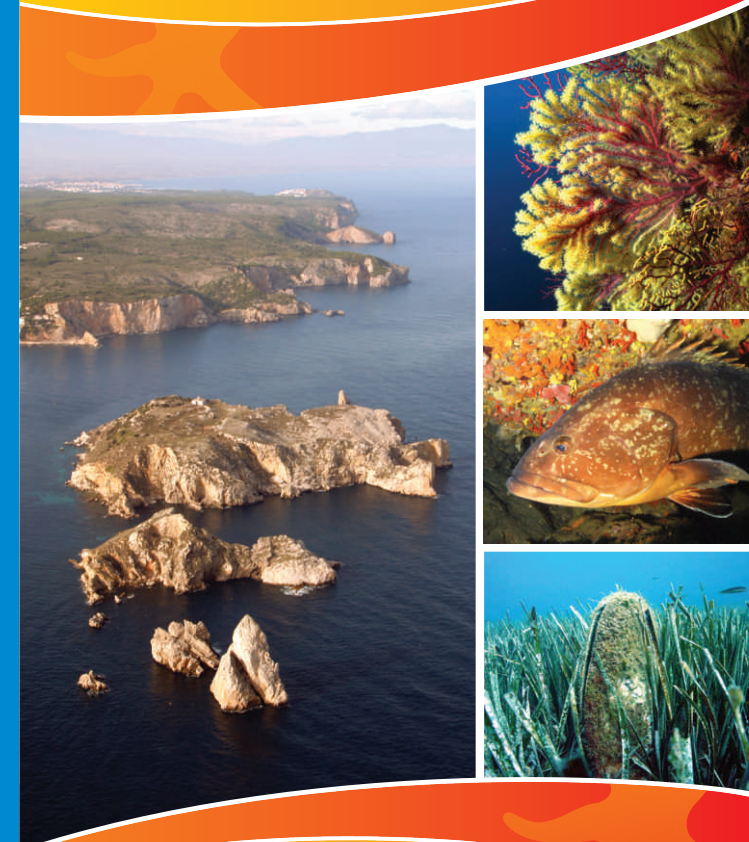


# Marine activities Montgrí, Medes Islands and Baix Ter Natural Park



## Responsible anchoring

LEGEND	
	Posidonia area
	Anchoring above Posidonia is forbidden
	Private paid buoy
	Paid buoy: Boats >= 9 m in length
	Paid buoy: Boats < 9 m in length

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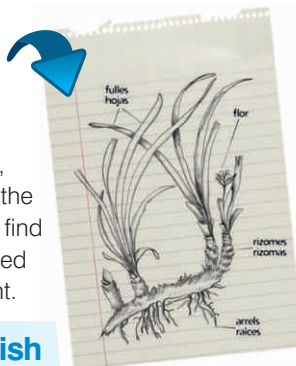
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## Posidonia, a green underwater treasure

The underwater meadows of this aquatic plant (which isn't seaweed), popularly referred to locally as «*alguers*» (algae fields), are an extremely valuable habitat, protected throughout Europe. To the west of the large Mede island we find one of the country's best conserved fields containing this aquatic plant.



### A breeding ground for fish

Among other ecological roles, the Posidonia fields, provide a refuge for thousands of juvenile fish, providing a nursery that benefits a variety of species.

### Regulated anchoring, protected Posidonia beds!

Recreational sailing in the waters around the Medes Islands is permitted, but anchoring is strictly limited to buoys with low-impact securing.



### The Mediterranean's green lung

- Posidonia grows slowly at a rate of just 1 to 2 cm a year.
- The full anchoring manoeuvre of a vessel above Posidonia can destroy from 16 to 34 clusters of the plant if it is not carried out in a manner that seeks to protect the seabed.
- Posidonia is the Mediterranean's green lung: it absorbs CO2 and supplies O2, and it does so much better than any forest.
- It is essential in mitigating the effects of climate change.



## Responsible navigation



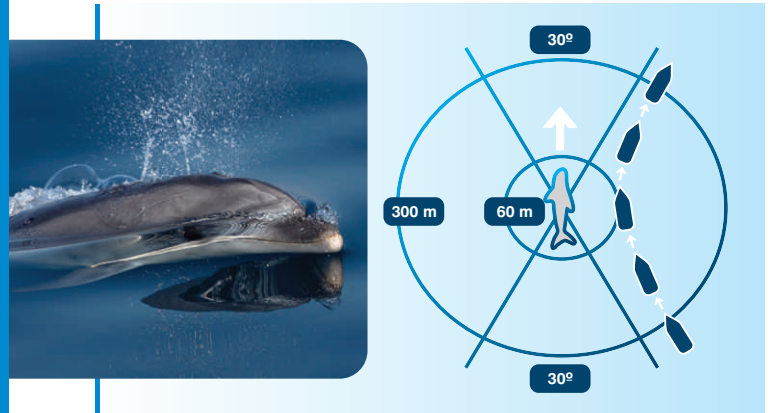
- ▶ Respect the alpha flag on the vessels or buoys indicating there are divers below the water and keep a safe distance.
- ▶ It is absolutely forbidden to dump any type of substance within the Natural Park or to feed the marine wildlife.
- ▶ Do not anchor in the seagrass meadows.
- ▶ Moderate your speed. Maximum navigation speed within the Partial Nature Reserve is 3 knots.



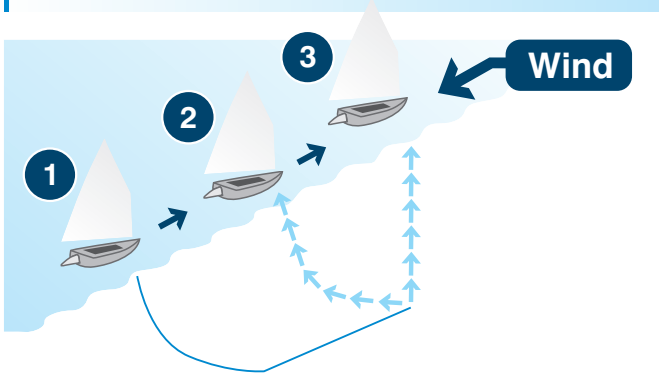
## Respectful behaviour when observing cetaceans

- ▶ **500-300 m distance:** Approach area
- ▶ **300-60 m distance:** Restricted stay area
- ▶ **<60 m distance:** Exclusion zone

Royal Decree 1727/2007 of 21 September (Official State Gazette of 12 January 2008)



## Weigh anchor in a way that respects the seabed



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