

# Regional Network for conservation and protection of sea turtles and cetaceans



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## How the Network was born

May 2012: the Regional Government adopted formal Act to establish a Regional Network for the Conservation and Protection of Sea Turtles.

July 2012: signed an Agreement Protocol among the Network founders institutions and organisations. The Network activities officially started.

July 2014: a new Act of the Regional Government integrates the functions and tasks of the Regional Network for the Conservation and Protection of Sea Turtles with those aimed to the care of cetaceans and integrates the components of the Network with two Authorities for the management and biodiversity protection of the Po Delta Parks of Emilia-Romagna.

# THE NETWORK MEMBERS

- Regione Emilia-Romagna
- Provincia di Ferrara
- Provincia di Forlì-Cesena
- Provincia di Ravenna
- Provincia di Rimini
- Capitaneria di Porto
- Corpo Forestale dello Stato
- Università di Bologna
- Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale Lombardia e Emilia-Romagna
- ARPA E-R, Struttura Oceanografica Daphne
- Centro Ricerche Marine di Cesenatico
- Fondazione Cetacea ONLUS
- Fondazione Archè
- Ente di Gestione per i parchi e la biodiversità – Delta del Po
- Ente di Gestione per i parchi e la biodiversità – Romagna



# Activities of the Network

The Regional Network has the main objective to realize and effective plan for the protection and conservation of the species in the Adriatic Sea (sea turtles and cetaceans), particularly through:

- **monitoring** activities on the conservation status of the populations of sea turtles and on the quality of the marine environment
- promote scientific **research** in environmental matters
- Activities to involve and **increase awareness** of fishermen, leisure boats users and general public
- **coordination** of structures for the rescue and care on the regional territories



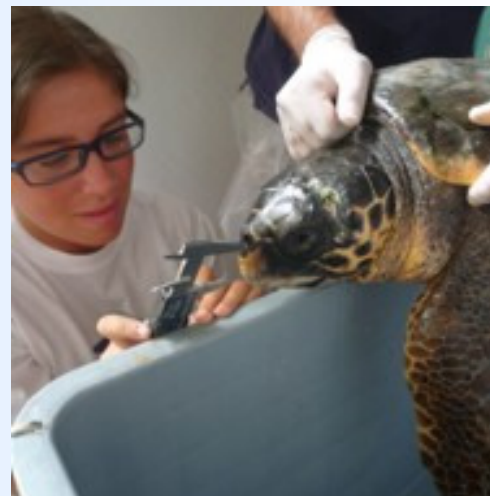
# The Regulation

The **Regulation**, approved by Network members sets the **guidelines** to refer to in case of findings of sea turtles.

It also defines the **first intervention** structures:

- **Associazione Archè onlus**, for the Ferrara coastal zone
- **Guardia Costiera di Ravenna**, for Ravenna coastal zone

the reference structure for the **care** is the Centre for Rescue and Rehabilitation of Riccione, managed by **Fondazione Cetacea onlus**.



# FUTURE SCENARIOS

- Drafting of a Regulation dedicated to the care of **sea mammals** (dolphins)
- Strengthening of activities for **information** and education
- **Coordination** with other regional networks, laboratories and research centres existing in the national territory and in the Adriatic-Ionian and Mediterranean areas
- Participate in and develop **projects** in the current EU Programming period (LIFE 2014-2020, ADRION, Italy-Croatia, Horizon 2020...) and develop synergies with **The European fisheries fund** and with the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (**EUSAIR**)

# Thank you for your attention

