

# COCONET Project Collaborative project Theme: OCEAN.2011-4 Grant agreement no: 287844



### **COCONET**

Towards COast to COast NETworks of marine protected areas (from the shore to the high and deep sea), coupled with sea-based wind energy potential

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Name and Surname:
Organization:
COCONET Partner Number: For non COCONET partner specify: Project name and funding organization:
Contact Information (E-mail):
Data requested: (e.g. Specify the GIS Layer you need to download)
How will the data be used? (please provide as much information as possible concerning the purpose behind the data request and foreseen future publications)
Agree to COCONET License Terms and Conditions
Date
Signature
To be sent to:
Project coordinator: Ferdinando Boero (boero@unisalento.it)  COCONET Data Manager: Federica Foglini (federica.foglini@bo.ismar.cnr.it)  DATA distribution supervisor: Valentina Grande (valentina.grande@bo.ismar.cnr.it)



#### References

- [1] Directive 2003/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2003 on public access to environmental information and repealing Council Directive 90/313/EEC (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/aarhus/index.htm).
- [2] INSPIRE Directive for spatial information in the Community (http://inspire.jrc.it/home.html)
- [3] IOC Data Policy (http://ioc3.unesco.org/iode/contents.php?id=200)
- [4] ICES Data Policy 2006 (https://www.ices.dk/Datacentre/Data Policy 2006.pdf)
- [5] WMO Resolution 40 (Cg-XII; see http://www.nws.noaa.gov/im/wmor40.htm)
- [6] Implementation plan for the Global Observing System for Climate in support of the UNFCCC, 2004; GCOS 92, WMO/TD No.1219.
- [7] Global Earth Observation System of Systems GEOSS 10-Year Implementation Plan Reference Document (Final Draft) 2005. GEO 204. February 2005.
- [8] CLIVAR Initial Implementation Plan, 1998; WCRP No. 103, WMO/TS No. 869, ICPO No. 14. June 1998.