#### 1) improvement and development of monitoring (observation and modelling) systems;

- 2) access to monitoring data through an information system in support of pilots;
- 3) implementation of pilots focusing on restoration actions and improvement of integrated management systems (e.g. MSP, ICZM, LSI) of marine and coastal areas.





# The driving concepts leading the modelling in CASCADE

### Outputs and results durability

The monitoring systems will be maintained in operation by relevant partners in line with their institutional duties and depending on additional funding after the project end.



## Outputs and results transferability

CASCADE outputs and results are inherently scalable and transferable to other territories.









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## Modelling and observation synergy in CASCADE

#### WP 3 - Coastal Marine Environment characterization of (species and) ecosystems

Act 3.1 Review of existing observing and modeling systems

- Act 3.2 Ecosystem characterization for each Pilot
- Act 3.3 Design of the optimal observing systems for marine coastal environment characterization

Act 3.4 Models design for marine coastal environment characterization

#### WP 4 – Monitoring (observations and modelling) and information system

Act 4.1 Set up and testing of the observing system Act 4.2 Set up and testing of the integrated modelling system

Act 4.3 Information system for observation, model validation and product delivery

WP 5 - Pilots for endangered species restoration and Integrated coastal/marine management system

- Act 5.1 Assessment of hazards, impacts and vulnerability of endangered ecosystems
- Act 5.2 Restoration actions supporting endangered species

Act 5.3 Integrated coastal/marine management systems











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