



**Resolution 23: Protection for the serranids and syngnathids occurring off the Spanish coasts**



Year	Congress
2016	
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
	<p>UICN Med.</p>
Petition	
<p>Requests the Director General to work with IUCN Members and Commissions, especially in the European and Mediterranean environment, to raise awareness of biodiversity conservation coastal, and specifically the protection of Serranids; provide technical and programmatic support to promote and strengthen existing initiatives and share information on their conservation; urge European Member States, and especially the Spanish one, as well as their regional governments, to promote effective protection</p>	

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measures for these species, through specific regulations and management plans highlighting the importance of protecting their habitat and increasing their connectivity; and increase efforts to assess the conservation status of all commercial Serranid and Syngnathic species. In addition, all IUCN members are urged to actively cooperate in the conservation of these species and the European Union and its member states are urged to make funds available for the study and conservation of these keystone and flagship species for European coastal ecosystems.

State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process

**Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain**

[Release of specimens of brown grouper \(\*Epinephelus marginatus\*\) bred in captivity to reinforce the population in the Paraje Natural de los Acantilados de Maro-Cerro Gordo \(Nerja\) \(2014\)](#)

[“HIPPOPARGUES” Project \(2016-2019\).](#)

[Hipponostrum Project: Flag species Aula el Mar \(2020\).](#)

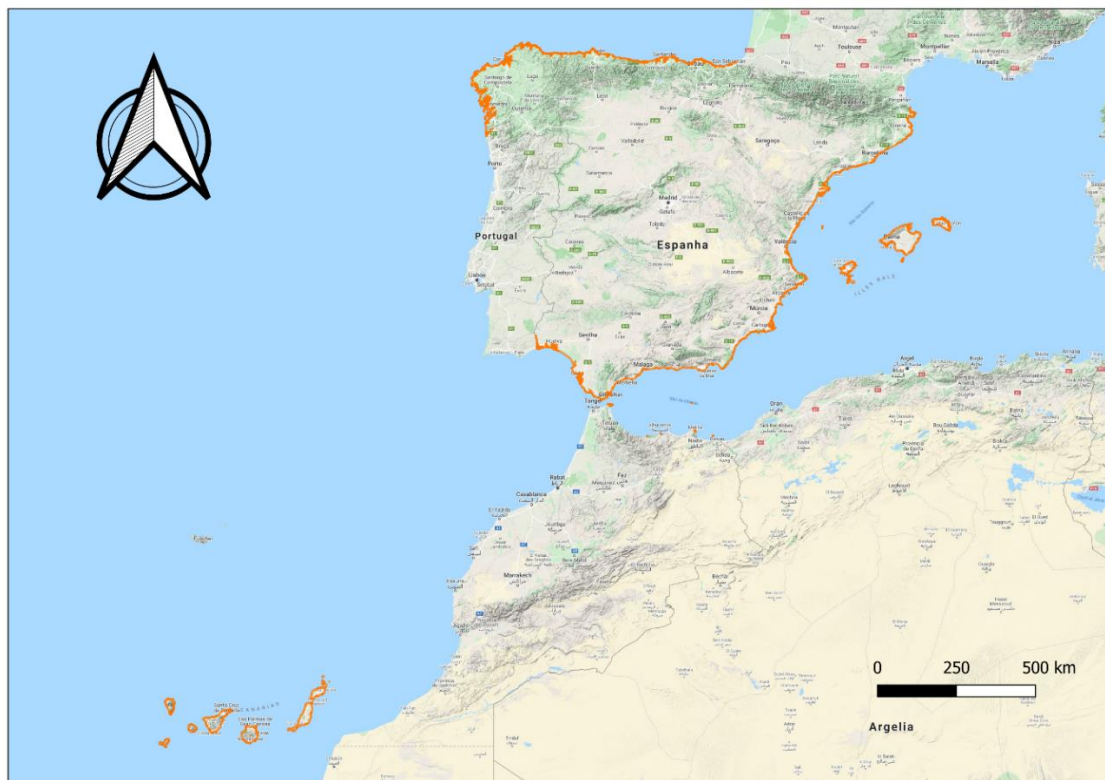
[Monitoring of the Mediterranean seahorse in the Mar Menor](#) by the Hippocampus Association.

Legislation:

[List of Wild Species under Special Protection Regime and the Spanish Catalogue of Threatened Species \(2011\)](#); where the two species of seahorses present in the Spanish coasts are listed.

[Annex II of the Protocol concerning specially protected areas and biological diversity in the Mediterranean](#), adopted at the 20th Meeting of the Parties held in Tirana on 20 December 2017; where both species of seahorses are listed.

Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
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