



## Resolutions and Recommendations Sheets

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



Year	Congress
2016	 <p>IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS Hawai'i 2016</p>
Sponsoring entity	Co-sponsoring entities
 <p>AULADELMAR 30</p>	<p>UICN Med.</p>

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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 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.</p>	
State	Fulfilment in Spain
Active	In process
Summary of actions carried out with effect in Spain	
<p><a href="#">Release of specimens of brown grouper (<i>Epinephelus marginatus</i>) bred in captivity to reinforce the population in the Paraje Natural de los Acantilados de Maro-Cerro Gordo (Nerja) (2014)</a>  <a href="#">"HIPPOPARQUES" Project (2016-2019).</a>  <a href="#">Hipponostrum Project: Flag species Aula el Mar (2020).</a>  <a href="#">Monitoring of the Mediterranean seahorse in the Mar Menor</a> by the Hippocampus Association.</p> <p><b>UPDATE 2022</b>  <a href="#">Project "SEAHORSE PROJECT", of the Valencian Community. (2021).</a> Ambiens works on the study, conservation and evaluation of seahorse populations in the Valencian Community.  <a href="#">The Oceanogràfic of Valencia has managed to reproduce for the first time in its facilities 30 specimens of the long-snouted seahorse ( <i>Hippocampus guttulatus</i> ). (2021).</a>  <a href="#">SECOND CYCLE MONITORING PROGRAMS (2018-2024).</a> Fish and cephalopod monitoring strategy and associated monitoring programs. (2021). Evaluation and follow-up of the serranids .  <a href="#">Hippocampus Association. Projects. (2022).</a>  <a href="#">Plumbum Project. (2022).</a> A pioneering project to decontaminate the seabed with lead. The derived economic benefits directly finance environmental education actions, studies on the population and conservation of habitats of the Mar Menor seahorse ( <i>Hippocampus guttulatus</i> ).  <a href="#">Canary Islands. FEMPA action plan. (2022).</a> Planned actions for the sustainable exploitation of fishing and the development of a sustainable blue economy. Includes serranids.</p> <p>Legislation:  <a href="#">List of Wild Species under Special Protection Regime and the Spanish Catalogue of Threatened Species (2011)</a>; where the two species of seahorses present in the Spanish coasts are listed.  <a href="#">Annex II of the Protocol concerning specially protected areas and biological diversity in the Mediterranean</a>, adopted at the 20th Meeting of the Parties held in Tirana on 20 December 2017; where both species of seahorses are listed.</p>	

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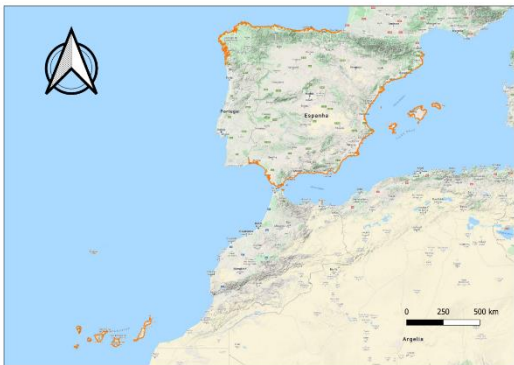
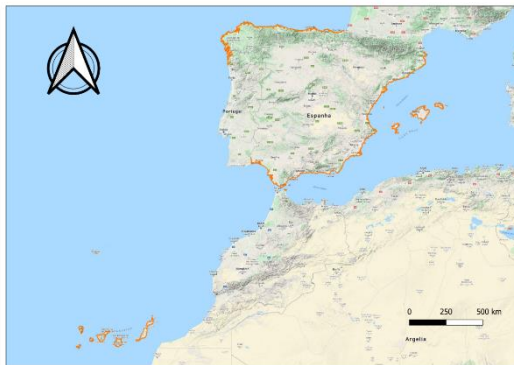
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RESOLUTION of January 20, 2020, of the General Director of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, approving the Annual Animal Health Plan for 2020 of the Valencian Community and other complementary actions. Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development, Climate Emergency and Ecological Transition. Includes some serranids.

RESOLUTION of January 12, 2021, of the General Director of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, approving the Annual Animal Health Plan for 2021 of the Valencian Community and other complementary actions. [2021/268]. Includes some serranids.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2021/2280 of December 16, 2021 amending Regulation (EC) no. 338/97 of the Council on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora through the control of their trade, and Regulation (CE) no. 865/2006 of the Commission establishing provisions for the application of Regulation (EC) no. 338/97 of the Council. Includes the species of seahorse.

ORDER ACC/157/2022, of June 27, which establishes certain management measures for professional and recreational fishing in the marine environment of the Cap de Creus Natural Park and in the bay of Cadaqués. Includes the group of serratids.

Estimated geographical scope	Geographical scope achieved
	

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