

FRA proposal

Seamounts of the Mallorca Channel, Balearic Islands

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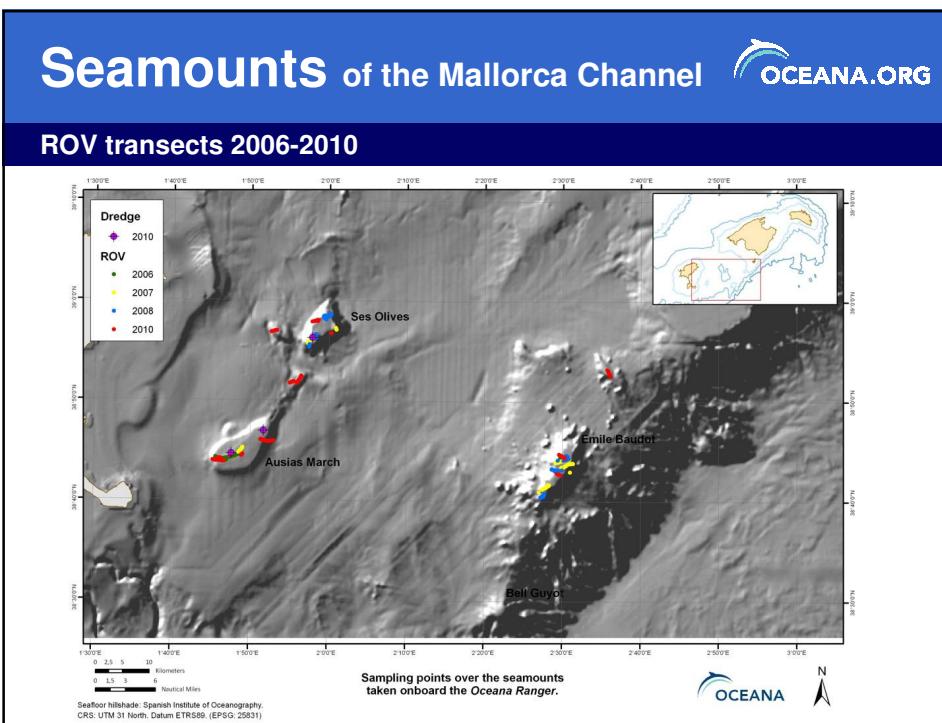
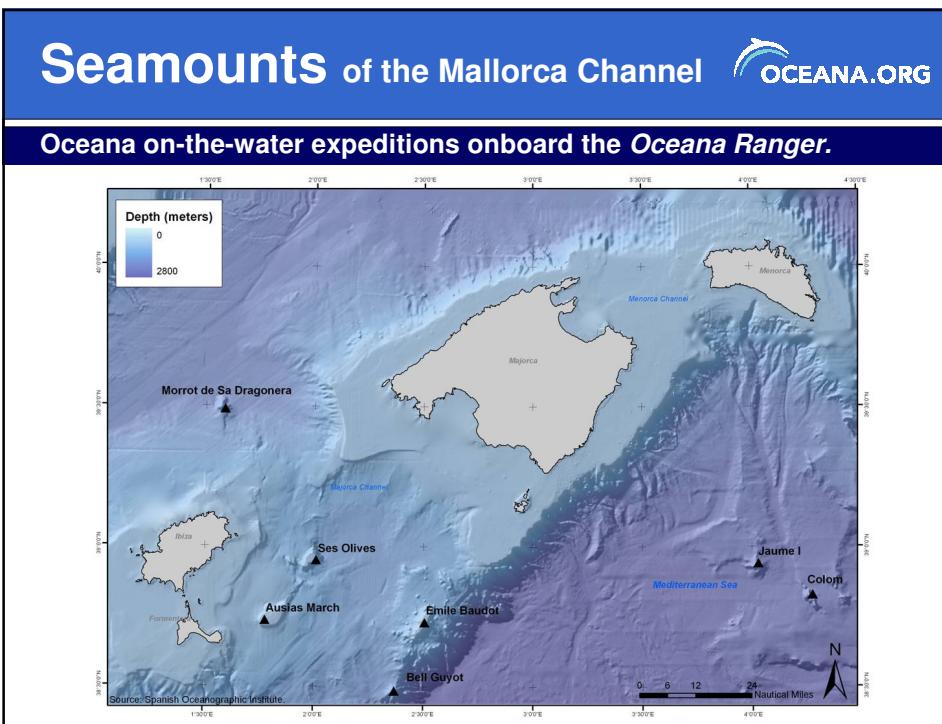


Marine research



Oceana on-the-water expeditions onboard the *Oceana Ranger*.





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IMPORTANT HABITATS

Protected habitats

Coralligenous and maërl beds

Sensitive habitats

Seamounts

Gorgonian gardens

Deep-sea sponge aggregations

Isidella elongata bed

Facies of *Gryphus* sp.

Leptometra phallangium aggregations

Essential Fish Habitats

Spawning area for pelagic species

Benthic species, to be identified



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IMPORTANT SPECIES



More than 200 species identified.

At least 32 regionally important species:

12 GFCM priority species: *Nephrops norvegicus, Palinurus elephas, Palinurus mauritanicus, Lophius piscatorius, Merlangius merlangius, Merluccius merluccius, Mullus barbatus, Mullus surmuletus, Scomber scombrus, Trachurus trachurus, Eledone cirrhosa, Octopus vulgaris.*

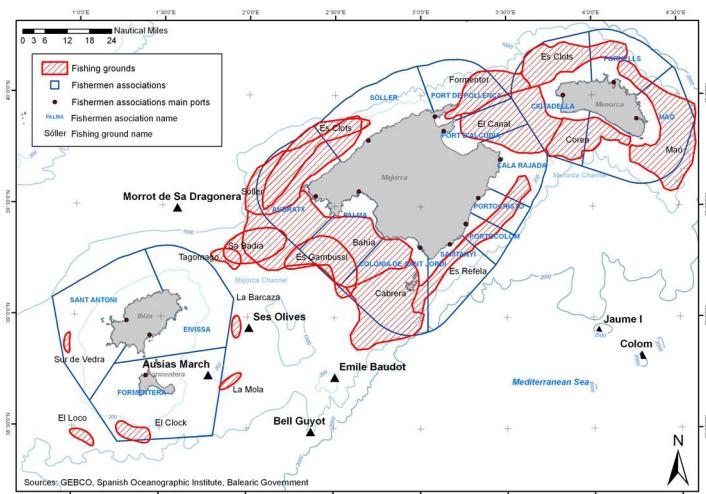
8 IUCN red list species: *Eunicella verrucosa, Caretta caretta, Epinephelus caninus, Physeter macrocephalus, Polypirion americanus, Raja montagui, Stenella coeruleoalba, Tursiops truncatus.*

16 species protected by several international conventions and legislation.

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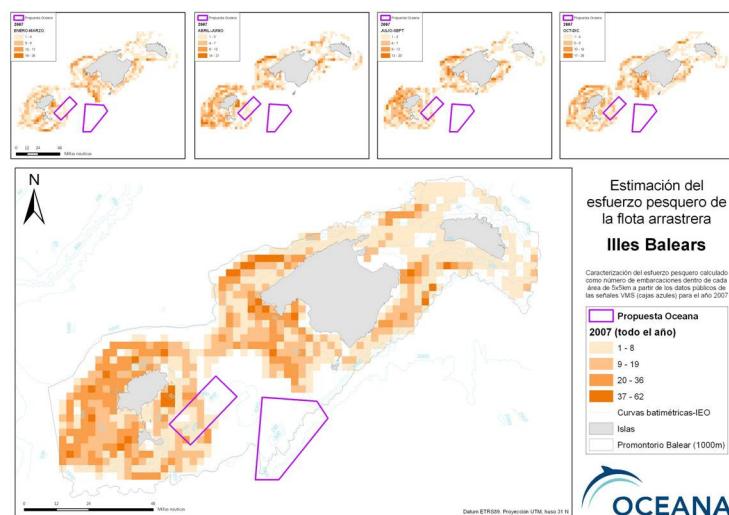
FISHERIES: industrial, artisanal, recreational



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FISHERIES: Bottom trawling



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HUMAN IMPACTS



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PRIORITY SPECIES

