

Spain – European Union: Actions and initiatives regarding the identification and protection of Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VMEs)



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...to identify and to protect VMEs

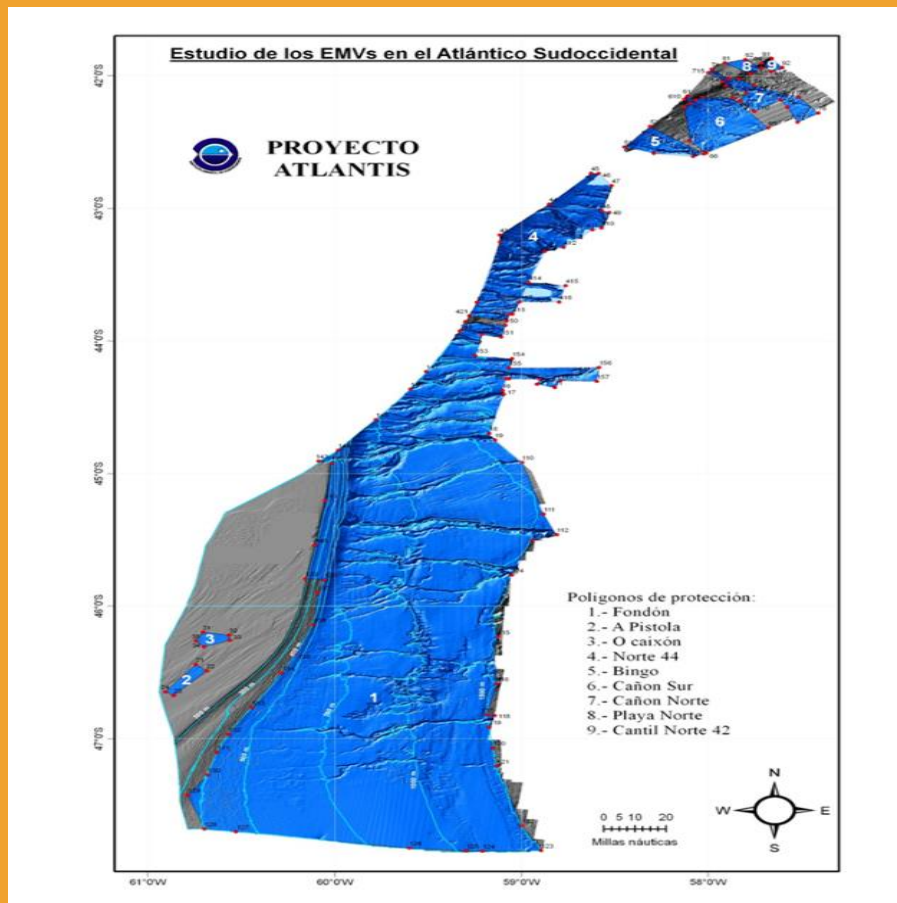
- **European Union and Spain – involvement from the beginning: Resolution 61/105**
- **Scientific data: Fishing vessels, observers, etc.**
- **Simbiosis between fisheries as economic activity and conservation of the marine environment:
1923...**
- **Role of the RFMOs**
- **South Atlantic – Spain and the European Union (Regulation 2017/2403 sustainable management of external fishing fleets - Regulation 734/2008 on the protection of VMEs in the high seas)**

INITIATIVES (in the framework of RFMOs)

- Hatton Bank (NEAFC) “PROJECT ECOVUL / ARPA**
- Grand Banks of Newfoundland (NAFO)
“PROJET NEREIDA”**
- Walvis Ridge, Namibia (SEAFO)**

INITIATIVES (no RFMO involved)

- “ATLANTIS” campaigns on VMEs in the Patagonian platform – South West Atlantic



- “MIRABILIS” campaign, with the participation of Spain, which includes activities in Cape Verde waters and international waters

INITIATIVES (EU Waters - Spain)

- LIFE+INDEMARES

- INTEMARES

Deep-sea habitats, pelagic species and seabirds and the human use of these areas.

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