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The Marche Region Network for sea turtles and cetaceans conservation



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Regional Network for the Sea Turtles Conservation

On 10 May 2010 the Marche Region approved the creation of the Regional Network for the Sea Turtles Conservation. Network members are: Marche Region, Cetacean Foundation, Port Authorities, Forest Ranger, CNR, San Bartolo Park (PS), Conero Park (AN), Sentina Reserve (AP), Universities of Ancona e Camerino, ARPAM, ASUR.

The Network was reconfirmed in the 2014 and now it's expanding to the protection of cetaceans. The network's activities increases the attention of the Marche Region to the conservation issues at sea. The Marche Region decided to join NETCET as an Associate and later, as partner, to Tartalife project. During the NETCET project, in the Marche Region took place a number of initiatives for the protection of sea turtles.



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Regional Network : the Recovery and Rehabilitation Center of Riccione Cetacean Foundation



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REGIONAL NETWORK: Sea turtles Center Housing - Regional Nature Reserve Sentina/University Camerino



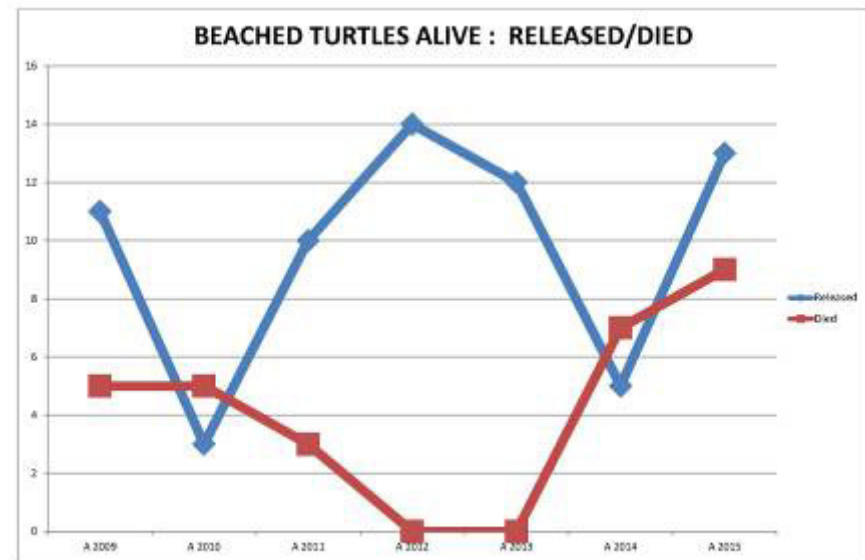
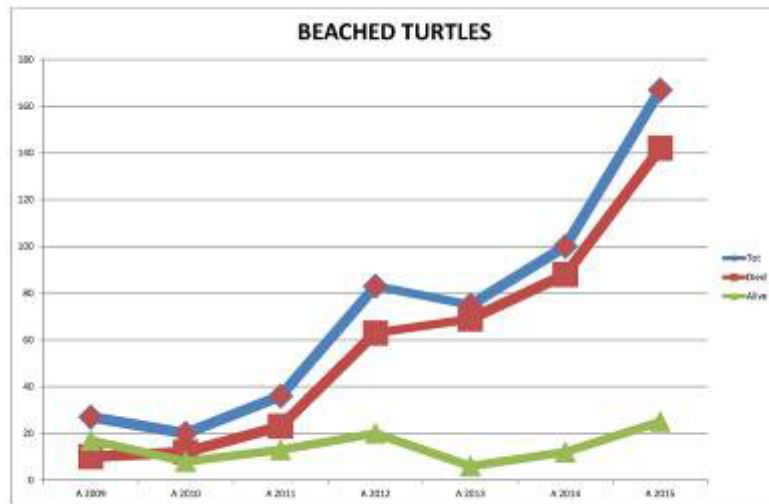
The Sea Turtles Center housing of the Regional Nature Reserve Sentina is working since 2010 to host examples beached or in difficulty. This Center is part of the regional network for sea turtle conservation in the Marche Region and it is responsible for recoveries in the coastal area of Southern Marche, a critical area for conservation of the species *Caretta caretta*. The center boasts the collaboration of the Reserve's volunteers and technicians, researchers and teachers from the University of Camerino. The Center is located in the headquarter of the University of Camerino.



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STRANDED TURTLES IN MARCHE REGION: SINCE 2009



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NET CET: three Italian Region participants

Veneto, Emilia Romagna and Marche Region are partner in the project. Emilia Romagna and Marche Region joined the project thanks to the activity carried out in their area by the Regional Network for Sea Turtles and Cetaceans Conservation.



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NET CET: a considerable potential

Regional Net + City Network = 29 Adriatic coastal cities

Regional Networks may involve and coordinate coastal cities, organize joint working groups between the different actors in the territory.
From fishermen to universities, from tour operators to Port Authorities, from health system to voluntary associations.



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NET CET: the conservation of sea turtles and cetaceans as a value added for the seaside tourist destinations

The cities of Numana (AN) San Benedetto del Tronto (AP) Fano (PS and Pedaso (AP) support the City Network and they are looking to join the Regional Network. Numana has carried out the project "Numana City of Turtles". This project was conceived following the creation of the pre-release area for sea turtles treated at the Center for Recovery of Riccione and built in WP5 (Action 5.1), commonly called "Turtle Cove"



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NETCET has enhanced and boosted the Regional Network

During NETCET implementation we organized in the Marche Region:

52 release of sea turtles after care and rehabilitation

5 thematic conferences

74 information meetings with students of all levels and tourists

7 meetings with Marines Marche

Enhanced Recovery Centers with pools and promotion



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NET CET: instruments for a better work

All the institutions mentioned above have active responsibility regarding the preservation of threaten species and the monitoring of what is happening at sea. Net Cet has provided important tools:
the strengthening of Recovery Centers (in Italy) of Venice, Riccione, Pescara
Common protocols on the two shores of the Adriatic
database online for the census of animals beached in the Adriatic sea
... And the City Network

The existence of the regional networks has also allowed to highlight the critical elements in the proper management of the problem of strandings.

For example, although the IZS have declared their availability to the carrying out necroscopies on all animals (turtles and dolphins) delivered to them, municipalities aren't available to transport and valuable data are lost. The cities of City Network can make the difference in this regard and the adherence can be useful to the conservation.



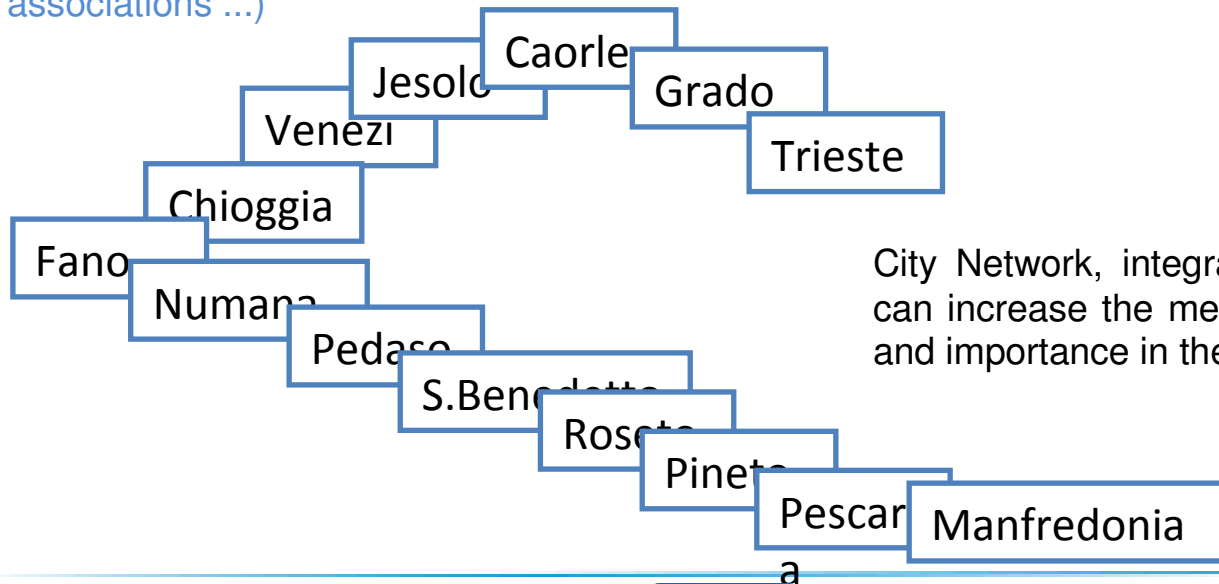
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NET CET: we are hoping an integration between the regional networks and City Network



The net increase information, makes it widespread and diffuses it in the territory. Reduces dispersion and facilitates the dialogue among stakeholders (institutions, organizations, fishermen, associations ...)



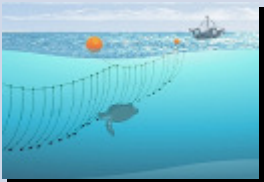









City Network, integrated with other networks, can increase the membership, obtain contents and importance in the field of conservation.



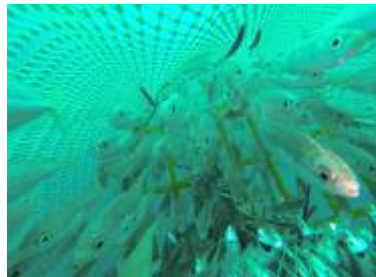
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TARTA-LIFE - LIFE12NAT/IT/000937 in addition to NET CET Reduction of sea turtle mortality in the professional fishing

Gear	Problems: bycatch	Actions
Longline 		J vs Circle hooks 
Trawl 		TED Turtle excluder devices 
Passive nets 		Alternative Gears  Scaring devices UV led 

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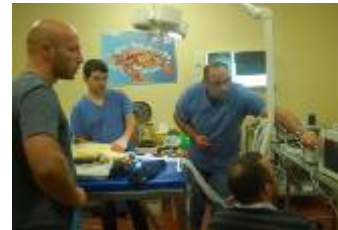
Commercial catches seem to be not affected by the use of TED



The use of circle hook reduce direct mortality of marine turtles



Marine closed area for tests with turtles: the first in Italy (Networking with NetCet project)



Strengthening of rescue centers (structures, trainings)



Strengthening first aid centers



Fishermen and public awareness



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TARTA-LIFE - LIFE12NAT/IT/000937 in addition to NET CET Networking TartaLife-NetCet in the Marche Region and future actions

Public awareness



Research
(Numana closed area)



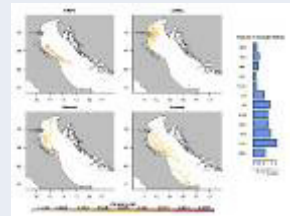
Fishermen involvement



Strengthening first
aid centers
(tanks in the harbour)



Identify bycatch hotspot



How to involve
fishermen more
deeply?

Thanks for your
attention



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