



# DOLPHINS - CONNECTING PEOPLE

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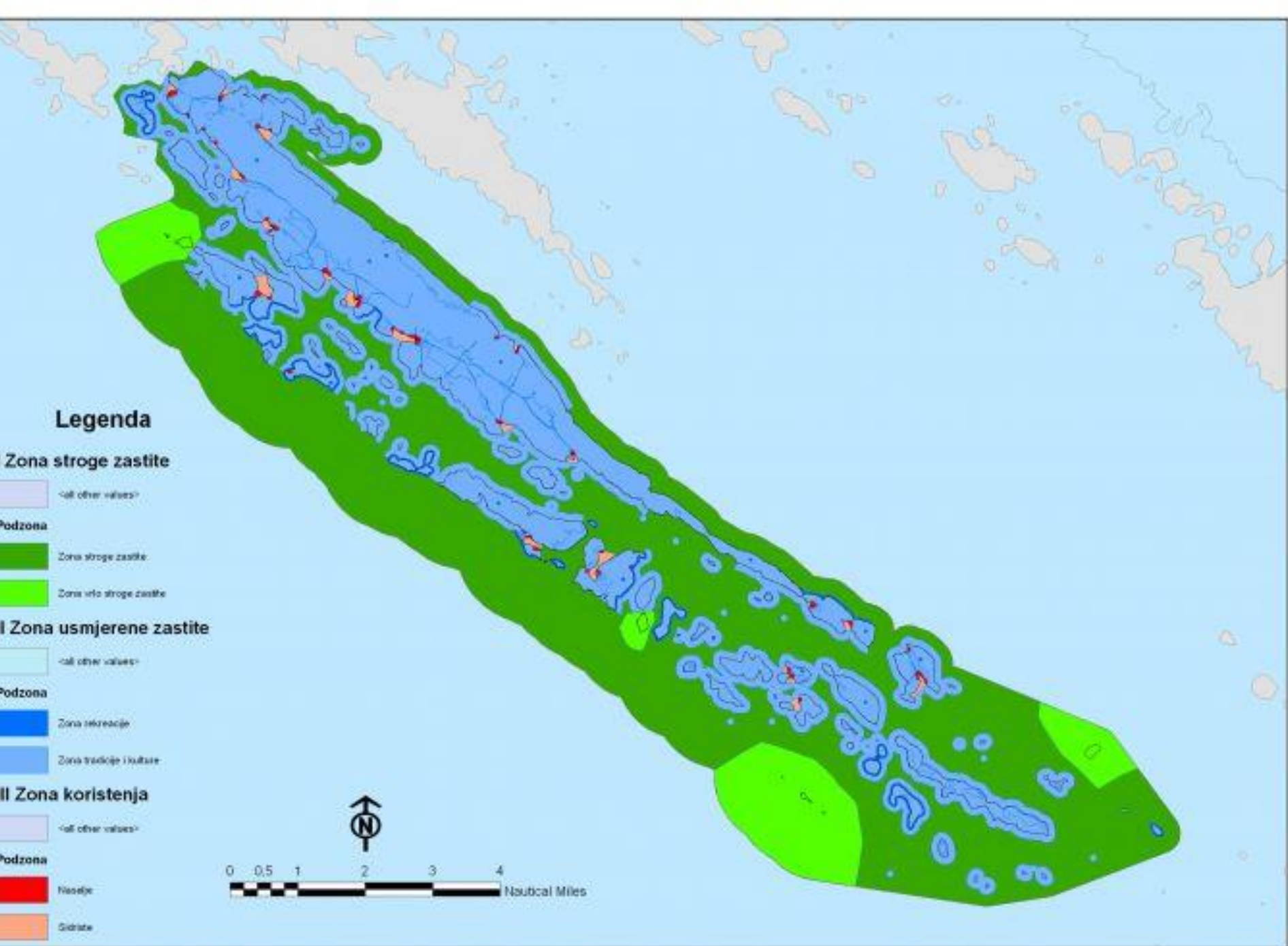
**KORNATI**

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National Park

# Kornati National Park – Facts

- Kornati Archipelago – the densest Archipelago in Mediterranean (147)
- Established 1980.
- 216 km<sup>2</sup> 89 islands, isles and reefs
- 4 strictly protected zones
- **Privately owned 99,99 % (620)**





# Kornati values

- exceptional geographic & geomorphological features („crowns”)
  - anthropogenic terrestrial vegetation (rocky pastures)
  - rich marine biodiversity (*Posidonia oceanica*, *Tursiops truncatus*) and oceanographic specificities
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- cultural and traditional heritage



# Tourism in Kornati



- 1970s
- the predominant form of tourism is boating and sightseeing with short or long stays (individual and group visits)
- majority of visits are individual (13.846 boat tickets) while group visitors (excursion boats) are represented with 720 group visits (2015)
- other forms of tourism: **diving visits, catering (restaurants and taverns) and accommodation in small houses**

# Main Obstacles In Management

- **PRIVATE PROPERTY** (and national governance!!!!)
- **LACK OF COOPERATION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS** (especially land-owners)
- **HIGH MANAGEMENT COST**



# Budget

- Very expensive management
- Cca 1.000.000 Euro (50% national budget)
- **4,3 %** for field research
- Not enough for a  
SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES
- **WHAT WE NEED IS TO BE CREATIVE!!!!**





THE KORNATI ARCHIPELAGO  
FORUM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

## TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

- In 2015, Kornati NP was awarded with **European Charter for Sustainable Tourism for a 5-years period**
- Interpretation program (on excursion boats) was identified by using SWOT analysis during Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy and Action Plan development process.



# Project background

- Broader Kornati NP area = NATURA 2000 for bottle-nosed dolphin (HR3000419)
- Lack of money for proper dolphin research  
(some small scale research is ongoing)
- Need to improve interpretation program during excursion trips (low knowledge transfer among visitors, lack of interaction,...)

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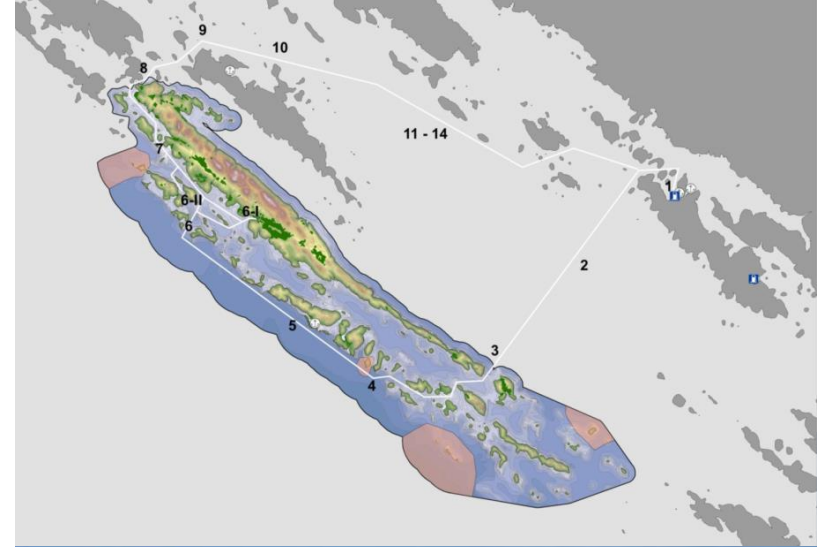
- Interested student (BOKU, Wien) in dolphin research
- 3 ECST members – excursion boat owners who want to improve their service

# The Project Idea

Design of research program in order to:

1. Get knowledge on dolphin sightings during excursions to Kornati important for:
  - conservation of Kornati population
  - improving those excursions with info- edu content
2. Enhance cooperation with stakeholders

**Additional activity:** Structure and satisfaction of visitors questionnaire



# The Project

- July 18 – August 29 2016
- 1+1 volunteers, 3 ECST members
- 27 + 14 working days (2 overlapping)
- Total costs = **1,200 Euro** (travel costs & food)
- **2,33 sightings per excursion**
- **Valuable data about dolphin distribution**
- **- II - for excursion boat operators**
- More analysis: GIS



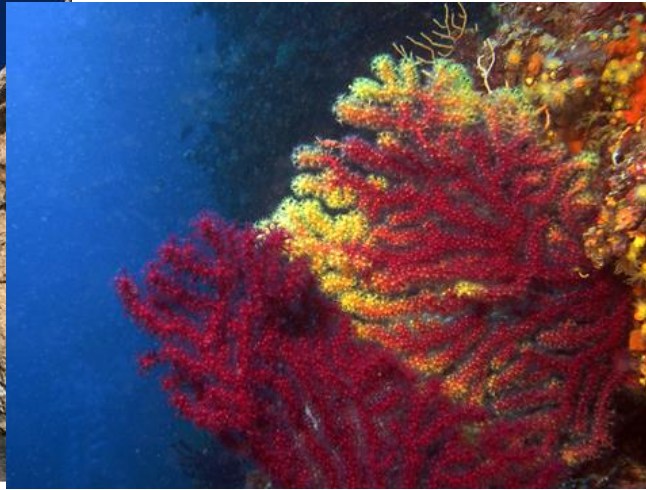
# Follow up?

- Interest of stakeholders for continuation in 2017.
- And co-financing volunteer's program – young interpretators and dolphin researchers
- EVS – ERASMUS+ ?





**THANK YOU**



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