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Reducing **pressure on marine species** through the diversification of the artisanal fishermen activities by promoting the development of **ecotourism activities**



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Reducing negative interaction with fisheries

- (a) To **adapt and test fishing methods** for mitigating the impacts and **to assess their efficiency**
- (b) To develop and/or to strengthen **data collection systems**, including proposals of standard methodologies on technical characteristics and fishing practices (assessment of depredation and by-catch)
- (c) To improve **fishermen's awareness and education** on interaction issues (development of guidelines)
- (d) To implement **capacity building activities**



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Reducing negative interaction with fisheries

- **Sardine purse seine** fisheries in the North of Morocco (cetaceans and sea turtles)
- **Red tuna fisheries** in the Strait of Gibraltar (mitigating socio-economic and ecological impacts of killer whales depredation)
- **Swordfish and tuna longline** fisheries in the South of Spain (seabirds, sea turtles, cetaceans and other species)
- **Surface and deep longline** fisheries in the Gulf of Gabes (sharks, turtles and cetaceans)
- **Purse seine fisheries for small pelagic species** in Kelibia (cetaceans and seabirds)
- **Longline fisheries and gillnet fisheries** in the South of France and Balears (sea turtles and cetaceans)



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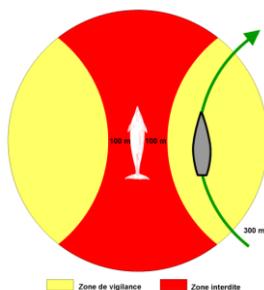


Promoting the development of ecotourism activities

➔ **Whale watching** (wildlife watching)

➔ **Pescaturismo**

Distance et zone d'approche d'un cétacé



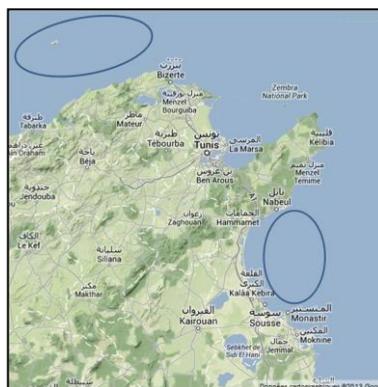


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Promoting the development of ecotourism activities

➔ Implementation of pilot projects in Morocco and Tunisia





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