

MARINE PROTECTED AREA KARABURUN-SAZAN - ALBANIA

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| Legal status: | National Marine Park |
| Year of establishment: | 2010 |
| Document of establishment: | Proclamation of the Council of Ministers |
| Management body : | NAPA ⁽¹⁾ + RAPA Vlore ⁽²⁾ co-managed with NGO Flag Pine |
| Declared area of the MPA : | 12,427 ha |
| Regional/Int. status : | SPAMI, 2016 |
| UICN Category (1994) : | Category II |



Territory: It is the only marine park of Albania and consists of the Karaburun peninsula as well as Sazan Island, near Vlora Bay. The Karaburun Peninsula is a managed nature reserve while Sazan Island is a military area.



Main threats and pressures:

- The rapid increase in the number of tourists visiting each year
- The presence of invasive species
- Overfishing, illegal fishing with a weak regulation on the matter



Focal species:

- Monk seal (*Monachus monachus*)
- Dusky grouper (*Epinephelus marginatus*)
- Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)



Activities funded by The MedFund:

- Improved surveillance to fight illegal fishing
- Awareness-raising activities
- Identification of indicator species or habitats to monitor the marine protected area
- Maintenance of the equipment and of the visitor center
- Governance and collaboration with stakeholders



Focal habitats:

- Posidonia meadows (*Posidonia oceanica*)
- Coralligenous communities
- Underwater and coastal caves

Year 1 - Allocated amount: € 44 455

Beneficiary: NGO Flag Pine

(1) National Agency of Protected Areas (NAPA)
(2) Regional Administration of Protected Areas