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# *Fishery activities and management plan in the Venice lagoon*

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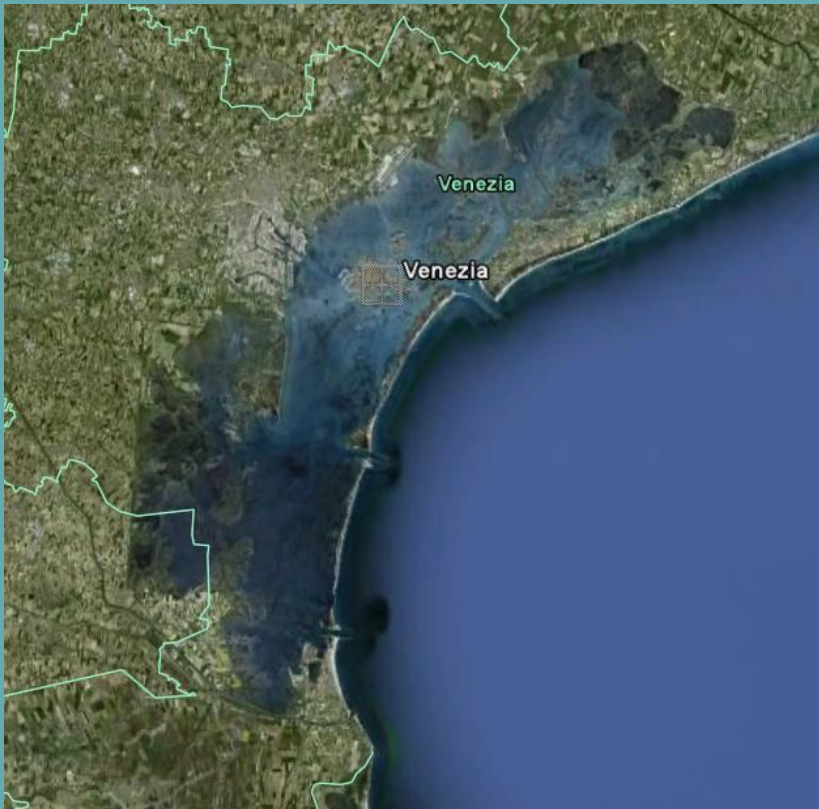
Mediterranean coastal lagoons management:  
interaction between aquaculture and capture  
fisheries

Cagliari, Italy, 28-30 June 2011





# Venice lagoon



- the largest Italian lagoon
- 55.000 ha of surface
- 60 % of water area
- 18 % of saltmarshs
- 17 % of extensive fish farms
- 5 % of islands
- 1,5 m of average depth
- 3 inlets
- 2 provinces



# Fishery activities

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- Fyke nets
- Manila clam culture
- Mollusc culture
- Lift nets
- Extensive fish farms
- Amateur fishing



# Fyke net fishing



Fishing method practiced in the Venice lagoon for centuries and regulated by Water Magister



At 2010 the number of fyke net fishermen in Venice lagoon is 112 - female absence



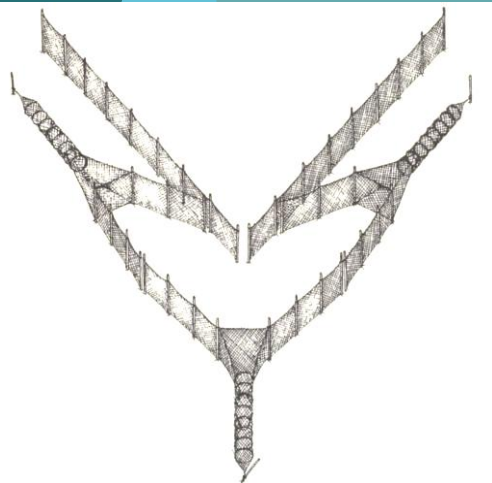
Fishermen are affiliated to 7 local entities

Average age 49 years



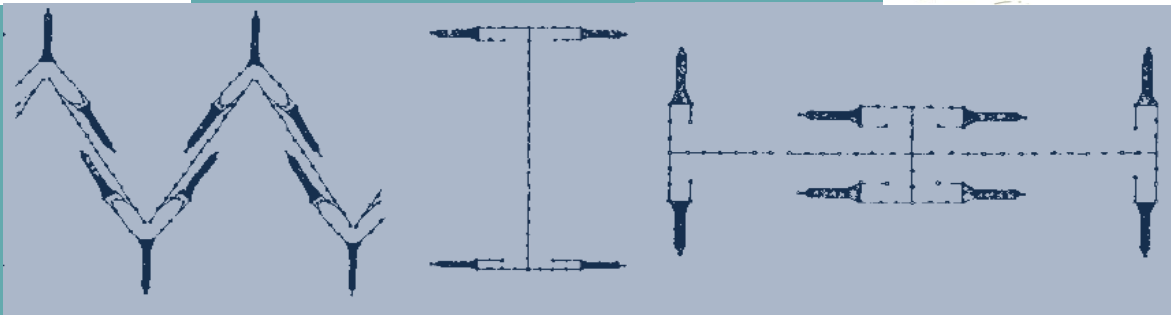
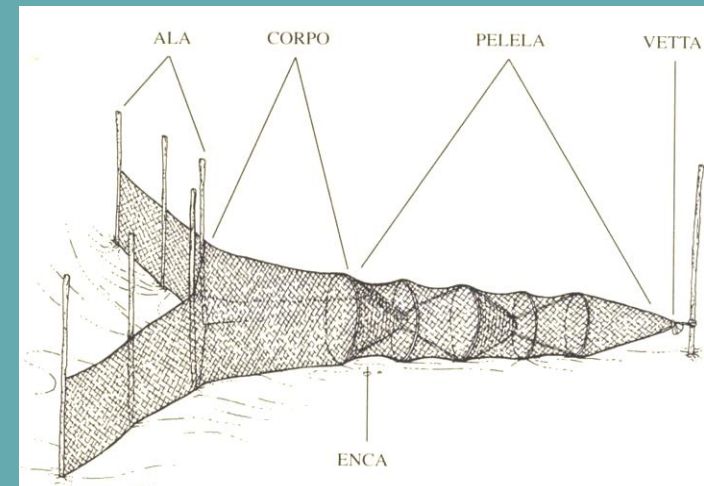
# Fyke net fishing

The fyke nets are placed in the shallow waters of the lagoon of Venice



The fyke nets consist of a barrier that ends with a terminal collecting bag

The ways to place are characteristic of the local area of the Venice lagoon





# Fyke net fishing



W fyke nets in the northern lagoon



Fyke nets with 8 terminal collecting bags in central lagoon



Fyke nets with 5 terminal collecting bags in the southern lagoon





# Fyke net fishing

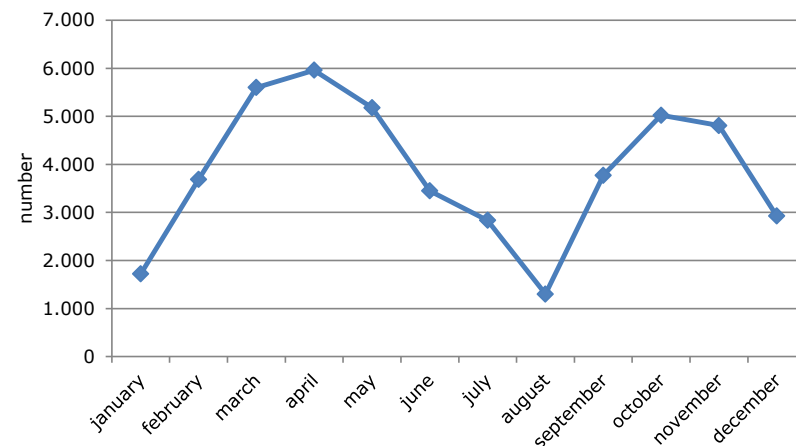
Fishing system with the typical seasonal



**Number of terminal collecting bags in Venice lagoon  
2010 year**

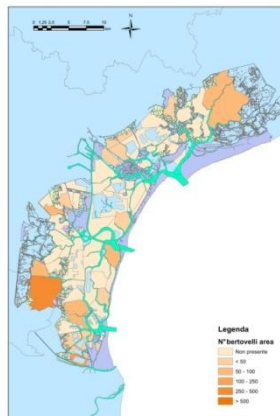
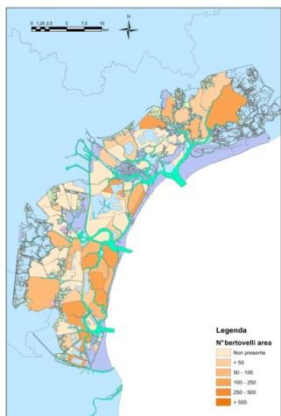
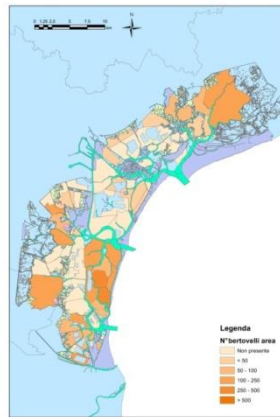
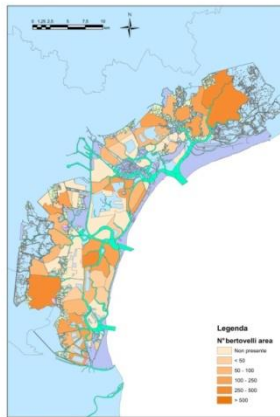
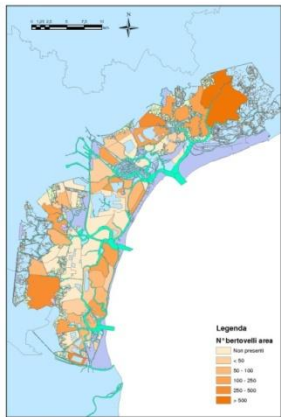
Month	North lagoon	Central lagoon	South lagoon	Total
january	117	674	932	1.723
february	903	312	2.470	3.685
march	1.832	788	2.979	5.599
april	2.756	1.106	2.097	5.959
may	1.594	1.085	2.500	5.179
june	663	442	2.345	3.450
july	658	382	1.795	2.835
august	294	165	843	1.302
september	1.466	474	1.833	3.773
october	2.032	799	2.190	5.021
november	1.925	908	1.974	4.807
december	1.140	772	1.015	2.927
<b>Average 2010</b>	<b>1.282</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>1.914</b>	<b>3.855</b>

**Terminal collecting bags in Venice lagoon - 2010 year**



# Fyke net fishing

Intensity of fishing effort with fyke nets on:  
March 2010  
April 2010  
May 2010  
June 2010  
July 2010  
August 2010







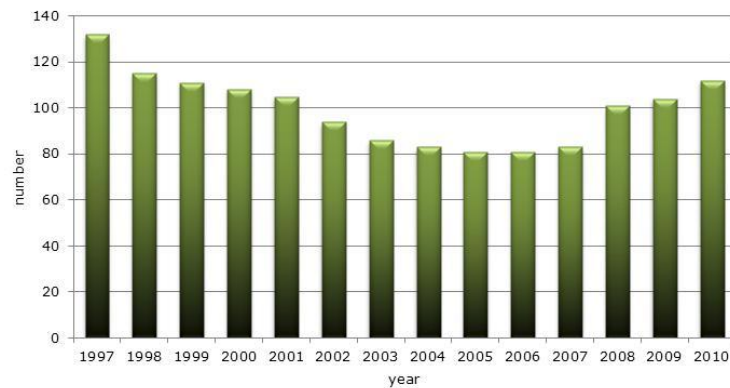
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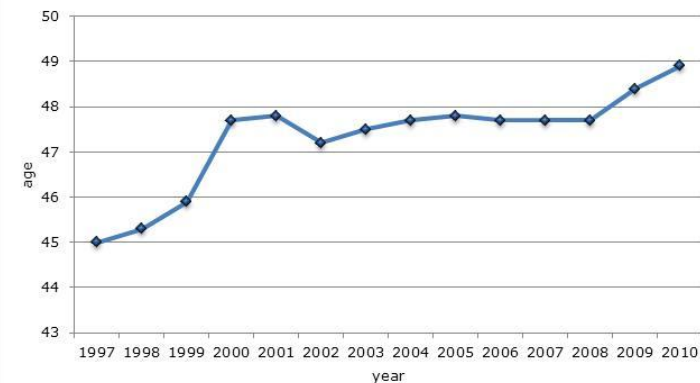
## Fyke net fishermen in Venice lagoon

year	number	average age
1997	132	45,0
1998	115	45,3
1999	111	45,9
2000	108	47,7
2001	105	47,8
2002	94	47,2
2003	86	47,5
2004	83	47,7
2005	81	47,8
2006	81	47,7
2007	83	47,7
2008	101	47,7
2009	104	48,4
2010	112	48,9

Number of fyke net fishermen in Venice lagoon 1997-2010



Average age of fyke net fishermen 1997-2010



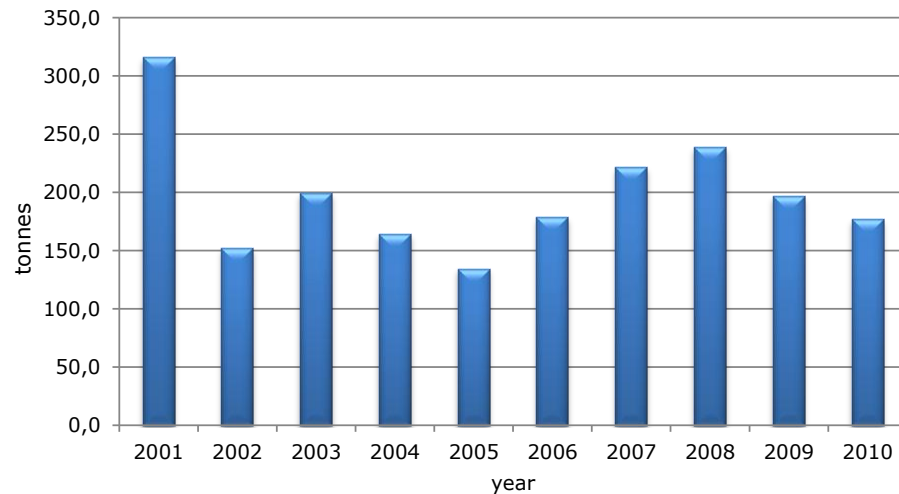


# Fyke net fishing

## Fyke net fishery lagoon production

year	tonnes
2001	316
2002	152
2003	199
2004	164
2005	134
2006	179
2007	221
2008	238
2009	197
2010	177

Fyke net fishery lagoon production (2001-2010)



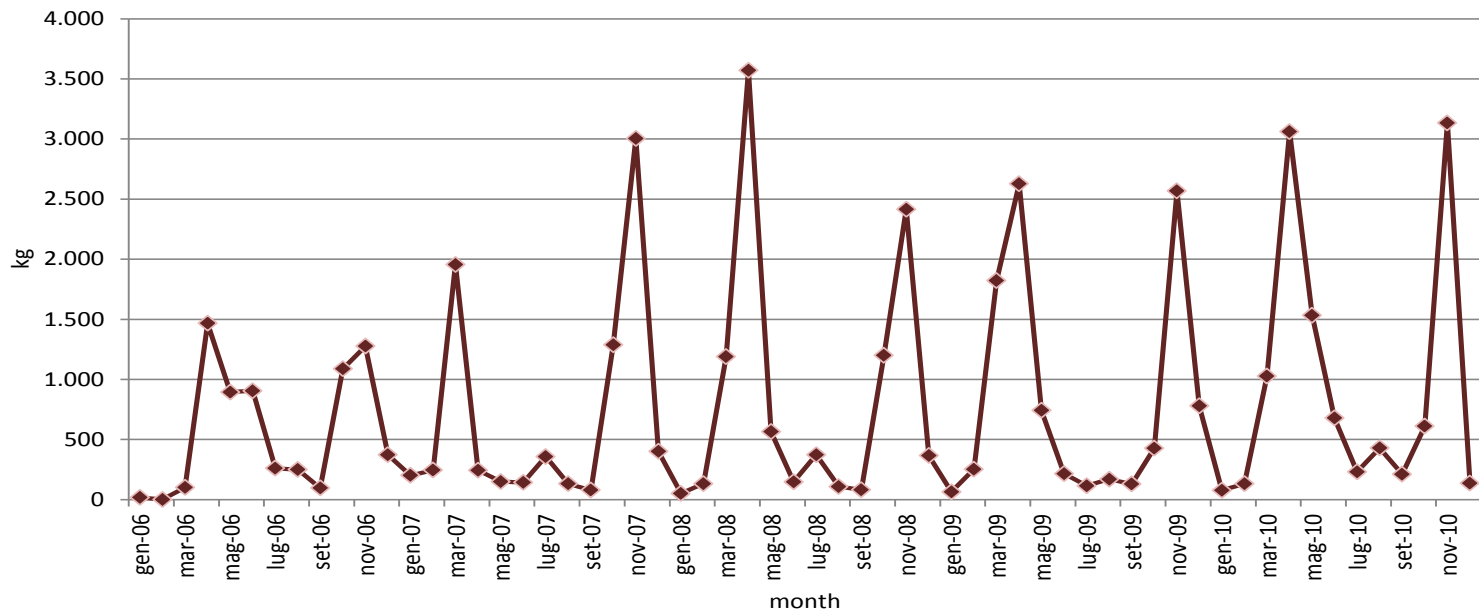
Fyke net fisheries production in Venice lagoon decreased from 316 tonnes (year 2001) to 177 tonnes (year 2010)



# Fyke net fishing



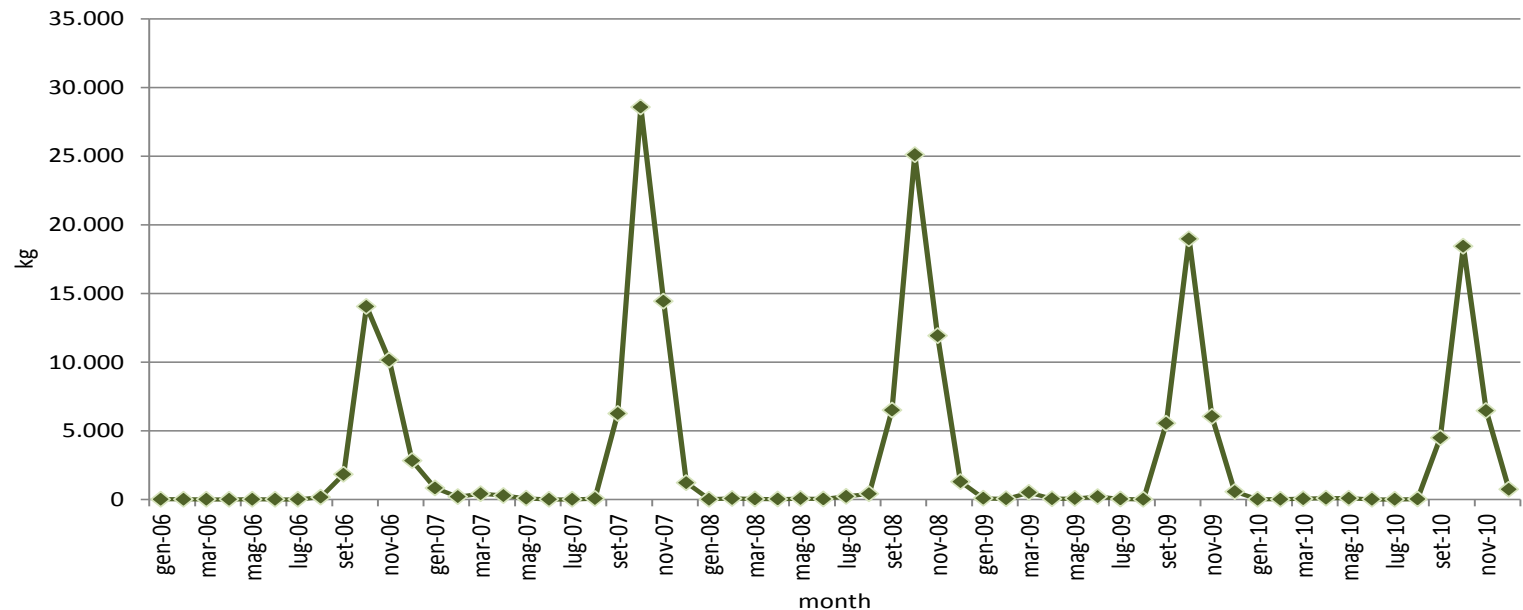
Common green crab soft – *Carcinus mediterraneus*



# Fyke net fishing



Common green female – *Carcinus mediterraneus*





# Manila clam fishing

The Manila clam fishing (*Tapes philippinarum*) is practiced by mechanical equipments, as dredges without teeth (rusca) and harvesting machines (vibrante)

The number of manila clam's fishermen authorized is 700 about, that are affiliated to 73 local entities

Average age 44 years – female presence 6%

About 400 fishing boats



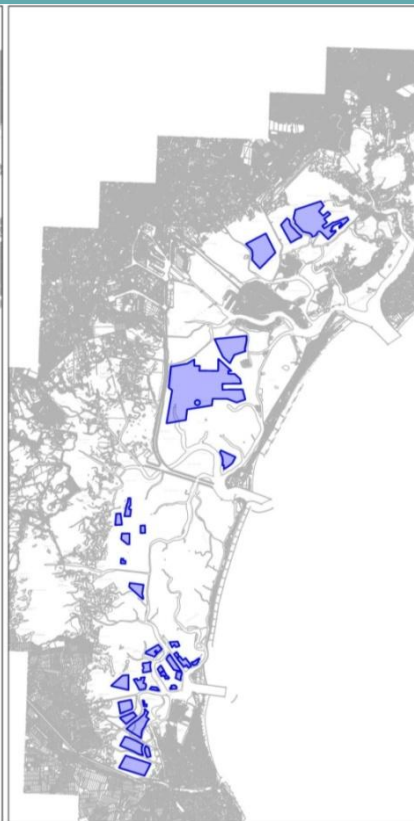
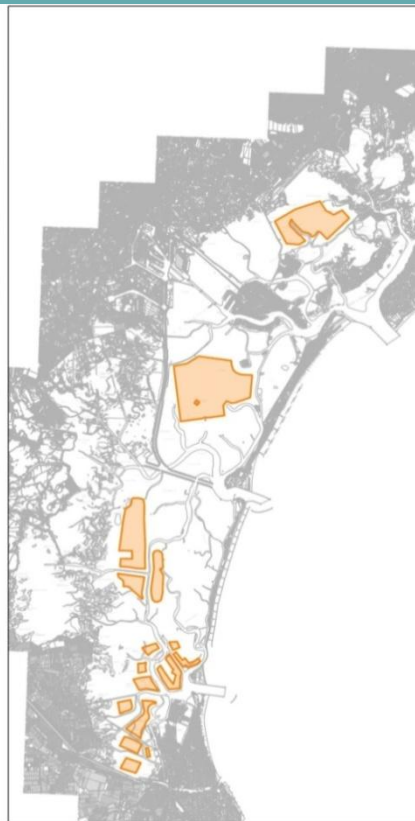


# Manila clam fishing

2005, september

2007, february

2010, february

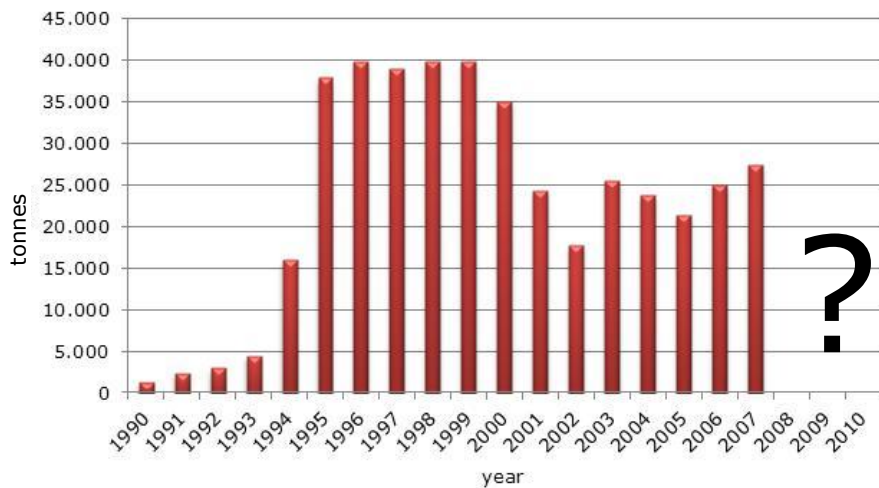


The extension of areas to manila clam's fishing is 2.577,44 hectares (blue areas)

At 2005 and 2007 the extension of areas to manila clam's fishing were 3.000 hectares about (red and orange areas)

# Manila clam fishing

Manila clam's production in Venice lagoon





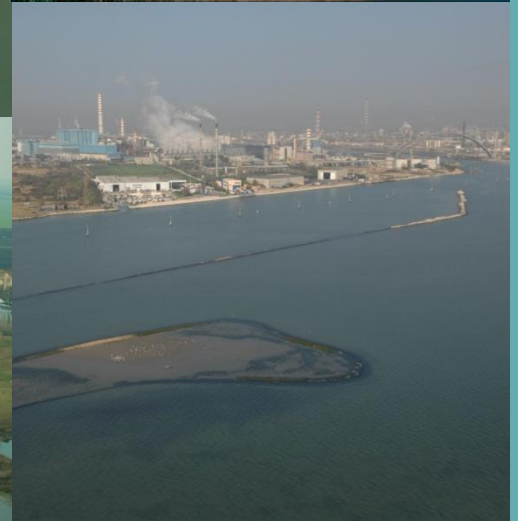
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# Management plan of Venice Lagoon program

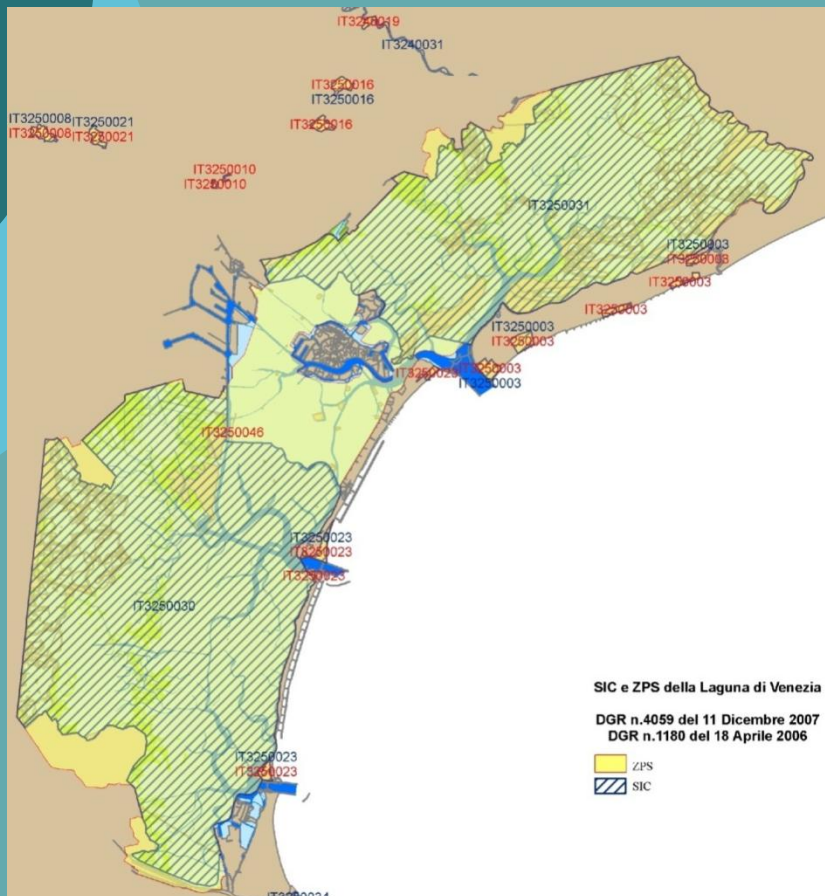
agreement between  
Veneto Region and Venice Water Authority-Magistrato alle  
Acque and Consorzio Venezia Nuova







# Creation and regolamentation of the area



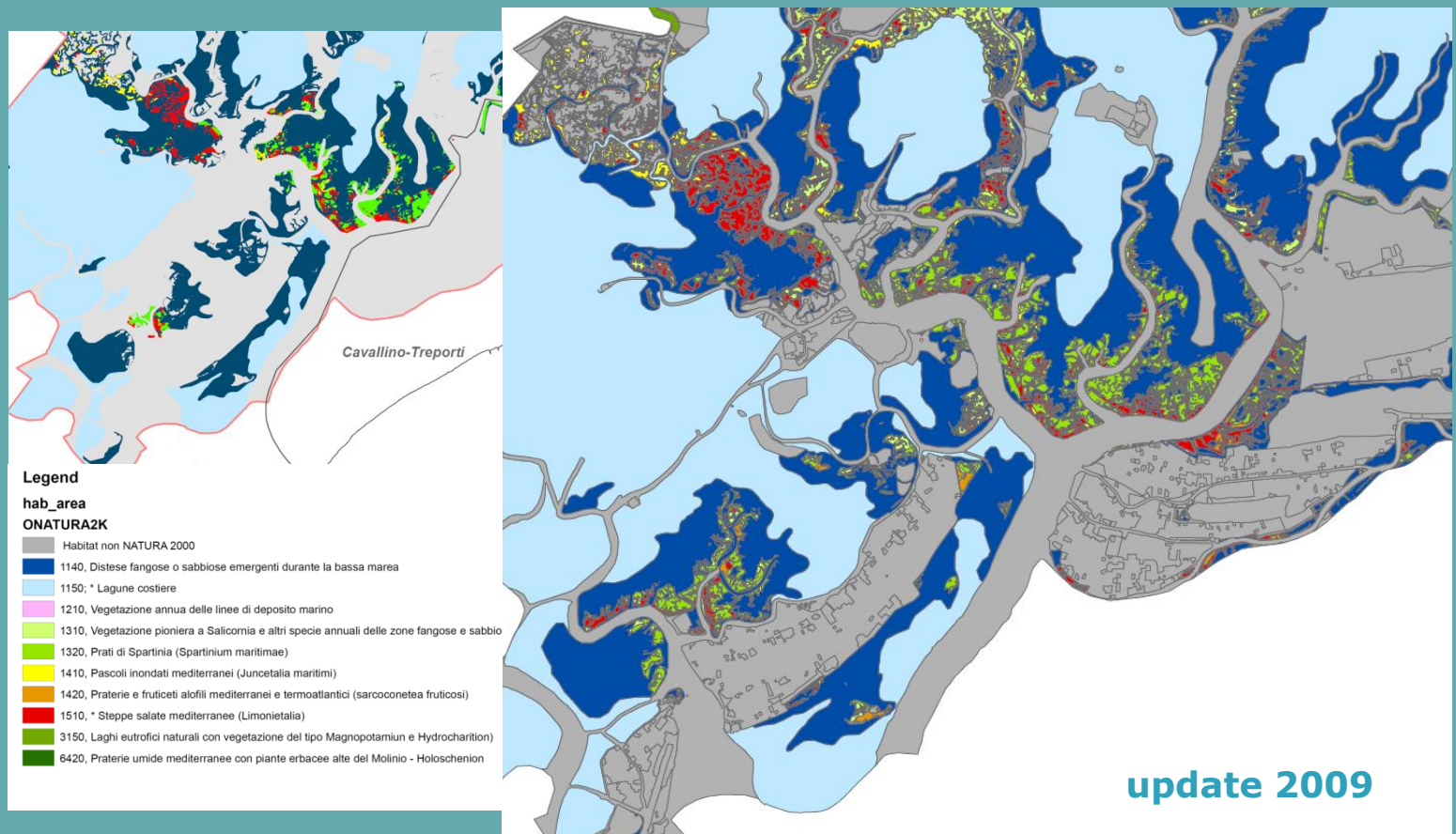
The Veneto Region has approved the revision of special protection areas for those indicated by the specific European study such as Important Bird Areas in the Lagoon of Venice (IBA 034). The new Special Protection Area is IT 3250046 and replaces the previously sites





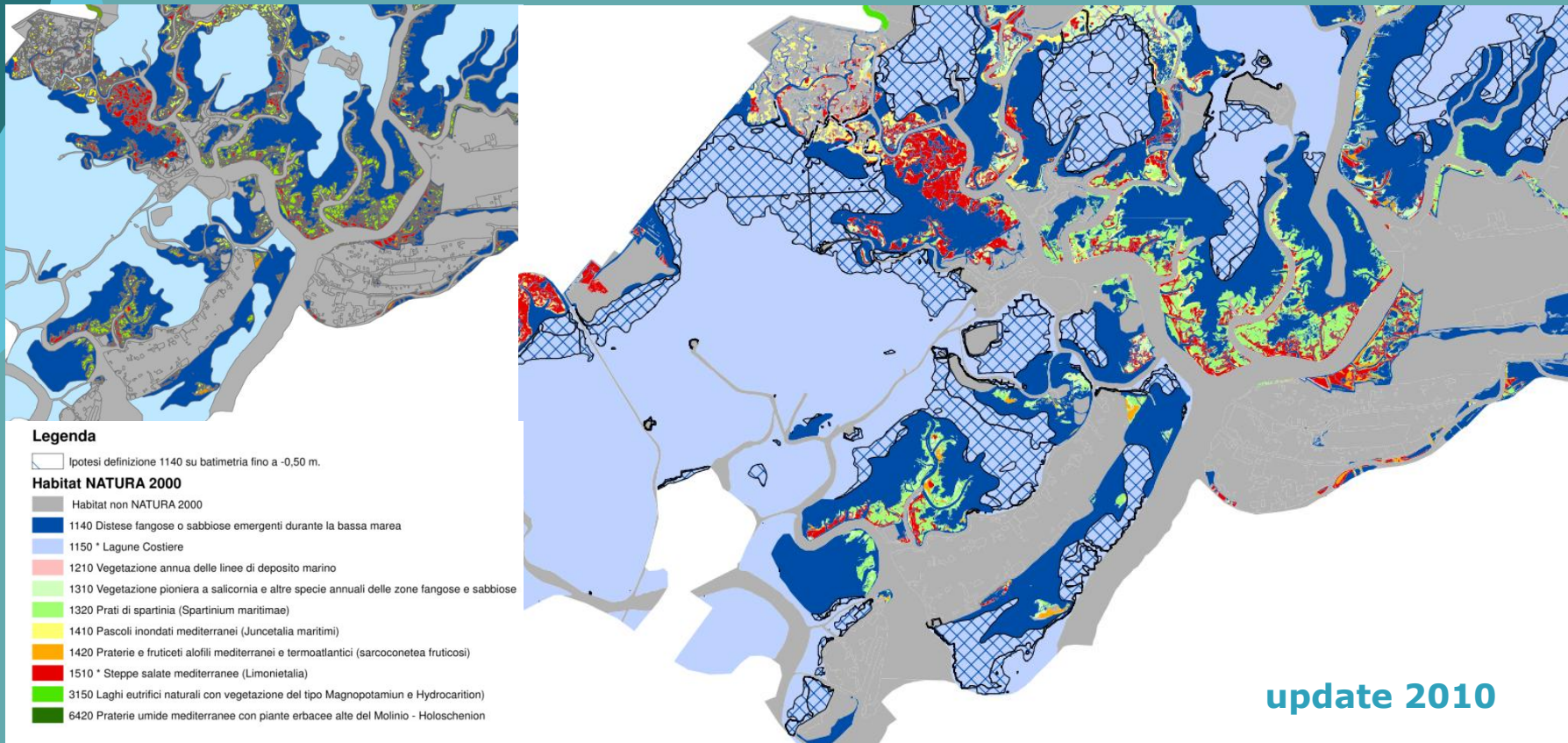
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# Management plan: Habitat map





# Management plan of Venice Lagoon



# Management plan: Species and their habitats

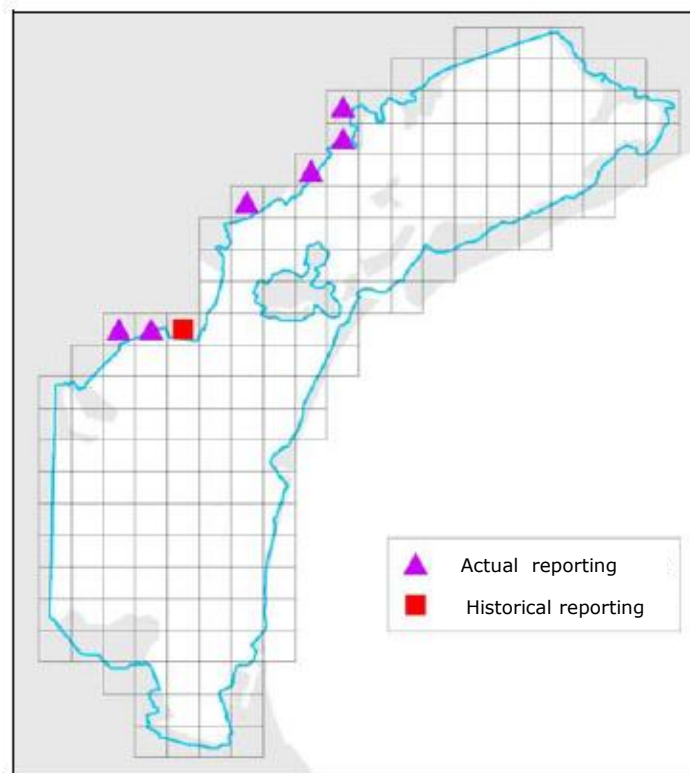
## Technical sheet for each species



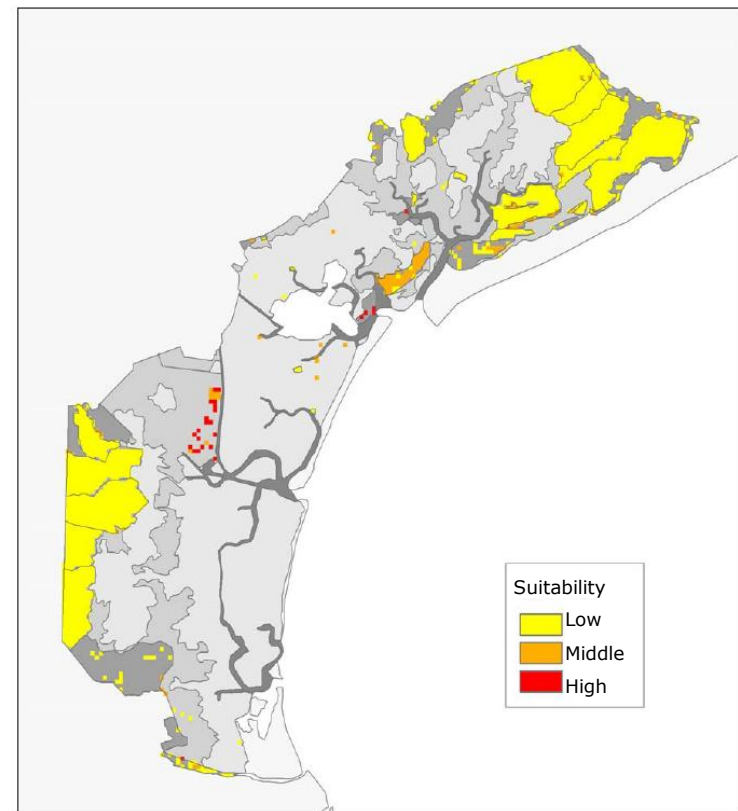
Foto di N.Novanni

Italian Crested Newt

Real distribution



Potential distribution





## Management plan: pressures

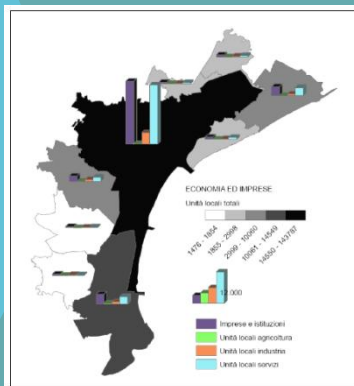
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Among the different pressures on habitats, some considerations must be made about the increasing anthropic influence; this regards not exactly the lagoon areas (not ideal for human life) but the area around Venice lagoon, the coasts, the drainage areas including river mouths and those not directly connected (but in someway linked) with Venice lagoon.

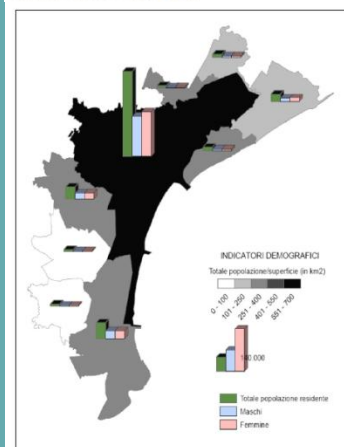
Impacts that have most influenced the structure and habitats should be searched in the urbanization that has developed along the lagoon boundaries

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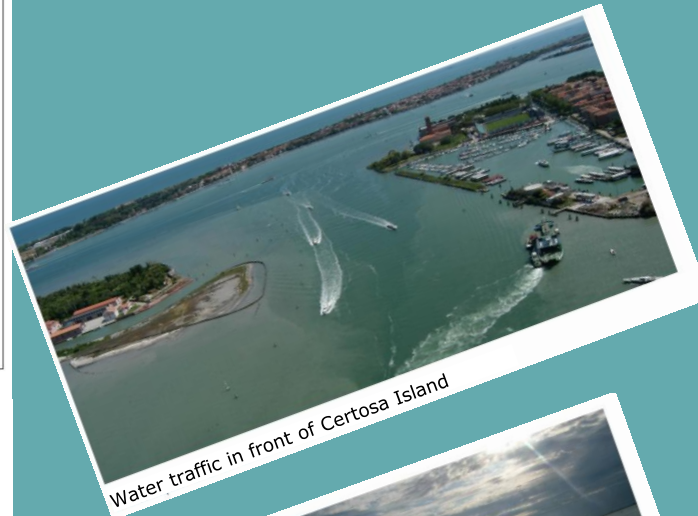
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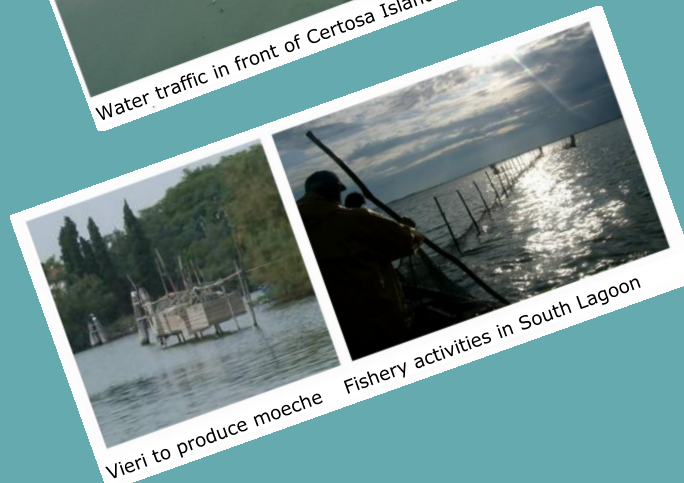
Economic and business indicator



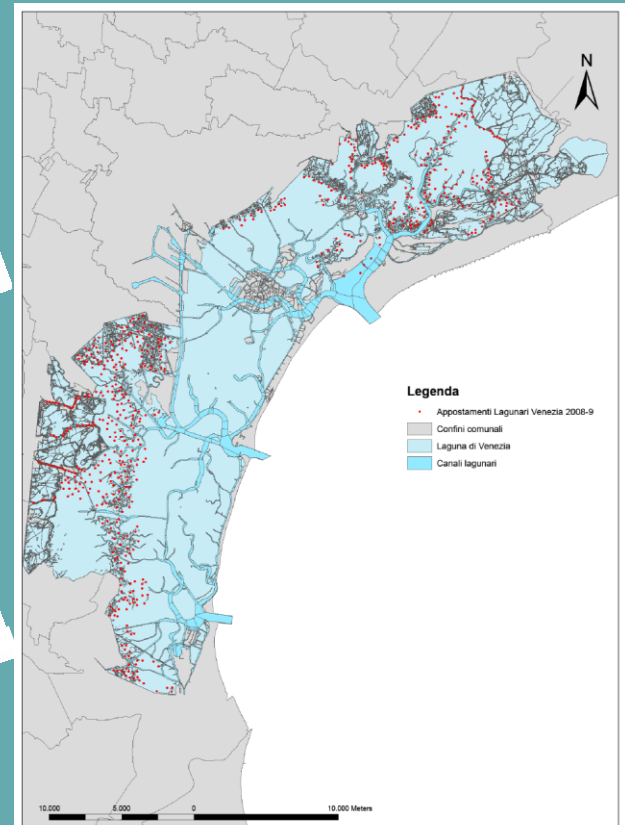
Demographic indicator



Water traffic in front of Certosa Island



Vieri to produce moeche Fishery activities in South Lagoon



Distribuzione degli appostamenti lagunari di caccia - Provincia di Venezia 2008-2009.



# Objectives

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Preservation and enhancement  
of biodiversity



Reduction of impacts

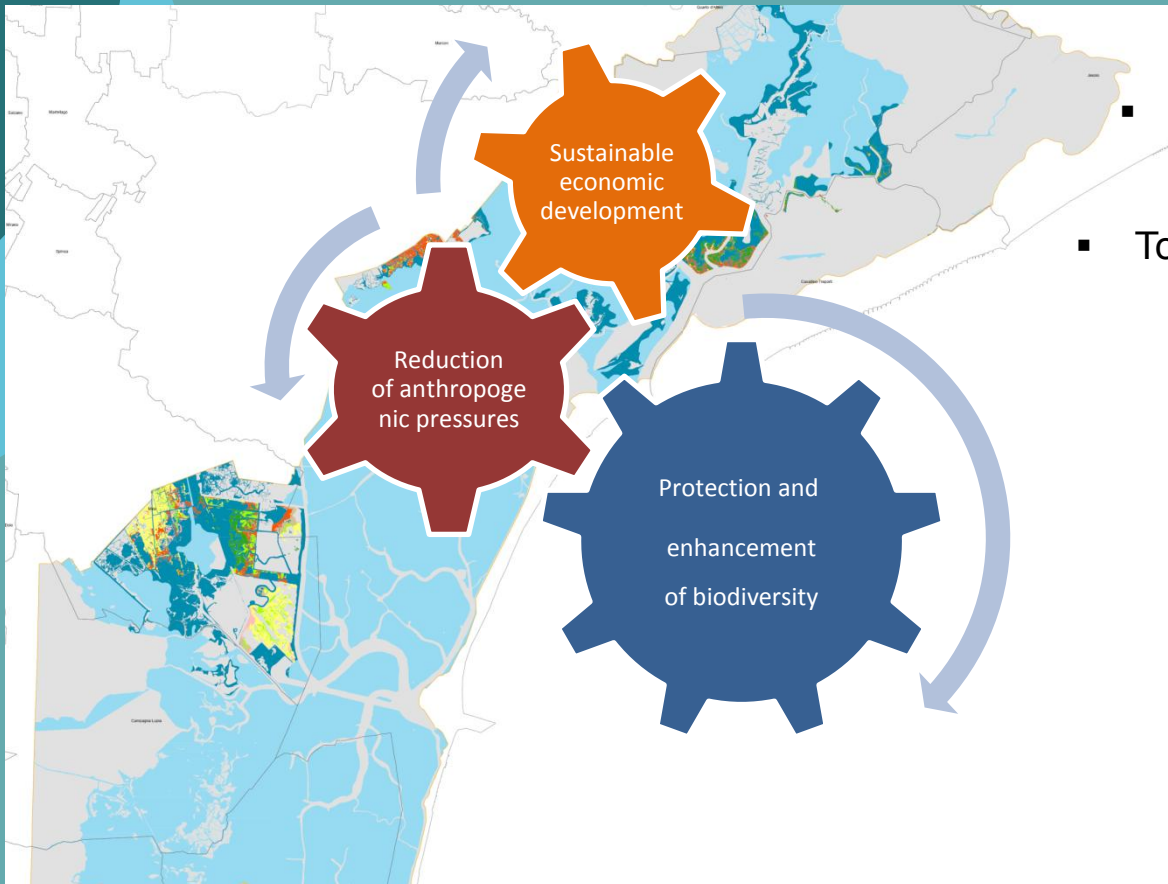


Environmentally sustainable development of  
the territory





# Management plan themes



- To preserve the whole ecological-functional role of the site
- To assure the conservation of habitats and species of flora and fauna of European interest
- To identify, if necessary, the management actions and interventions to restore / maintain ecological balances existing, not forgetting human activities



## Management plan: Risk assessment model

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The model is organized in three successive phases of assessment, to define the three axes used to calculate the risk and identification of threats:

- intensity of the pressure factor (hazard, in the classical model);
- influence (value, in the classical model, the possibility that the pressure factor involving habitats, species and habitats of species);
- vulnerability of the object of protection (as in the classical model).

The method allows you to work at the scale of the whole site or individual polygon (habitat, species habitat, species distribution ).



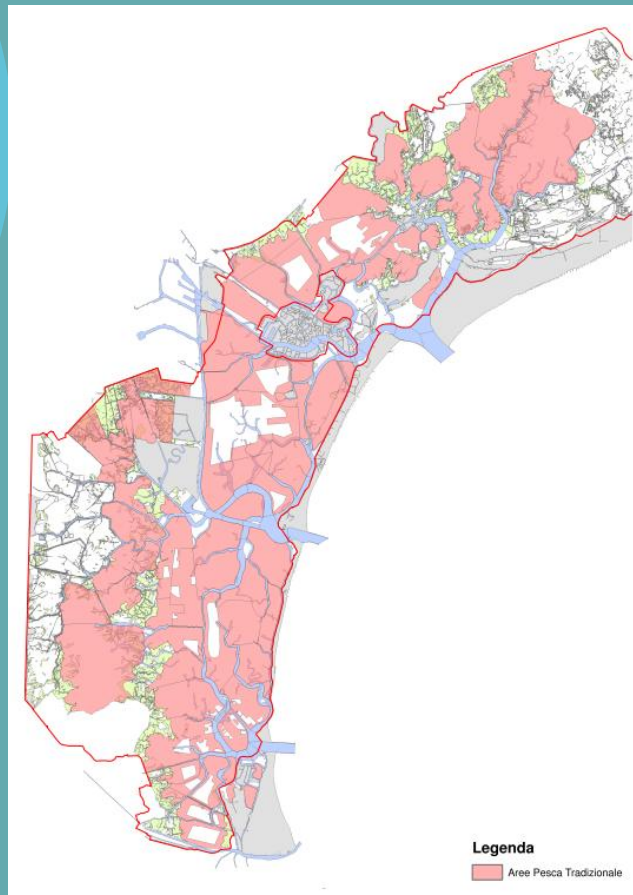
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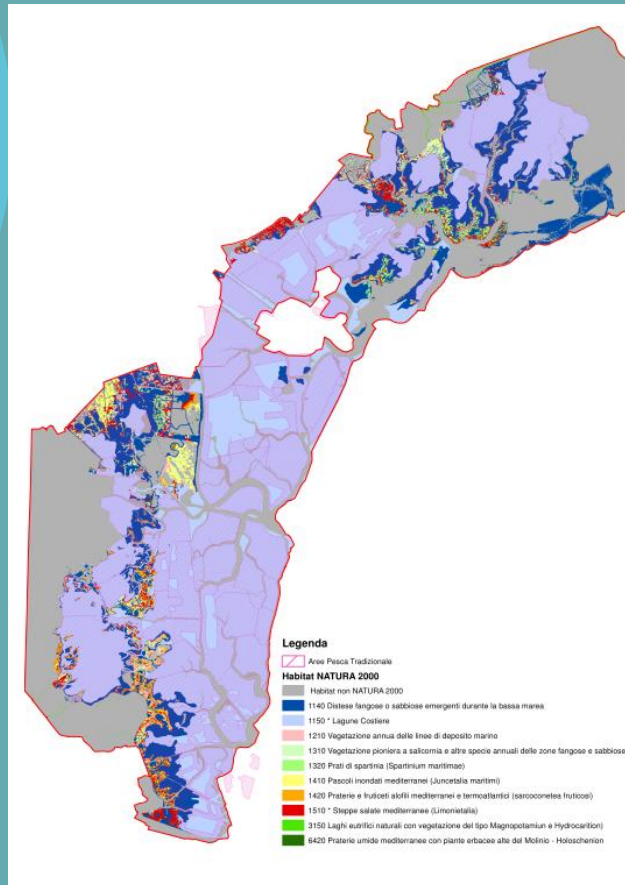


Mapping of fyke net areas





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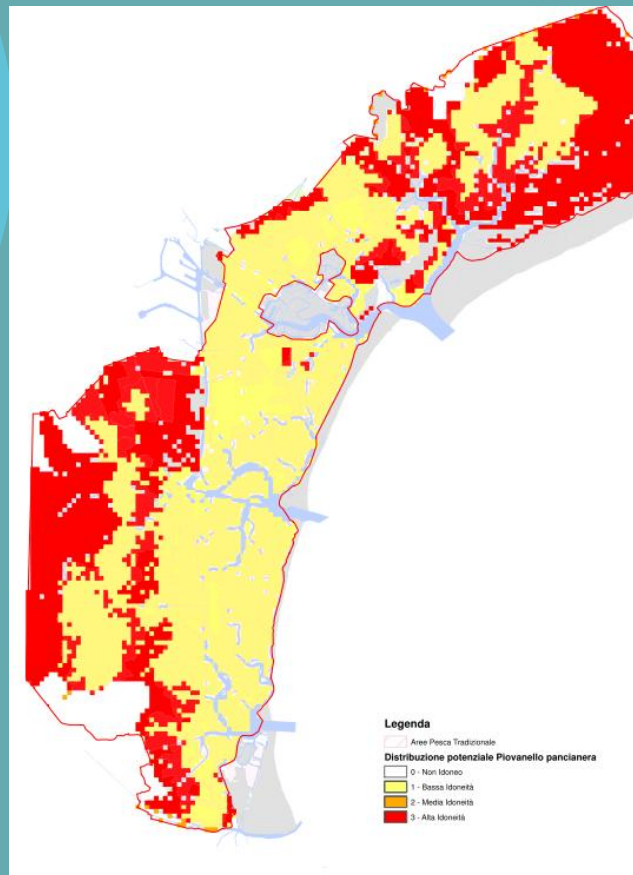


Mapping of fyke net areas  
and Habitat NATURA 2000





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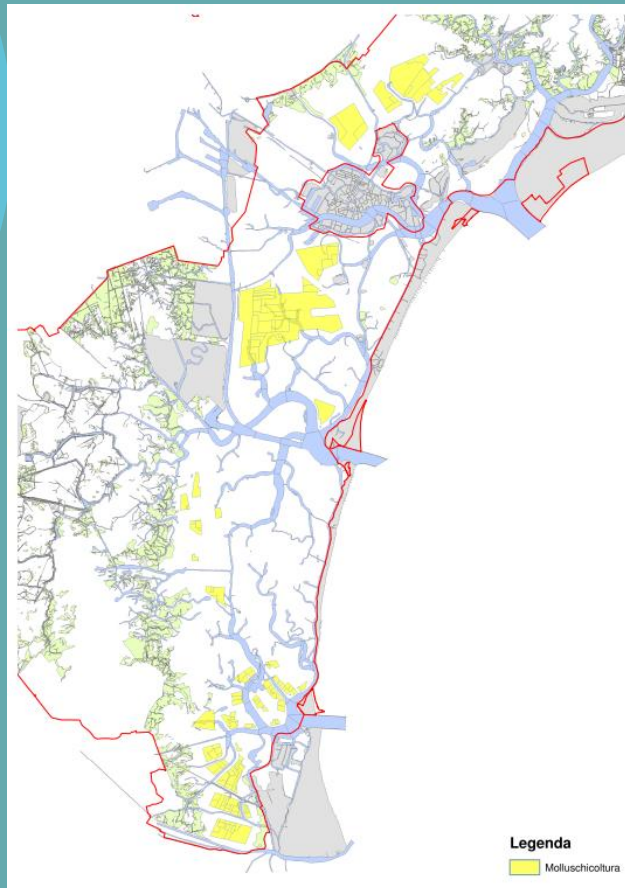


Mapping of fyke net areas  
and potential distribution of **Dunlin**





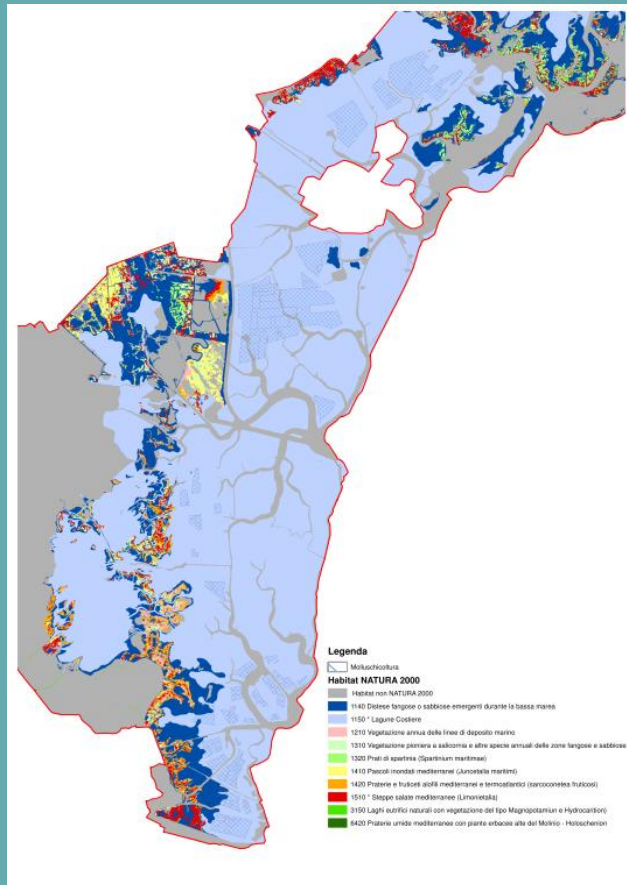
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Mapping of Manila clam farms



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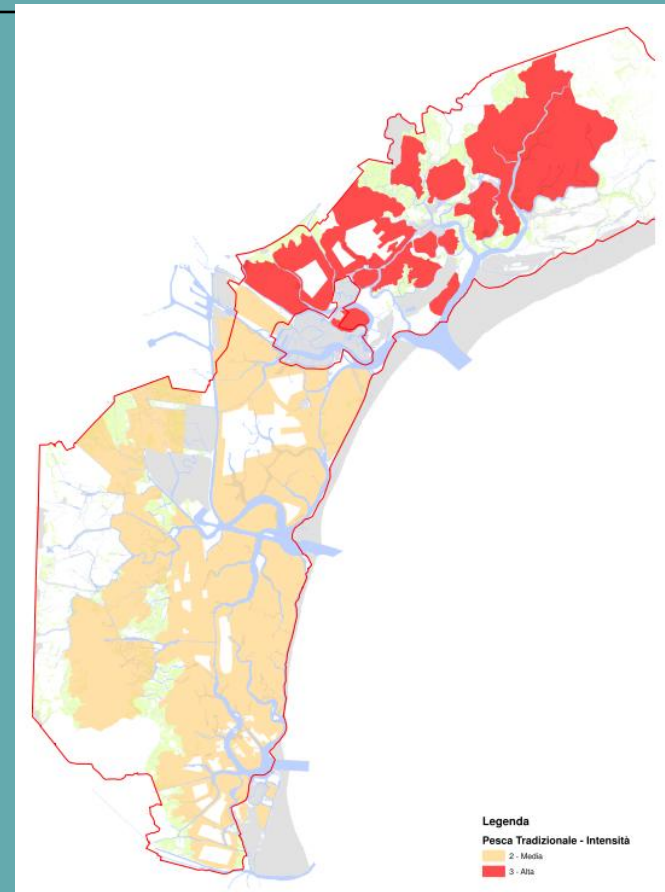
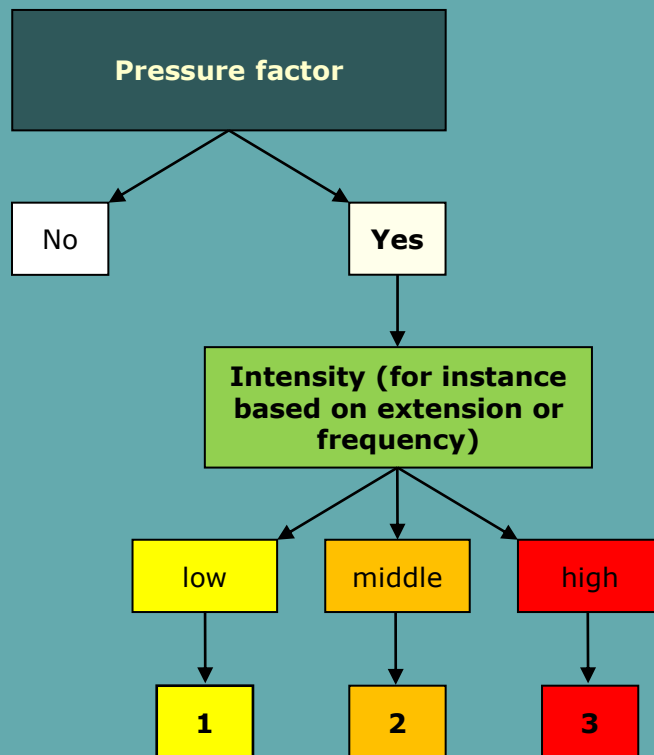


Mapping of Manila clam farms and Habitat NATURA 2000

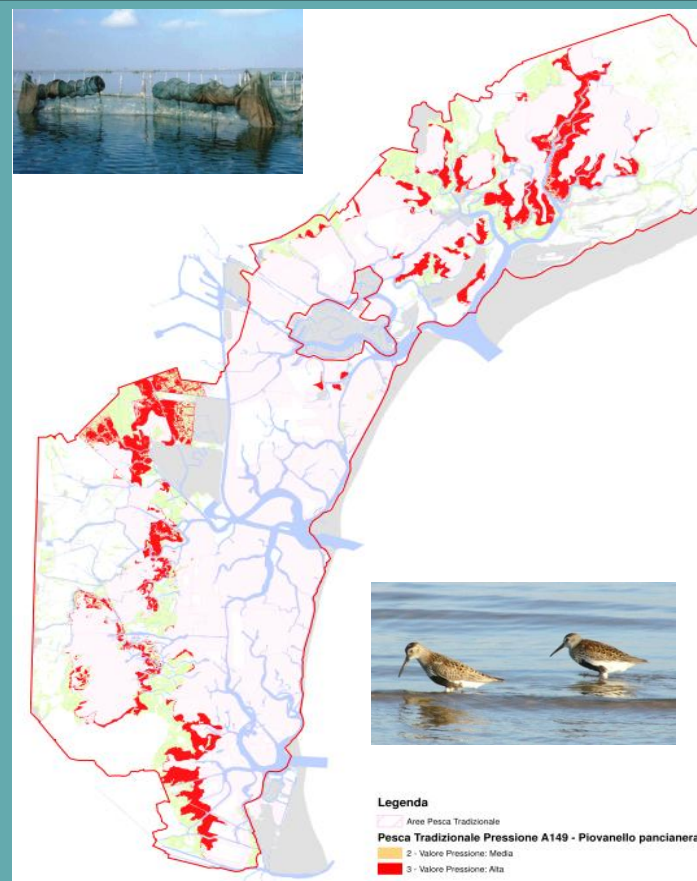
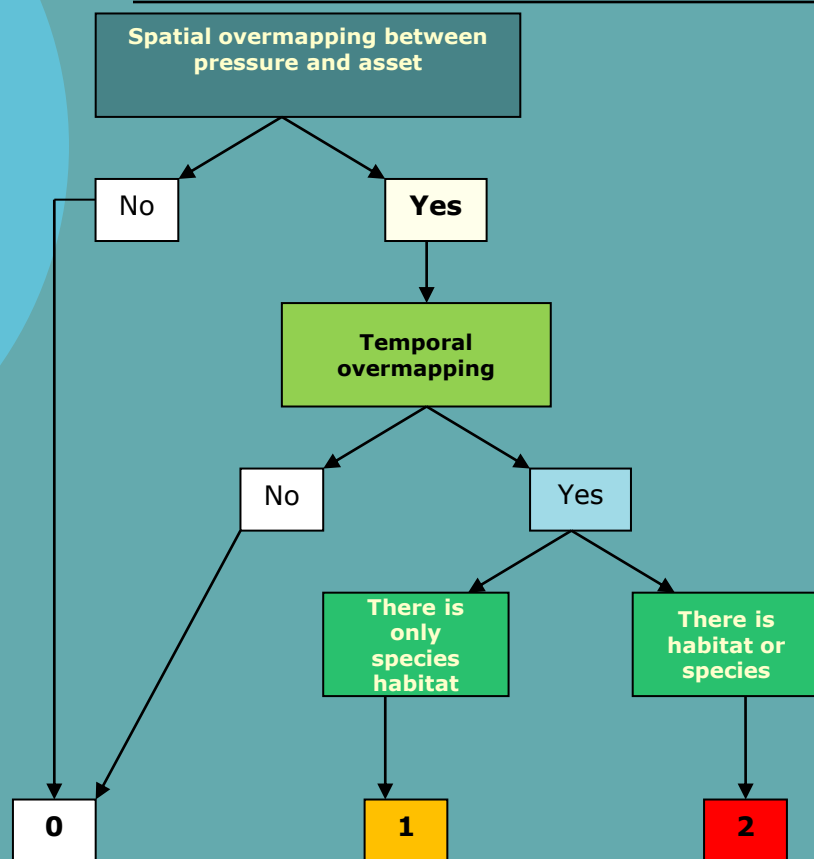




# Management plan of Venice Lagoon intensity



# Management plan of Venice Lagoon influence



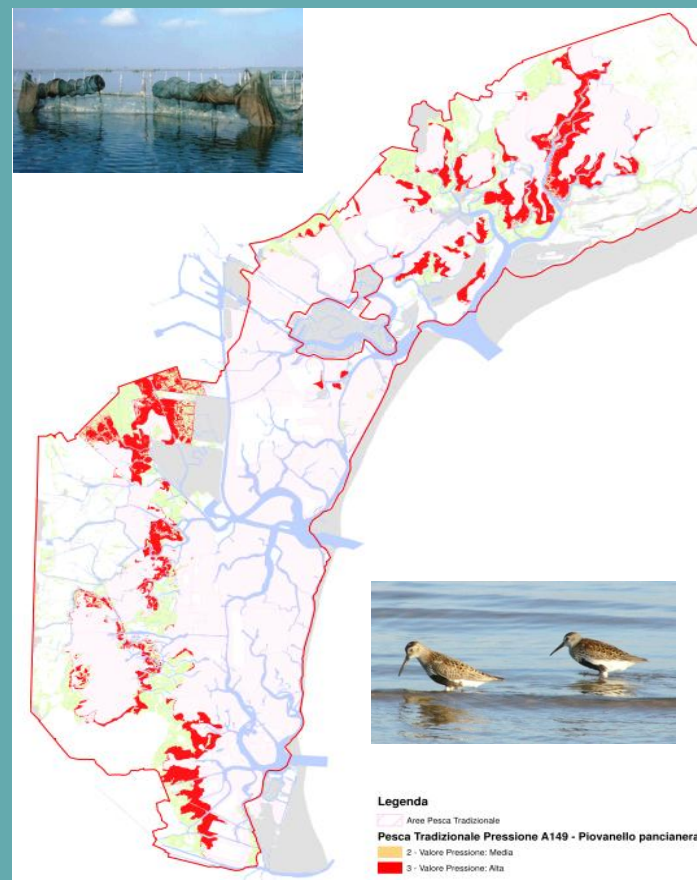


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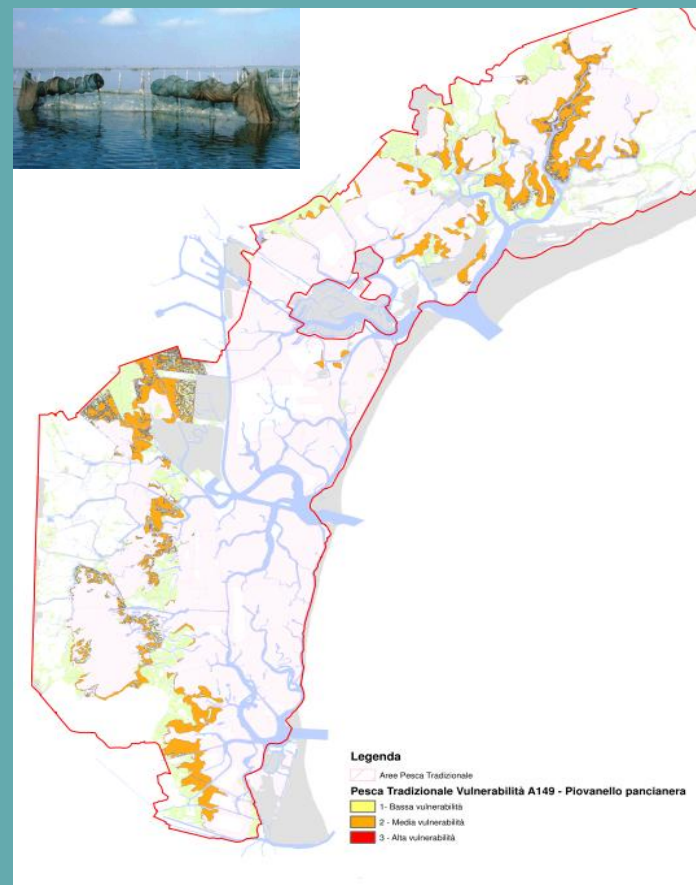
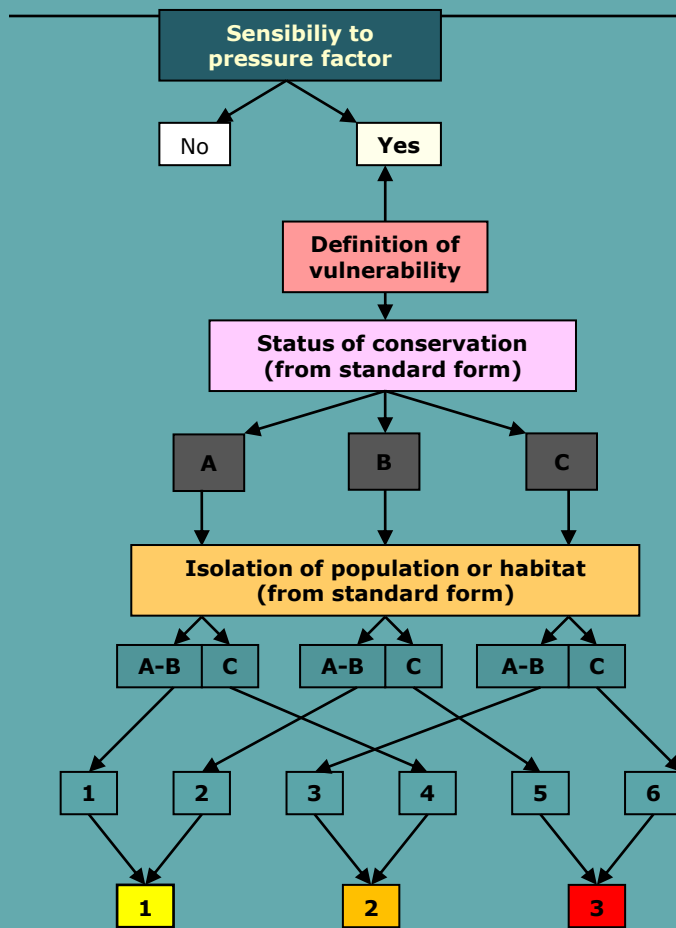
# Management plan of Venice Lagoon

## Quantifying the effects of the pressure factors

	INTENSITY			
INFLUENCE		1	2	3
	0	0	0	0
	1	1	2	3
	2	3	3	3



# Management plan of Venice Lagoon vulnerability





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# Management plan of Venice Lagoon vulnerability

Codice Sito IT3250046 NATURA 2000 Data Form

## NATURA 2000

### FORMULARIO STANDARD

PER ZONE DI PROTEZIONE SPECIALE (ZPS)

PER ZONE PROPONIBILI PER UNA IDENTIFICAZIONE COME SITI  
D'IMPORTANZA COMUNITARIA (SIC)

E

PER ZONE SPECIALI DI CONSERVAZIONE (ZSC)

## 3. INFORMAZIONI ECOLOGICHE

### 3.1. Tipi di HABITAT presenti nel sito e relativa valutazione del sito:

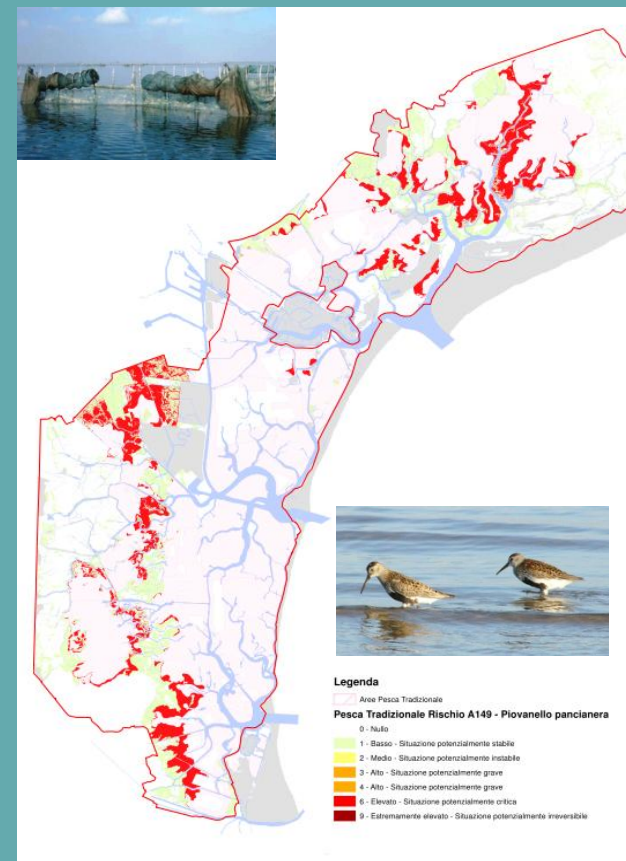
#### TIPI DI HABITAT ALLEGATO I:

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1150	20	B	A	B	B
1420	15	A	C	B	B
1140	11	A	C	A	A
1510	5	A	C	B	B
1410	2	B	C	B	B
1320	2	A	A	B	B
1310	2	A	A	B	B
3250	1	C	C	C	C
1210	1	C	C	C	C

# Management plan of Venice Lagoon risk matrix

The combination between the pressure value and the value of vulnerability is an assessment of the risk to habitats, species and habitats of species and results in potential or actual threats in place according to the cases reported in the risk matrix.

		VULNERABILITY			
		1	2	3	
PRESSURE	1	1	2	3	
	2	2	4	6	
	3	3	6	9	





# Management plan of Venice Lagoon interpretation of the risk matrix

Value	Risk	Actions
0	Null	Monitoring plan
1	Low - Potentially stable situation	Monitoring plan – Planning of actions to be taken in case of increased risk
2	Moderate - Potentially unstable situation	Monitoring plan - (high monitoring effort) – Planning of actions to be taken in case of increased risk
3-4	Considerable – Potentially serious situation	Monitoring plan - (high monitoring effort) – Immediately necessary regulation and active management actions
6	High – Potentially critical situation	Monitoring plan - (high monitoring effort) – Immediately urgent actions of regulation and active management
9	Extreme – Potentially irreversible situation	Monitoring plan - (high monitoring effort) – Immediately urgent priority actions of regulation and active management