

## Rules of conduct in the Marine Protected Area “Capo Carbonara”

### Zone A - Full Reserve - Marked by yellow buoys

#### Permitted activities:

- Access to the Managing Authority' staff of the Marine Protected Area for maintenance, control, and to scientific personnel for authorized research activities;
- Access of authorised guided scuba diving tours in restricted areas and only on approved routes, considering high environmental protection;
- Rescue and supervisory control;
- Service activities carried out on behalf of Managing Authority.

#### Forbidden activities:

- Swimming;
- Spearfishing, professional and sport fishing;
- Boat cruising except for the patrol boats of the Marine Area's guards or authorized.
- In the areas indicated as A "integral reserve" navigation, anchoring and mooring is prohibited.

### Zone B - General Reserve

All activities of Zone A are permitted

In addition it is permitted:

- In zones B and C, access and navigation is allowed for naval units with sail, rowing, pedal or electric propulsion
- Sailing and cruising with boats at low speed (not exceeding 10 knots), within 300 and 600 meters from the coast
- Guided tours, including scuba diving authorized by the Managing Authority of the Marine Protected Area, with a number of visitors for each guide / instructor not exceeding 4, organised by the diving centers, having their registered office in the municipality of Villasimius
- Swimming
- Free scuba diving without breathing apparatus in agreement with dispositions of the Managing Authority and with ordinances of Port Captaincy
- Mooring at suitable structures when provided by the Managing Authority of the Marine Protected Area or compatibly with the necessities of seabed safeguard (sea and rocky bottoms)
- Limited fishing for the professional fishermen resident in Villasimius Municipality by the data of entry into force of the Ministerial Decree n° 60 emitted on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with current procedure in Execution and Organization Regulation. Note that the fishing equipment must not damage the seabed (gillnet, fish trap and trammel net)
- Sport fishing for residents or equivalent persons (second home owners, berth to the Lega Navale sezione di Villasimius, annual berth to the Marina di Villasimius), with technical and quantity provided for Execution and Organization Regulations
- Whale-watching activities according to Execution and Organization Regulations

#### Forbidden Activities:

- Spearfishing
- Free scuba diving, using Jet-Ski or similar, Waterskiing or similar

#### Zone C - Partial Reserve

All activities of Zone B are permitted

In addition it is permitted

- Sailing and cruising with boats at low speed (not exceeding 10 knots)
- Access and anchorage to boats with an overall length of up to 40 meters, exclusively on inert sandy or pebbly bottoms included in the areas identified by the coordinates given:

In Campulungu, anchoring is allowed exclusively in the area between the points:

A- 39 ° 07'50.15 N - 09 ° 30'02.84 E

B- 39 ° 07'45.17 N - 09 ° 29'54.19 E

C- 39 ° 07'25.34 N - 09 ° 30'15.08 E

D- 39 ° 07'30.41 N - 09 ° 30'23.30 E

In Porto Giunco anchor only in the area between the points:

A - 39 ° 06'46.79 N - 09 ° 31'11.53 E

B - 39 ° 06'42.09 N - 09 ° 31'25.20 E

C - 39 ° 07'34.10 N - 09 ° 32'10.49 E

D - 39 ° 07'38.75 N - 09 ° 32'00.20 E

Forbidden activities:

- Spearfishing
- Using Jet-Ski and similar, waterskiing and similar

#### Zone D - Experimental Reserve

All activities of Zone C are permitted

In addition it is permitted:

- Sailing and cruising with boats at low speed (not exceeding 20 knots)

Forbidden activities:

- Spearfishing
- Using Jet-Ski and similar, waterskiing and similar

In the protected marine area, the use of jet skis and similar vehicles, water skiing and similar water sports are not allowed. The use of jet skis and similar vehicles is only allowed for the purpose of ensuring the management of emergencies and first aid. These vehicles, in any case, must be driven by qualified rescue personnel with a nautical license.

Underwater fishing is prohibited throughout the protected marine area

Fishing with towed gear, seine, drift and purse nets, light sources is not allowed. Aquaculture, active restocking and underwater fishing are also not allowed

The capture, holding on board, transshipment, landing, storage, sale and display or sale of mature lobster females and mature crayfish females are prohibited. In case of accidental capture, mature lobster females and mature crayfish females must be immediately thrown back into the sea, in accordance with current legislation

#### Cetacean observation

For cetacean observation activities and, in general, in the presence of marine mammals, an observation border is identified, within 100 meters of the sighted cetaceans, and within 300 meters of the sighted cetaceans. It is not allowed to get closer than 50 meters to the animals and to stay longer than 30 minutes watching them. In the observation and approach, navigation is allowed at a maximum speed of 5 knots. Swimming is not allowed in the observation zone and there may be only one naval unit or a single aircraft, exclusively at an height above 150 meters above sea level.

Over flight with helicopters is not allowed, except for rescue, surveillance and service activities. It is not allowed to stay with the naval unit within a group of cetaceans, even involuntarily separating individuals or groups of individuals from the main group.

It is not allowed to feed animals and throw any material into the water. Frontal approach to animals is not allowed.

It is not allowed to interfere with the normal behavior of animals, especially in the presence of females with puppies.

Sudden changes of course and speed of naval units are not allowed.

In the case of a voluntary approach of the cetaceans to the naval unit, it is mandatory to maintain a constant speed, less than 5 knots, without changing direction.

In the approach range, no more than three naval units may be present at the same time, waiting to access the observation range, following the chronological order of arrival in the approach area.

In the event that animals show signs of intolerance, it is mandatory to move away with a constant course from the observation and approach bands.

For the purposes of protecting the habitat, plants and animal species, both terrestrial and marine, within the territory of the protected marine area, it is not allowed:

The collection of shells and sand and the removal of portions of rock of any size

The collection of plants and part of them, except in the context of duly authorized scientific research activities

For the purposes of the conservation of the coastal ecosystem of the area in front of Spiaggia del Riso, protection from pollution and erosion, mooring, anchoring, transit and fishing are prohibited

The capture, collection and damage of animal and plant species as well as the removal of minerals and archaeological finds

The alteration of the geophysical environment and of the chemical and hydro biological characteristics of the water

The introduction of weapons, explosives and any other means of destruction and capture

Any form of solid and liquid waste landfill

The management body of the protected natural area can intervene in judgments regarding intentional or negligent facts that may compromise the integrity of the natural heritage of the protected area and has the right to appeal in administrative jurisdiction for the annulment of illegitimate acts, detrimental to the aims of the protected area

In convictions, the judge may order, in particularly serious cases, the confiscation of the items used for the offense

Anyone who violates the provisions is punished with imprisonment for up to twelve months and a fine. The penalties are doubled in case of relapse.

If the protected area is not marked with the appropriate means and tools, anyone in command or driving a pleasure craft, who is not aware of the restrictions relating to this area, violates the prohibition of motor navigation is subject to the administrative sanction of the payment of a sum from 25 euros to 1000 euros.

In marine protected areas, activities that may compromise the protection of the characteristics of the environment subject to protection are prohibited. In particular, the following are prohibited: the capture, collection and damage of animals and plant species as well as the removal of minerals and archaeological finds. The alteration of the geophysical environment and of the chemical and hydrobiological characteristics of the water.

In case of sighting animals in difficulty it is not allowed to recover and/or touch the animals, but it is mandatory to contact immediately the protected marine area or the institutional bodies responsible for the protection and safeguarding of wildlife.

In the protected marine area, navigation is not permitted in areas intended for bathing, as identified by the ordinances of the competent maritime authority, even if not marked by boundary buoys.

In the protected marine area the discharge into the sea of raw water from bilges or other facilities of the naval unit and of any toxic or polluting substance is not allowed, as well as the landfill of solid or liquid waste

The improper use of speech diffusion systems and acoustic or sound signals is not allowed, except to provide information, with a sound volume strictly necessary for the perception of the same by the passengers on board

Within the stretches of water used as a mooring field identified and prepared by the managing body: underwater activities with or without self-contained breathing apparatus are not permitted, anchoring, free navigation and the permanence of non-moored naval units, recreational fishing and professional fishing is allowed to swim only in the vicinity of one's own moored unit, with the engine off and in the absolute absence of maneuvers by another unit and in any case in the area indicated by the manager.

Improper use of acoustic or sound signals is not allowed

The mooring of pleasure craft on buoys reserved for diving and scuba diving is not allowed.