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## ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY MAPS: A TOOL TO FACE BEACH OILING POLLUTION

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# Main research topics are:

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## - Coastal changes at small temporal scale (hours/days)



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Sediment-activation depth values for gentle and steep beaches

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## - Coastal changes at medium temporal scale (months/years)

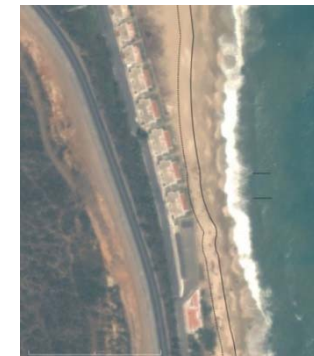
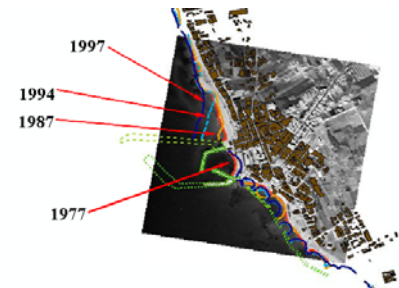
## - Coastal changes at large temporal scale (years/decades)



An integrated approach to coastal erosion problems in northern Tuscany (Italy): Littoral morphological evolution and cell distribution

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# - Coastal storms and impacts

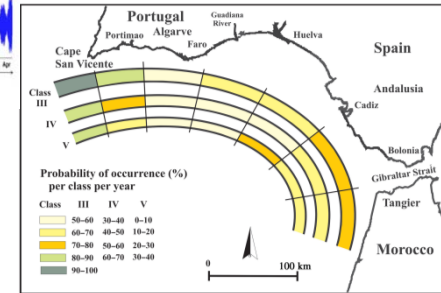
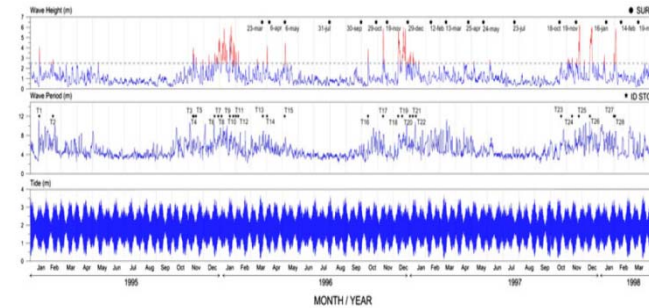
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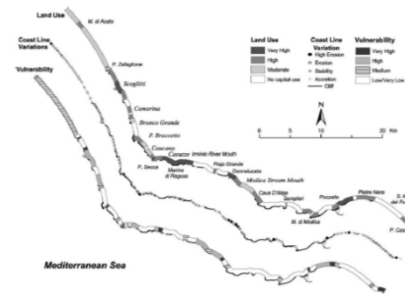


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A tool for evaluating the archaeological heritage vulnerability to coastal processes: The case study of Naples Gulf (southern Italy)

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# - Coastal sensitivity to beach oiling: Environmental Sensitivity Maps

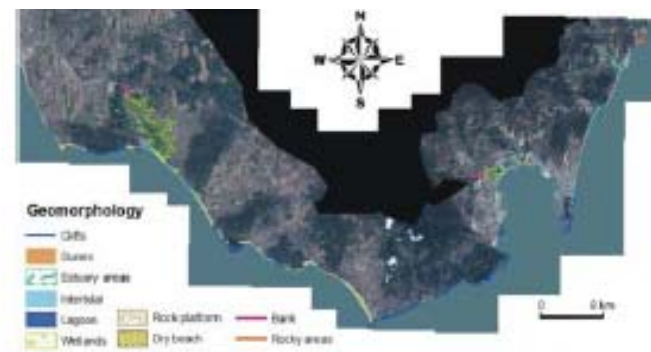
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## Environmental Sensitivity Maps: the northern coast of Gibraltar Strait example

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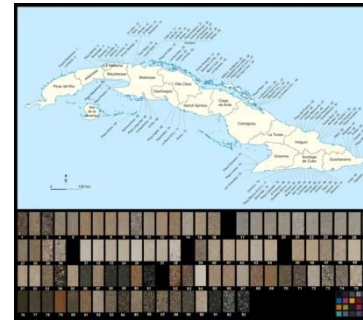


# - Coastal management



Sand colour at Cuba and its influence on beach nourishment and management

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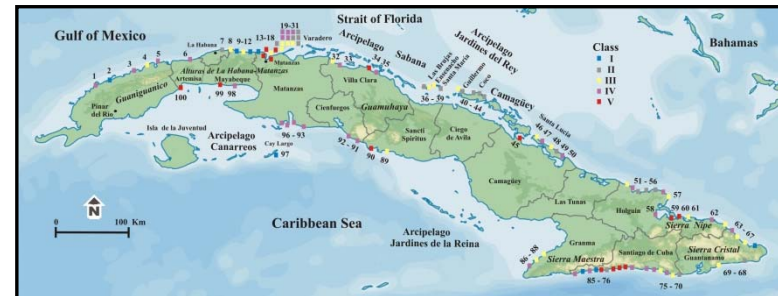
# - Coastal scenery value



Article

## Management Implications for the Most Attractive Scenic Sites along the Andalusia Coast (SW Spain)

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Coastal scenic assessment and tourism management in western Cuba

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# - Beach litter characterization and dynamics

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## Distribution of beach litter along the coastline of Cádiz, Spain

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# - Coastal water quality



Baseline

Microbiological water quality and sources of contamination along the coast of the Department of Atlántico (Caribbean Sea of Colombia). Preliminary results

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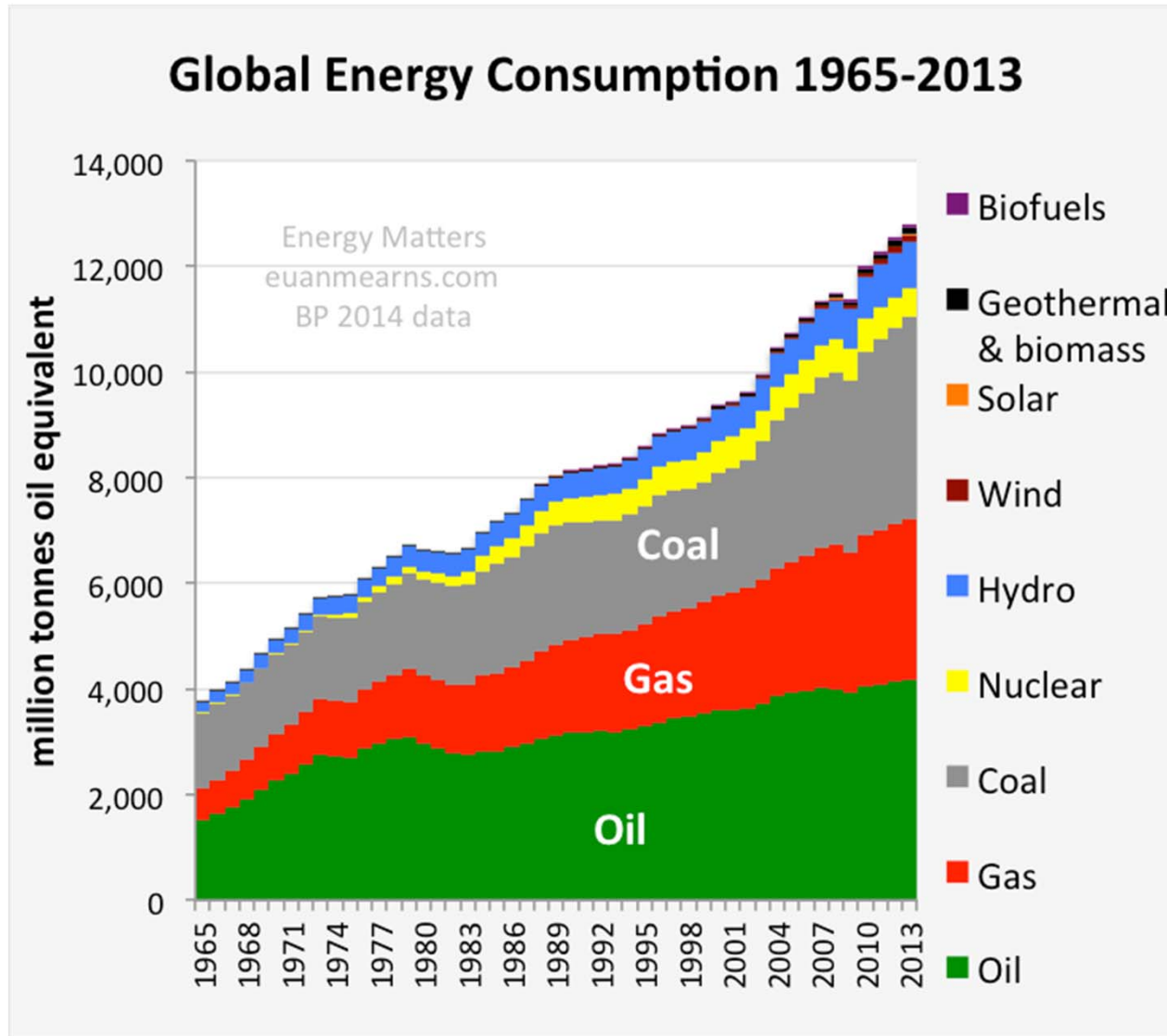
Fig. 1. Location map with beach water sampled areas (numbers) and streams (letters, for details see Table 1).



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# INTRODUCTION

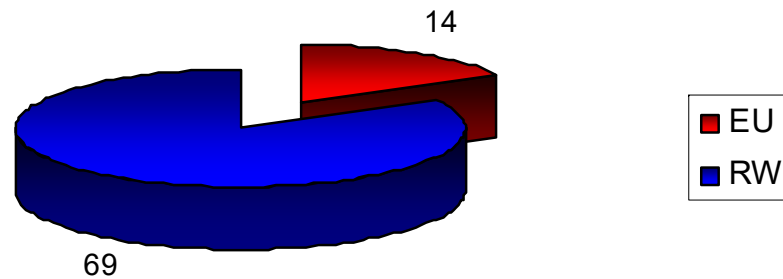






## INTRODUCTION

OIL (millions bbl consumed per day)

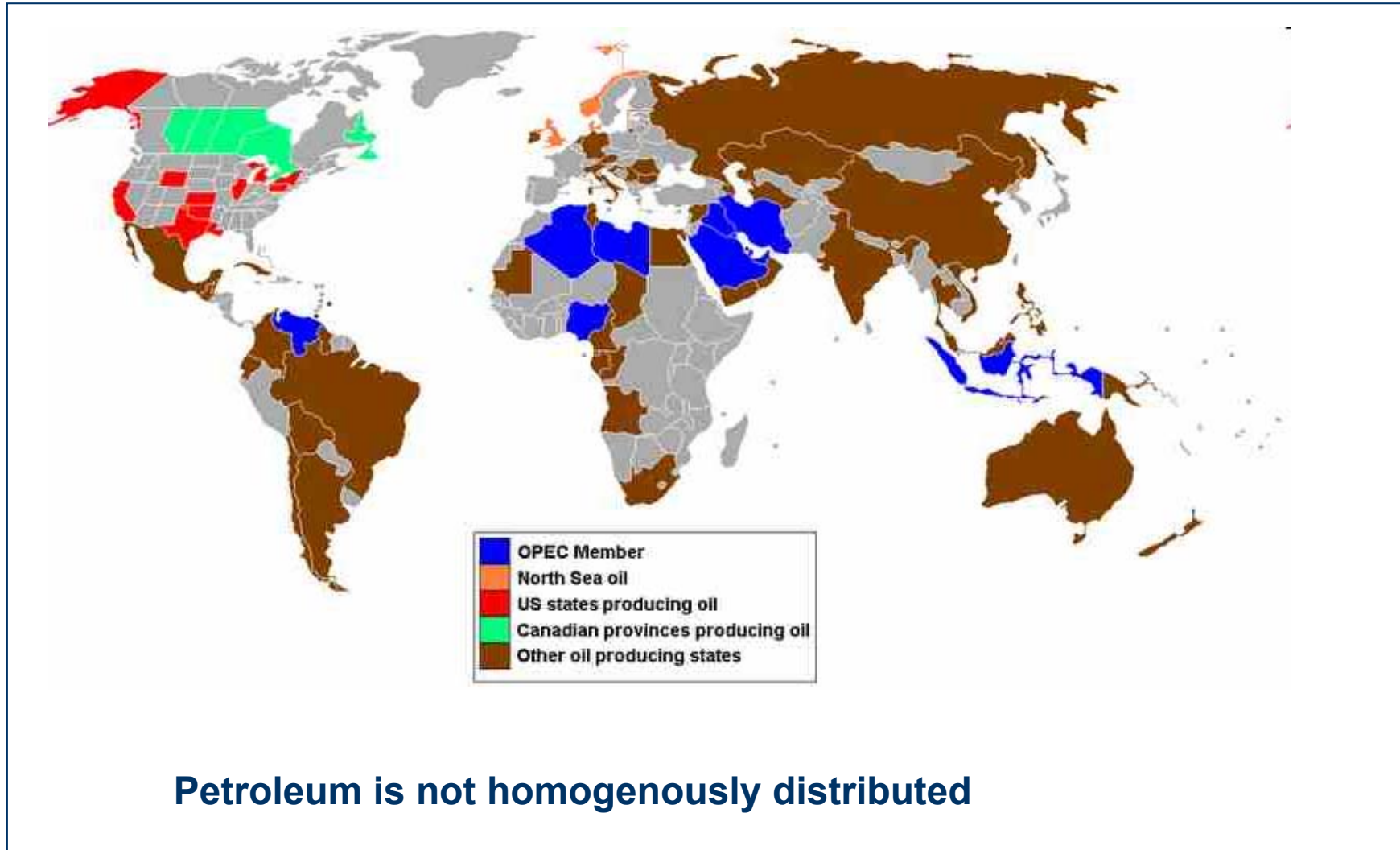


**Total oil consumption in 2019 was almost 100 million barrels per day**



The “Europe” (IMO Number: 9235268; Type: Crude oil Tanker; DWT = 441561 Tons) transports all the oil consumed in one year

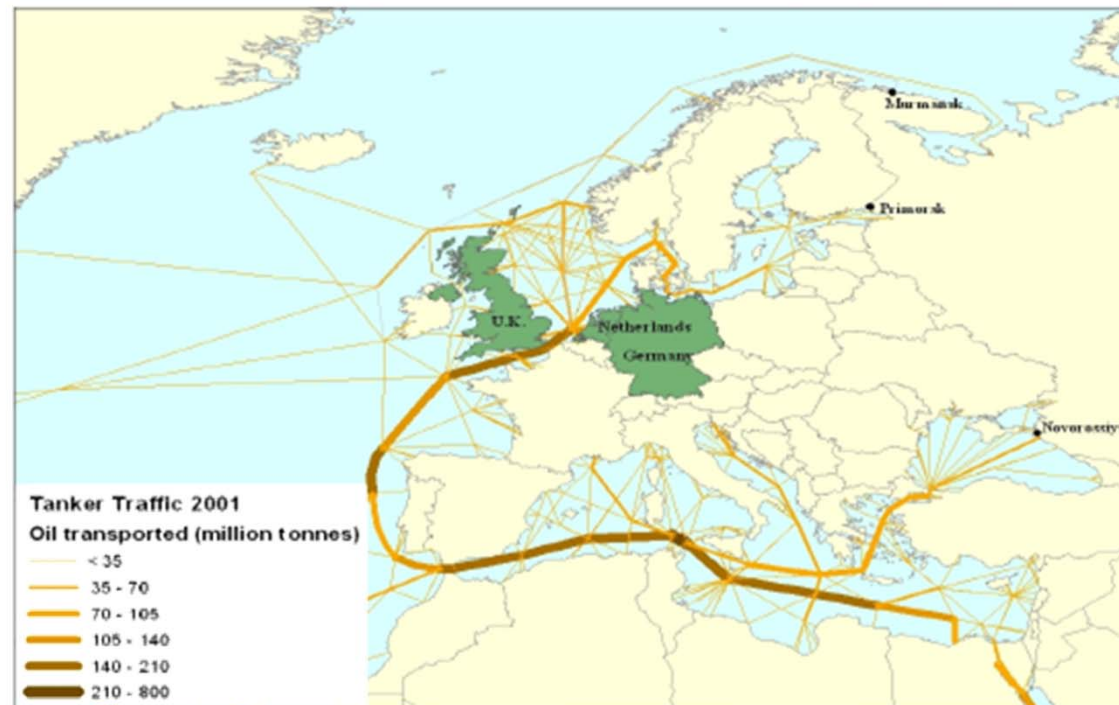
**In Montenegro the average consumption in 2016 was 7,000 barrels per day**





**Oil shipping accounts for nearly a third of global maritime trade. The capacity of the world's fleet of tankers, the ships that transport crude oil and petroleum products, has increased by 73% since 2000.**

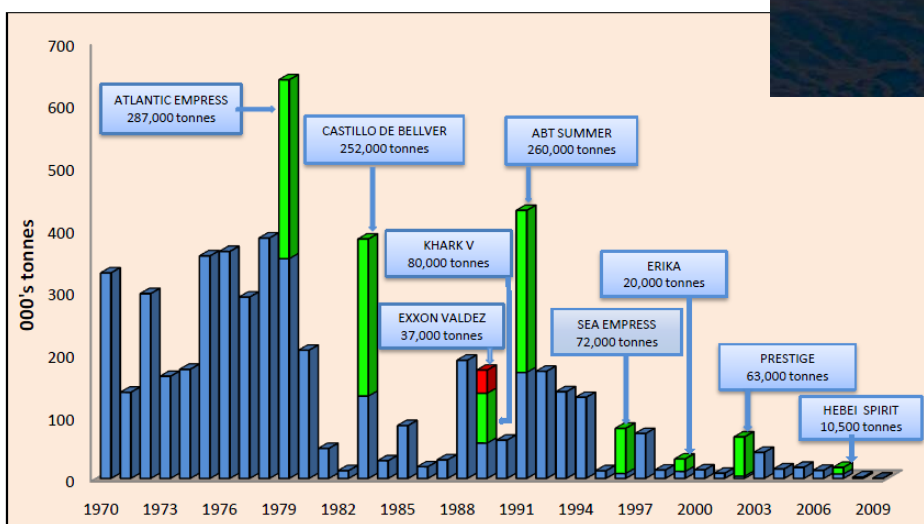
## INTRODUCTION



**In 2019, 2600 million tons of oil were transported by sea, compared to 500 million in 1960 and 100 million in 1935**

## INTRODUCTION

The average total worldwide annual release of petroleum (oils) from all known sources to the sea has been estimated at 1.3 million tons





Oil spill accidents have a great **ecological** and **economic impact** on ecosystems and human coastal activities linked to tourism, industry and on the exploitation of marine resources.

Such impacts can be permanent or not and are very much associated with the **physical characteristics** of the oil. Negative effects on the environments are related to oil toxicity (i.e. the toxicity of oil components) and to the covering of animals. The final effects on animals depend on the *characteristics of the oil (density), oil chemical composition, and the sensitivity, abundance and diversity of the biological system affected.*





## How oil spill accidents take place?

Oil spills may be due to releases of crude oil from tankers, offshore platforms, drilling rigs and wells, as well as spills of refined petroleum products (such as gasoline, diesel) and their by-products, heavier fuels used by large ships such as bunker fuel, or the spill of any oily refuse or waste oil. Usually it takes place when the oil is transported from place to place.

Main causes can be:

- **Human errors.**
- **Mechanical errors.**
- **Natural disasters.**
- **Planned actions (wars, illegal spills, vandalism).**





## What we have to do when a spill took place?

### CONTINGENCY PLAN

A contingency plan is a course of action designed to help an organization to respond effectively to a significant future event or situation that may or may not happen.

Contingency planning is a component of **disaster recovery** and **risk management**.

When an oil spill takes place **several institutions** and **national and international organizations** are involved to control the accident, repair the damages and help, assist and refund **affected entities** in a short time.



**First step since 1979: Environmental Sensitivity Maps**





All information regarding coastal resources sensitivity, areas that have to be protected, etc. are contained in the **Environmental Sensitivity Maps** that are a first step for the preparation of the Contingency Plan.

It is possible to establish which areas are at risk by analysing the different activities linked to **oil transportation, bunkering operations, etc.**



There is a **simulation** of oil dispersion from the realise point, this is according to **oil typology** and the **meteorological** and **oceanographic conditions**.



**Environmental Sensitivity Maps** contain three types of information, which has to be depicted using symbols or colors in maps. The interpretation of such maps has to be simple and easy:

☒ **Coastal Typology**, has to be classified according to its sensitivity, persistence of oil and facility of cleanup operations. **Geomorphological criteria** are essentially used.



☒ **Biological resources**



☒ **Human resources**



## COASTAL CLASSIFICATION (principally geomorphological characteristics)

The classification presented is based on different factors that determine coastal sensitivity to oil spill:

- ☒ Type of **substrate** (rocky, sandy, silty or clay – importance of grain size and mineralogy)
- ☒ **Permeability of sediments**
- ☒ **Transitability** and mobility of cleaning machines (tracks, etc.)
- ☒ **Beach foreshore slope**
- ☒ **Level of beach exposition** to energy
- ☒ **Facility of cleanup operations** (e.g. access)
- ☒ **Biological productivity** and sensitivity

According to such criteria a value of **1** is attributed to **less sensitivity** areas, and a value of **10** to **most sensitivity** areas.



## Coastal classification



**(1) Cliff**



**(2) Rocky platform**



## Rocky coasts





**Cliff:** a vertical, or near vertical (bluff), rock exposure. Cliffs are formed as erosion landforms due to the processes of erosion and weathering that produce them.



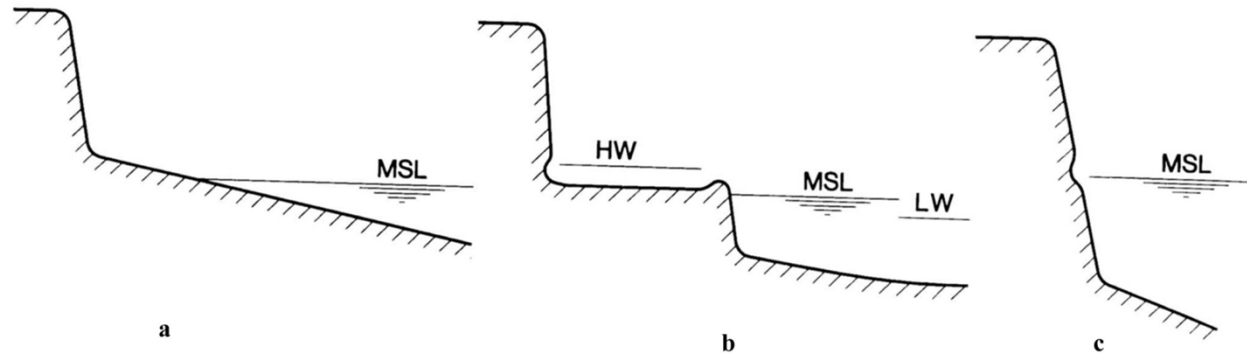
Sedimentary rocks most likely to form cliffs include sandstone, limestone, chalk, and dolomite, usually are friable and present a certain level of porosity.

Igneous rocks such as granite and basalt usually form more resistant cliffs with a lower degree of porosity.

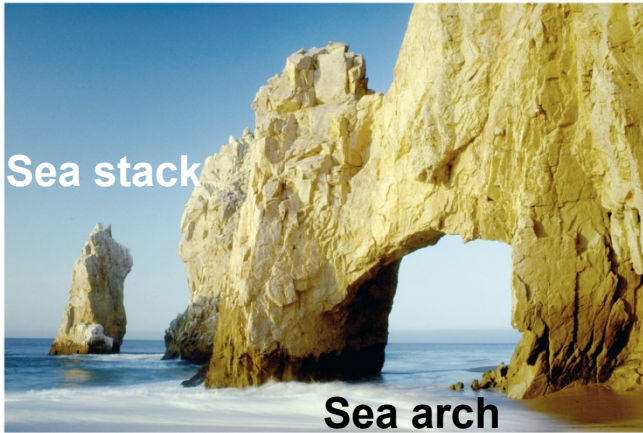


## Rocky coasts

A wave-cut platform, coastal benches, or wave-cut benches is the narrow flat area often found at the base of a sea cliff or along the shoreline of a lake, bay, or sea that was created by the erosion of waves.



a) Microtidal; b) tidal and c) no important subsidence or uplift



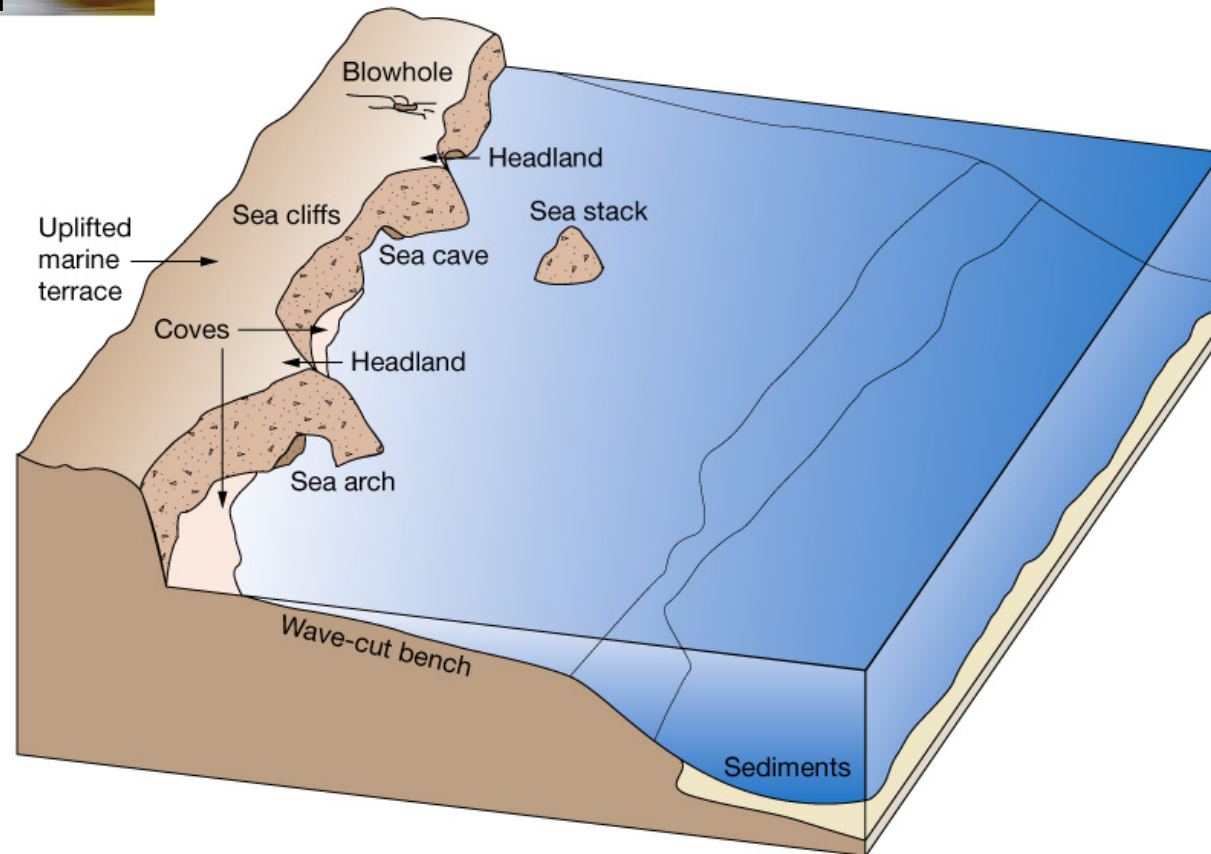
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## Rocky coasts

- Headland
- Wave-cut cliff
- Wave-cut terrace (bench)
- Sea cave
- Sea arch
- Sea stack







## Coastal classification



**(1) Cliff**



**(2) Rocky platform**



### Rocky coasts have low sensitivity

They are energetic areas usually with an impermeable substrate. Problems are observed when the rocks are fractured and hence permeable - the oil can penetrate into the substrate.  
Usually are remote and very difficult to access areas.



3rd - 6th place

## Classification of sandy coasts

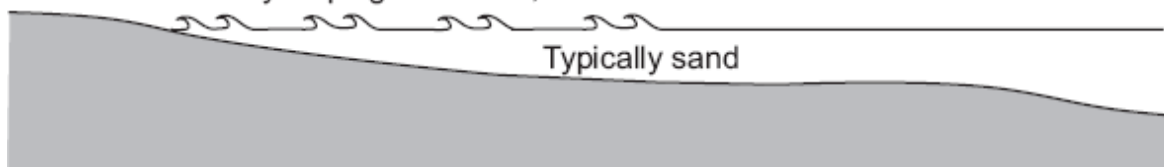
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**(3) Fine sand beach**

Dissipative coast

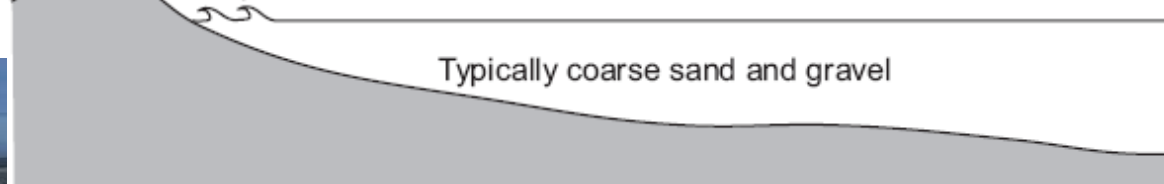
Gently sloping flat beach, broad surf zone



**(4) Coarse sand beach**

Reflective coast

Steep beach with berm, narrow surf zone



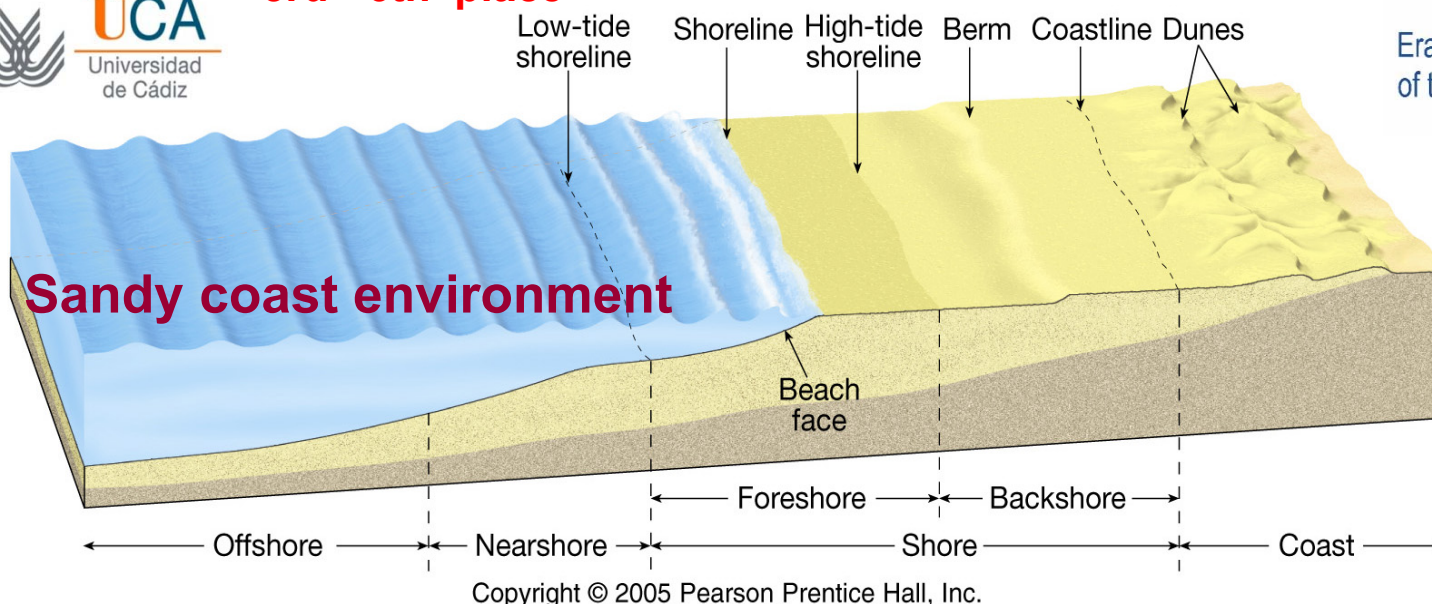
**(5) Gravel-sand mixed beach**



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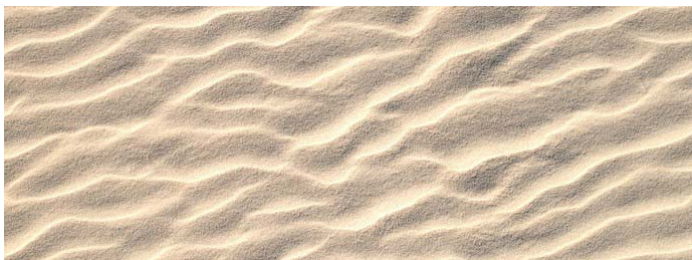
**(6) Pebble beach**



- **Beach** – accumulation of sediment along the landward edge of an ocean or lake
  - Berms – relatively flat platforms, usually composed of sand, adjacent to coastal dunes or cliffs
  - Beach face – wet, sloping surface extending from the berm to the shoreline
- **Backbeach** – landward of the high tide, eolian processes dominate
- **Nearshore zone** – between low-tide shoreline and line where waves break at low tide
- **Shoreline** – line marking contact between land and sea
- **Shore** – area between lowest tide and highest point on land affected by storm waves
  - Foreshore – area exposed at low tide and submerged during high tide
  - Backshore – landward of high-tide shoreline
- **Coast** – area inland from shore extending as far as ocean-related features are found



- **Beach sediments**
  - Often dominated by quartz grains
  - May be composed of other minerals or materials
    - Southern Florida – shell fragments, remains of coastal organisms
    - Volcanic islands – weathered grains of basaltic lava
    - Tropical islands – debris eroded from surrounding coral reefs
- The material making the beach does not stay put; it is constantly being moved by waves





## Sedimentological characterization



**Ro-Tap machine  
(shaking movement)**

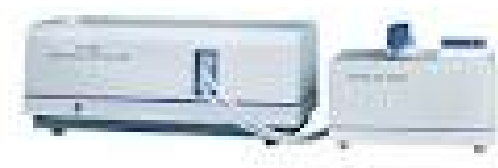
### Sand sediments



Sieve analysis is a procedure used to assess the particle size distribution of a granular material.



Settling tube



**Silt and clay**  
Laser particle analyser

Grain size

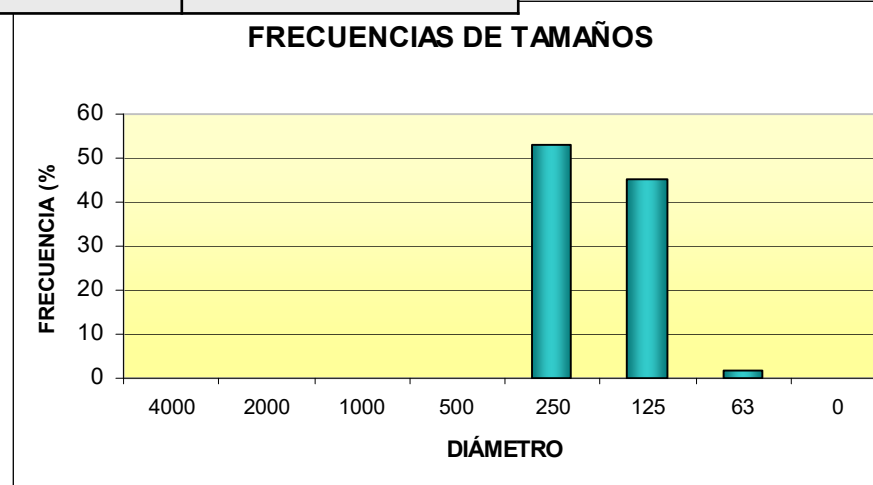
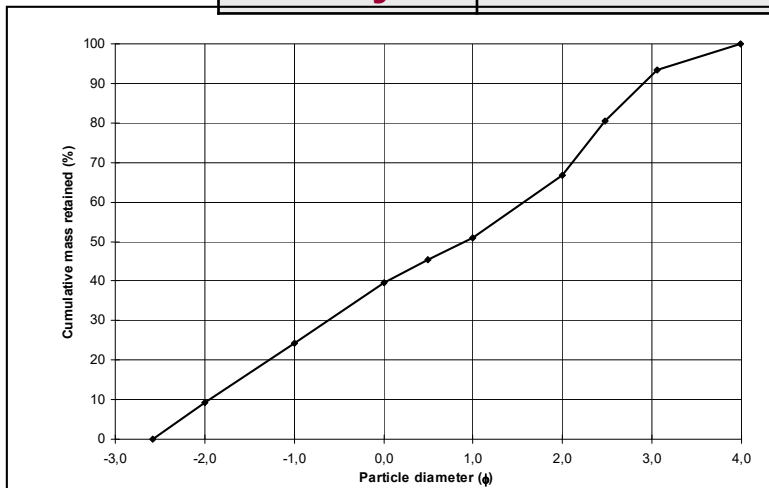
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### Sedimentological characterization

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| Grain size  |                    | phi           | mm                   |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|
|             | <b>Very coarse</b> | <b>-1 ÷ 0</b> | <b>2 ÷ 1</b>         |
| <b>Sand</b> | <b>medium</b>      | <b>0 ÷ 1</b>  | <b>1 ÷ 0.5</b>       |
|             | <b>fine</b>        | <b>2 ÷ 3</b>  | <b>0.25 ÷ 0.125</b>  |
|             | <b>Very fine</b>   | <b>3 ÷ 4</b>  | <b>0.125 ÷ 0.062</b> |
| <b>Silt</b> |                    | <b>4 ÷ 8</b>  | <b>0.062 ÷ 0.004</b> |
| <b>Clay</b> |                    | <b>8 ÷ 9</b>  | <b>0.004 ÷ 0.002</b> |



Grain size



## Sedimentological characterization

### Statistical parameters

**Mean (D50)**

$$D50 = \phi 50$$

**Median (M)**

$$M = (\phi 16 + \phi 50 + \phi 84) / 3$$

**Standard Deviation ( $\sigma$ )**

$$\sigma = (\phi 84 + \phi 16) / 4 + (\phi 95 + \phi 5) / 6.6$$

**Kurtosis (KG)**

$$KG = (\phi 95 - \phi 5) / 2.44(\phi 75 - \phi 25)$$

**Skewness**

$$SK = (\phi 16 + \phi 84 - 2\phi 50) / 2(\phi 84 - \phi 16) + (SK)(\phi 5 + \phi 95 - 2\phi 50) / 2(\phi 95 - \phi 5)$$

### Standard Deviation (Sorting)

**Very well classified <0.35**

**Well classified 0.35÷0.50**

**Moderately well clas. 0.50÷0.70**

**Moderately clas. 0.70÷1.0**

**Poorly clas. 1.0÷2.0**

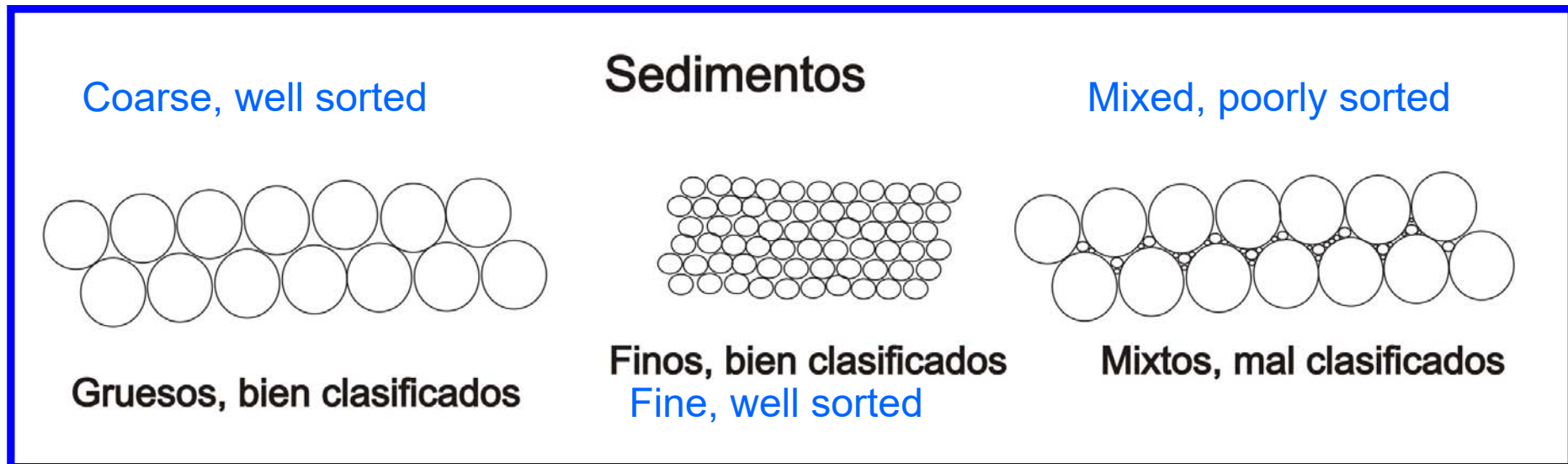
**Very poorly clas. 2.0÷4.0**

**Extr. poorly clas. >4.0**



## Sedimentological characterization

### Sediments packing with different degree of permeability



Fine-grained sediments have high contents in organic matter and are better able to adsorb the pollutants than coarser particles. Essentially clay sediments –phyllosilicates.

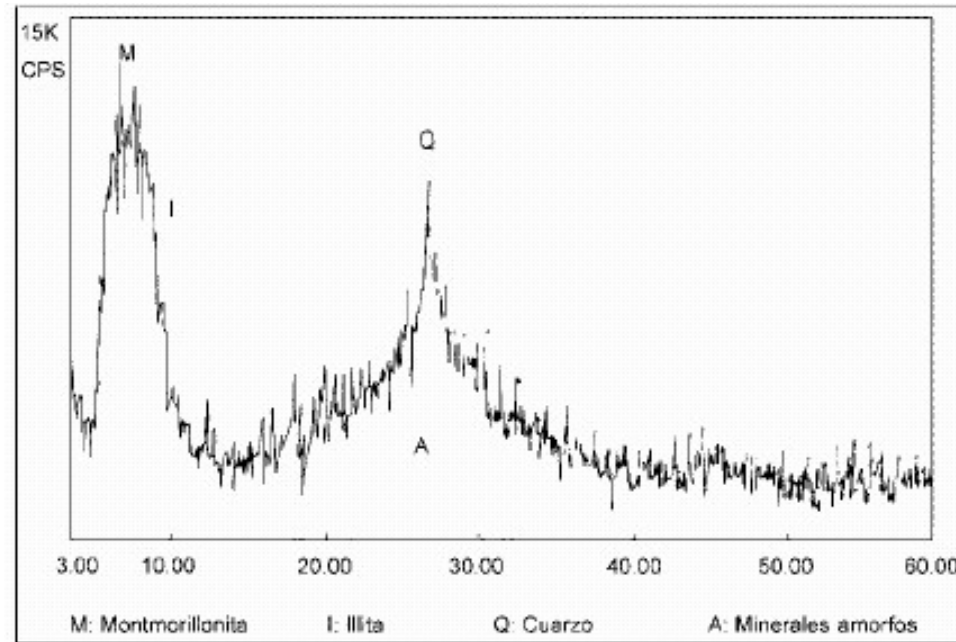
Grain size





## Mineralogical characterization

|            | Minerales pesados (%) |         |            |          |           |           |
|------------|-----------------------|---------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|            | granate               | epidota | andalucita | ilmenita | turmalina | hornblen. |
| Sanlúcar   | █                     | █       |            | █        |           | █         |
| Chipiona   | █                     | █       |            | █        | █         | █         |
| La Ballena | █                     | █       |            | █        |           | █         |
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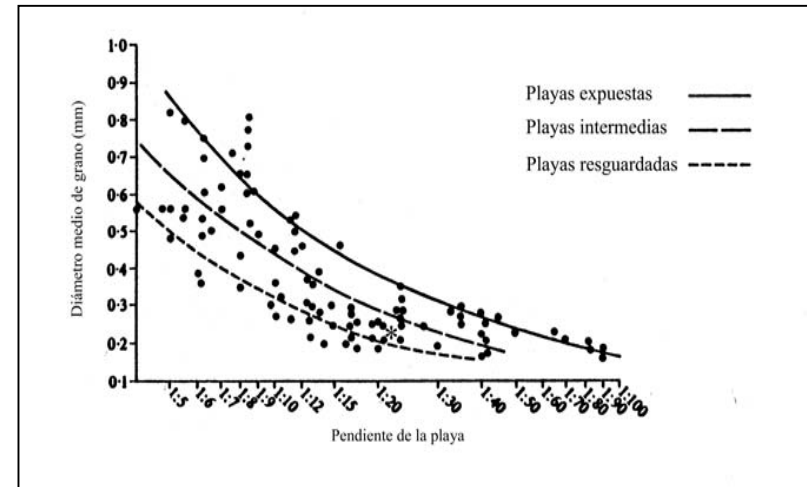


Semi-quantitative analysis by means of X-Ray diffraction; you can obtain mineralogical content

Mineralogy

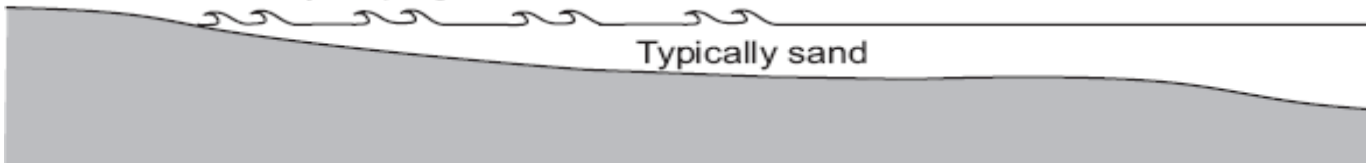


- **Locally available material**
- **Coarser sediment**
  - Steeper beach profile
- **Finer sediment**
  - More gentle beach profile



## Dissipative coast

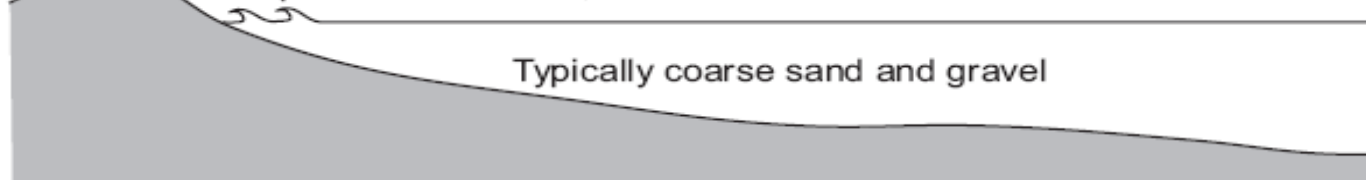
Gently sloping flat beach, broad surf zone



## Two morphodynamic beach states

## Reflective coast

Steep beach with berm, narrow surf zone



## Beaches



**Disipative ( $\tan \beta = 0.02$ )**



**Reflective ( $\tan \beta = 0.10$ )**



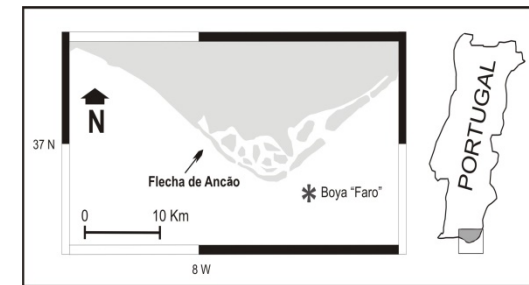
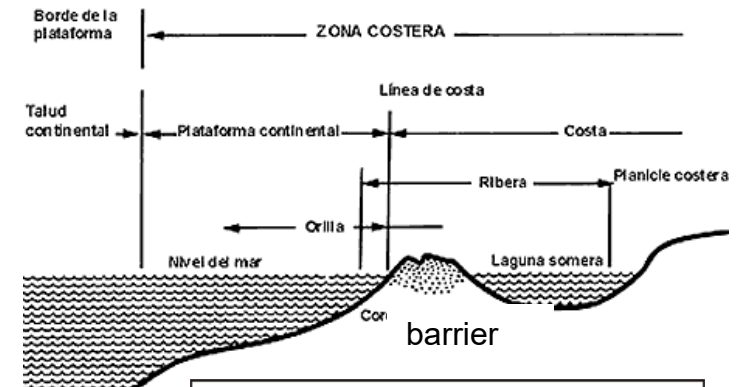
**Intermediate  
( $\tan \beta = 0.03-0.06$ )**



## Sandy coasts –special features



**Barrier islands** are exceptionally flat and lumpy areas of sand, that are parallel to the mainland coast. They usually occur in chains, consisting of anything from a few islands to more than a dozen. Excepting the tidal inlets that separate the islands, a barrier chain may extend uninterrupted for over a hundred kilometers. Lagoon or salt marsh, dunes, beaches, etc..



Coastal area can be attached to the continent





## Sandy coasts – special features

A **spit** is a sedimentary body elongated parallel to the coastline with a free edge and a fixed one. They present different environments such as lagoons, salt marshes, dunes, beaches, etc.





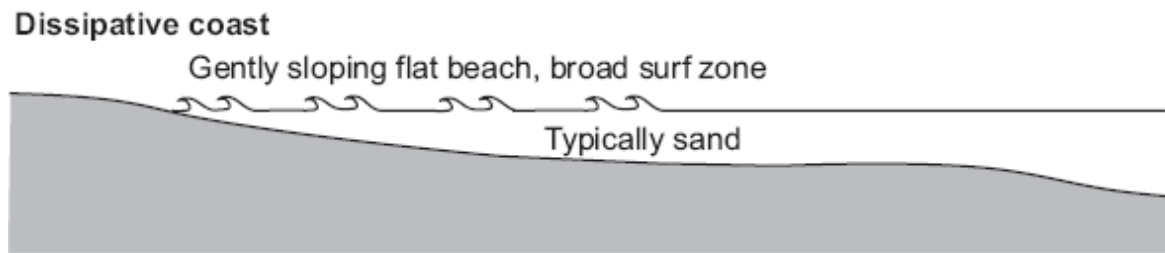
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### Classification of sandy coasts

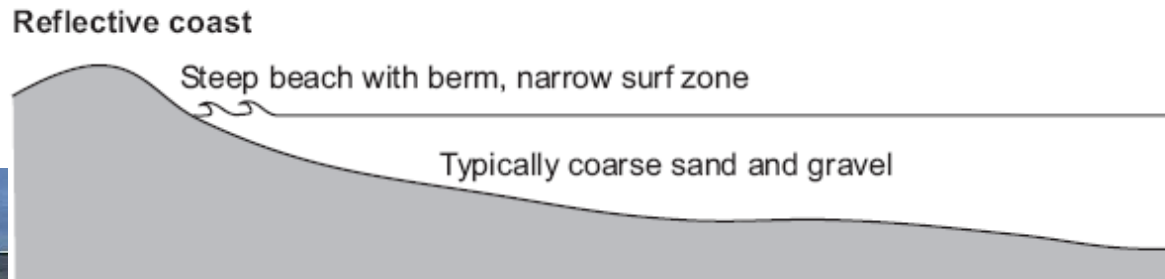
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**(3) Fine sand beach**



**(4) Coarse sand beach**



**(5) Gravel-sand mixed beach**



**(6) Pebble beach**



**3rd - 6th place**



## **Sandy –gravel coasts present medium sensitivity depending on the grain size**

**Sediment permeability, and hence oil penetration potential, depends on grain size and sediment classification (standard deviation).....coarse and well classified sediments are very permeable...**

**Mixed sediments usually have a lower permeability because are usually poorly classified and oil is able to penetrate to a maximum depth of 50 cm**

**An other aspect to be considered is the velocity/modalities of beach morphological changes, if changes are rapid the oil can be easily buried....so these are aspects of great relevance. Coarse grained beaches record rapid changes respect to fine grained sediments**

**The substrate characteristics determine the transitability too. Fine grained beaches present best transitability characteristics**





## Coastal classification



**(6) Groins, breackwaters and revetments**



**6th place**



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## Seawalls



## Revetments

# Revetment



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# Rip-rap revetment





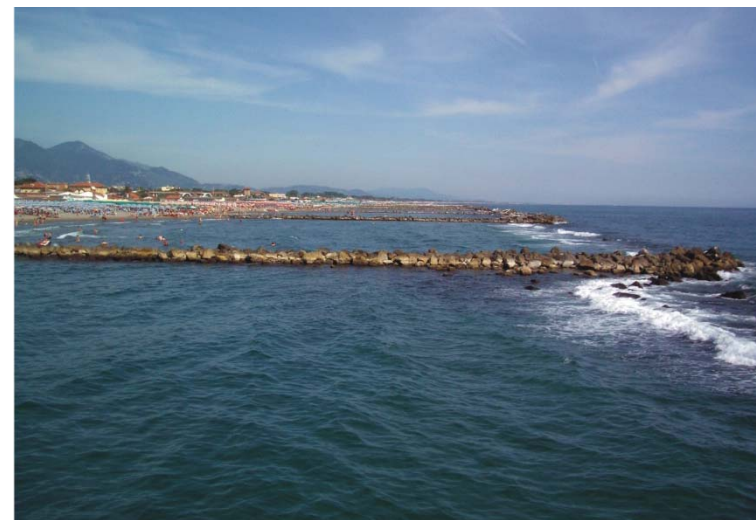
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**Groins**





## Coastal classification



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**Such structures are located in very energetic areas so approaching waves hit them and reflected waves transport oil offshore**



**7th place**

**Tidal flats present fine sediments and meso or macrotidal regime and very smooth slopes (1‰)  
Waves have not a great importance and tidal currents determine erosion/accretion processes**



### **Coastal classification**

**(7) Exposed tidal flats**



**Exposed tidal flats have a high sensitivity**

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## Different types of defense structures or docks observed in sheltered environments



**(8) Coastal structures in a sheltered environment**

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Sheltered areas where oil is accumulated

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(9) Saltmarshes in sheltered areas



(10) Mangroves





## **COASTAL CLASSIFICATION (principally geomorphological characteristics)**

**Final coastal classification:**

**1** is attributed to **less sensitivity areas**

**10** **most sensitivity areas**



## Coastal classification



**(1) Cliff**



**(2) Rocky platform**



### Rocky coasts have low sensitivity

They are energetic areas usually with an impermeable substrate. Problems are observed when the rocks are fractured and hence permeable - oil can penetrate into the substrate.

Usually are remote and very difficult to access areas.



3rd - 6th place

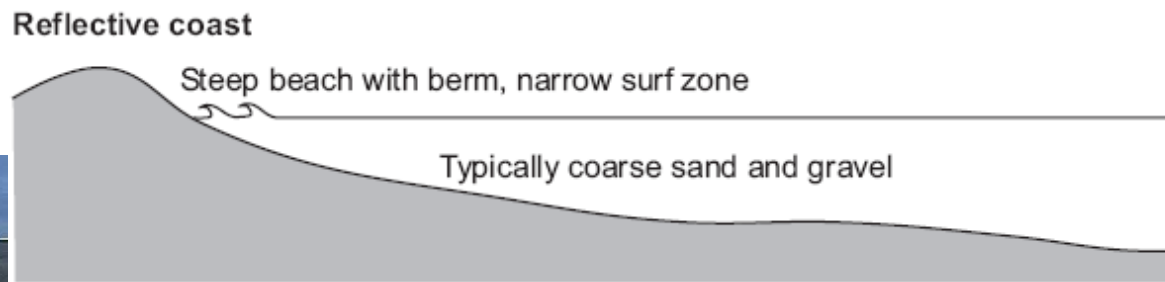
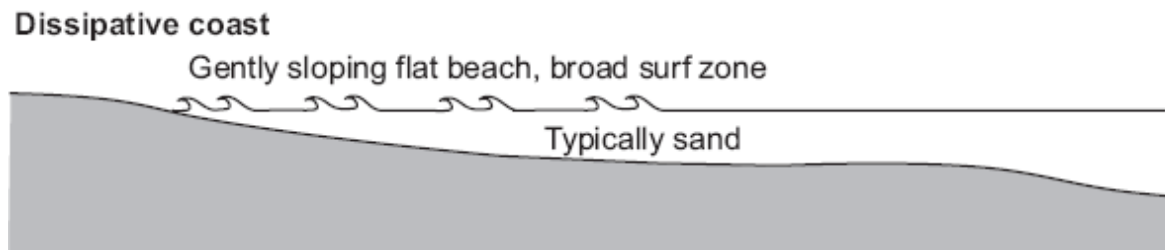
## Classification of sandy coasts



(3) Fine sand beach



(4) Coarse sand beach



(5) Gravel-sand mixed beach



(6) Pebble beach

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**The Strait of Gibraltar is the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea from the Atlantic Ocean**



**INTRODUCTION**



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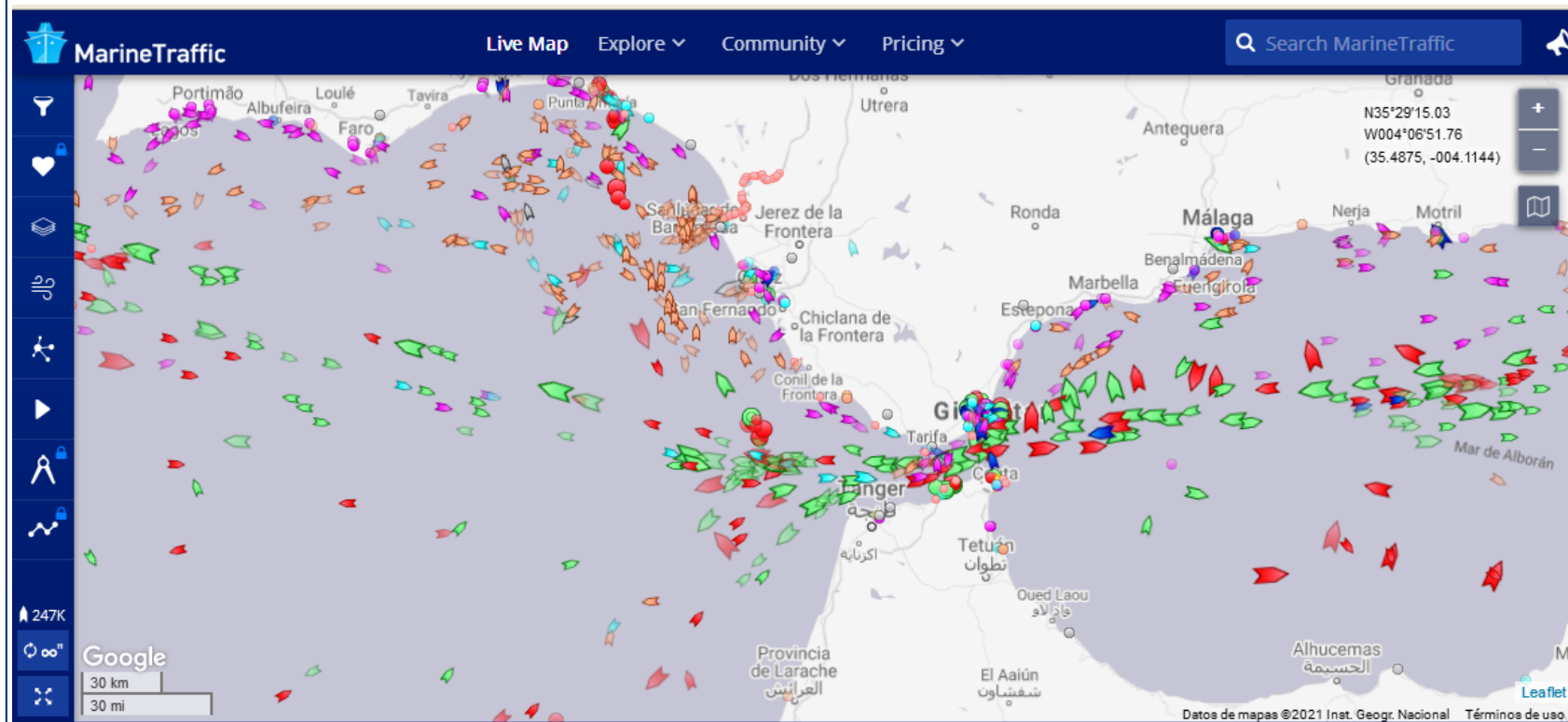
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## INTRODUCTION

### Around 120,000 vessels per year



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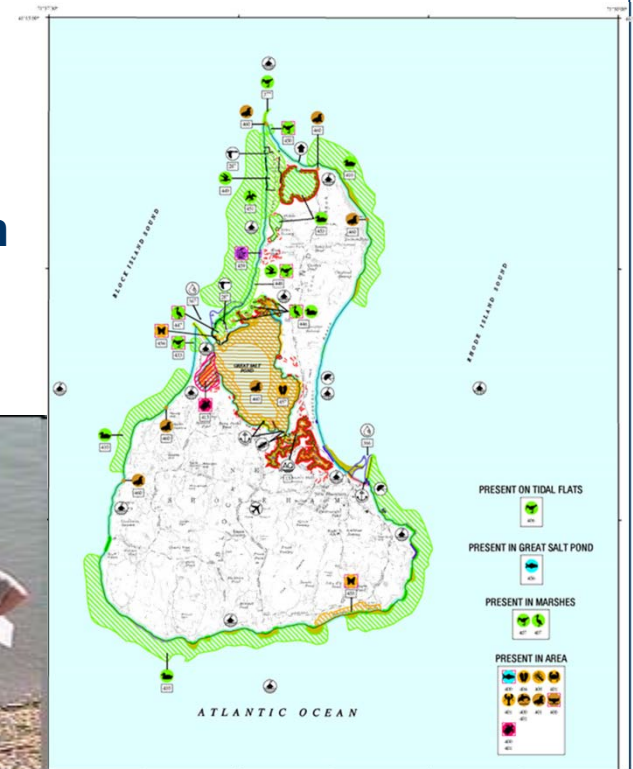
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**Environmental Sensitivity maps is an important tool in a contingency plan for oil spill responders**



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### STUDY AREA



The studied  
area in the  
Northern side:  
**130 km**

The studied  
area in the  
Southern side:  
**20 km**

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## METHODS



They were investigated



**Geomorphologic**



**Biological resources**



**Socio-economic**

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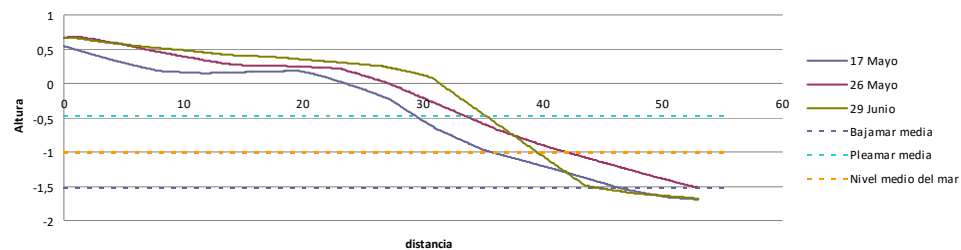
## METHODS



Within the geomorphologic characteristics special attention was devoted to beach characteristics



Bolonia



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Four beach surveys have been carried out in May, June, August and September 2010 at 12 beach locations



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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Geomorphologic characteristics



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**Beaches and dunes are observed, on the Atlantic side and on the Mediterranean side**



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**Most important estuaries, lagoons and freshwater wetlands are observed at Palmones, Guadiaro and Barbate river mouths**

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Morphological changes, slope and grain size at the investigated beaches.

|                  | Location      | Changes (m) |           | Slope (°) | Gr. Size Ber./For. |
|------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
|                  |               | Berm        | Foreshore |           |                    |
| Atlantic Ocean   | Trafalgar     | +0.41       | +0.15     | M         | F-M/C              |
|                  | Hierbabuena   | +0.35       | -0.75     | F         | F-M                |
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|                  | Bolonia       | +0.45       | +0.30     | F         | F-M                |
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**Trafalgar, Hierbabuena and Cañillo recorded important morphological changes due to berm or beach cusps formation**

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



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Intermediate beaches between  
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**Zahara and Bolonia were “Low tide terrace” beaches\***

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**Valdevaqueros and Los Lances presented moderate beach slopes and small-intermediate changes in the foreshore**

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



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Getares



Rinconillo



Espigon



**Getares, Rinconillo and Espigon, showed relatively steep and narrow foreshore areas**

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**Mediterranean beaches presented moderate slope and significant changes in the upper foreshore**



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**Mediterranean beaches can be classified as reflective \***

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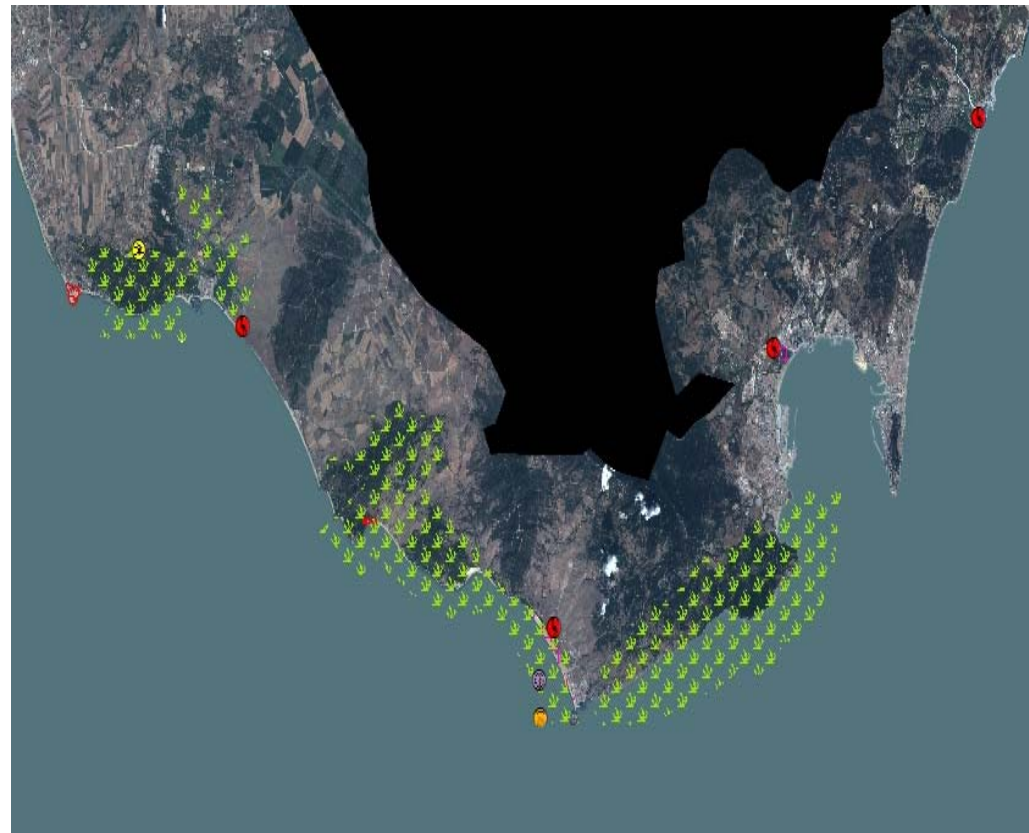
## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Biological characteristics



The “Biological” layer contained different categories according to their level of protection

-  Birds
-  Birds 2
-  Orange corals
-  Laminaria
-  Natural Parks
-  Natural Landscapes
-  Natural Monuments



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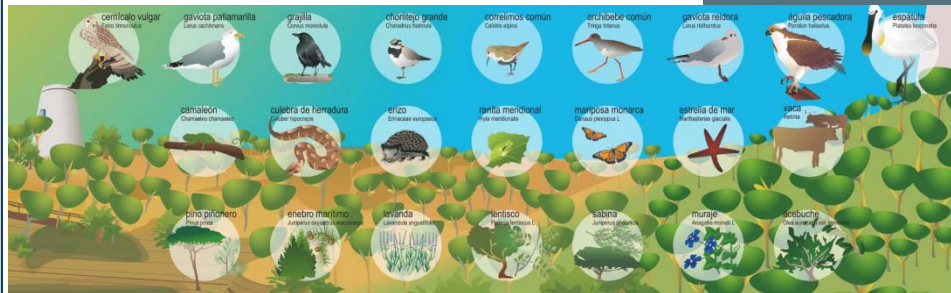
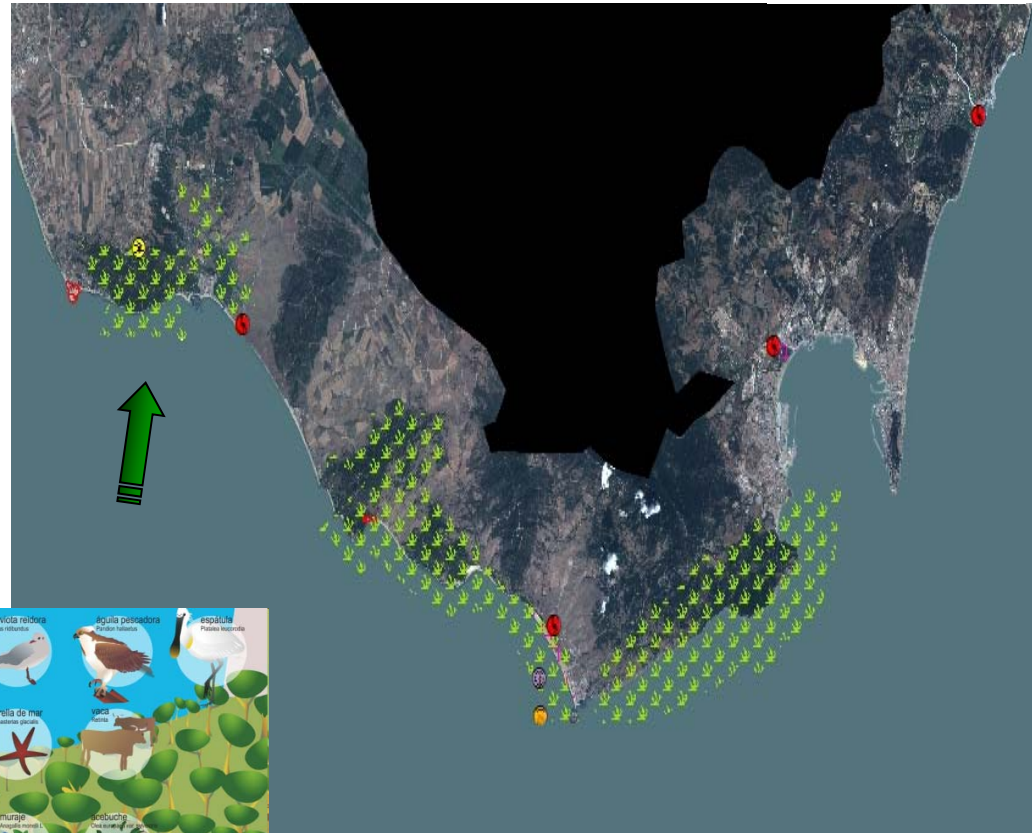
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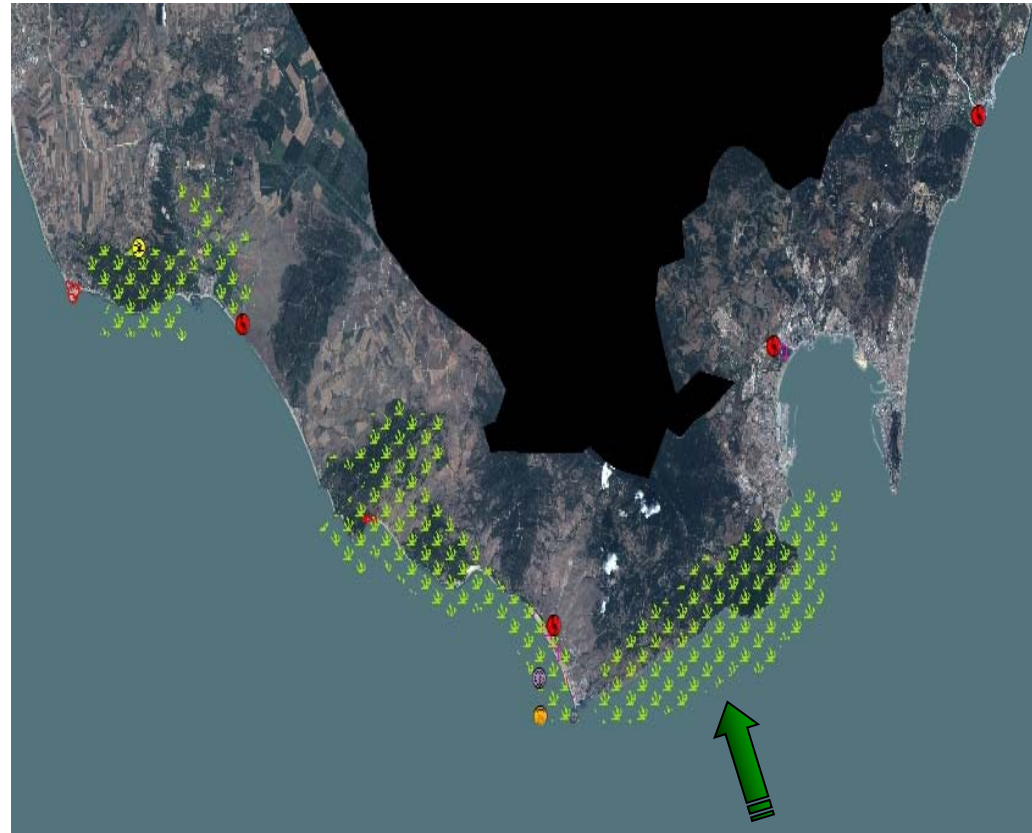
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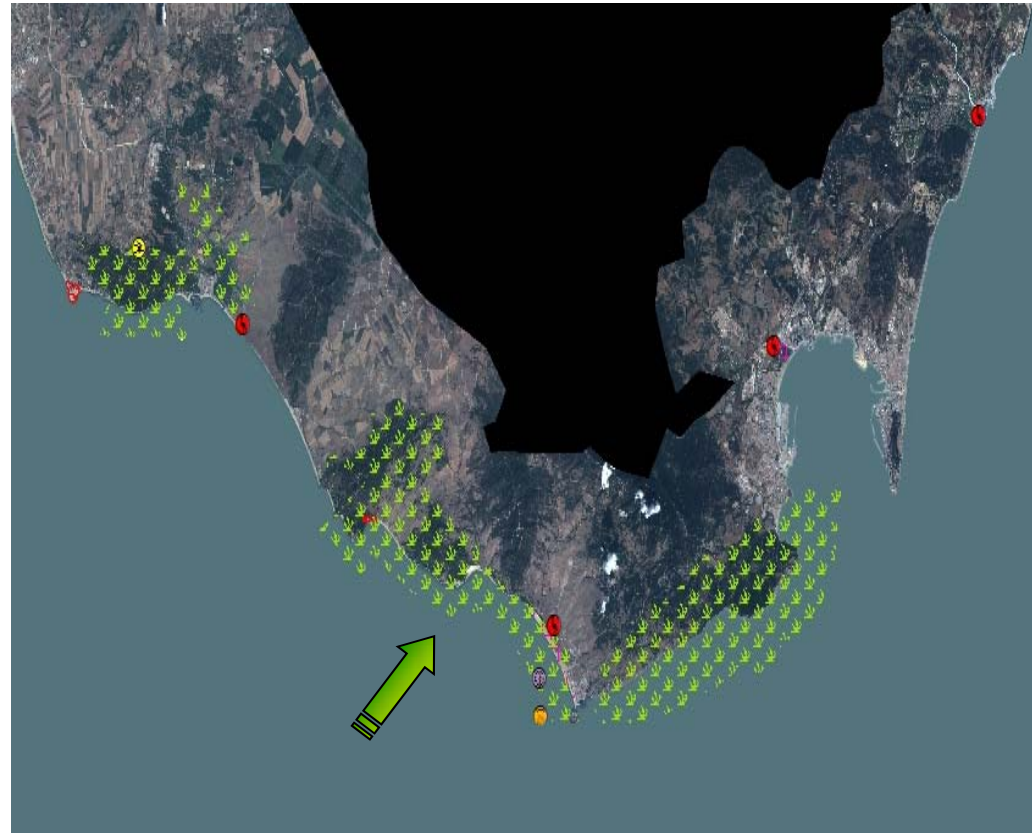
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### Natural Spots

### Los Lances Beach



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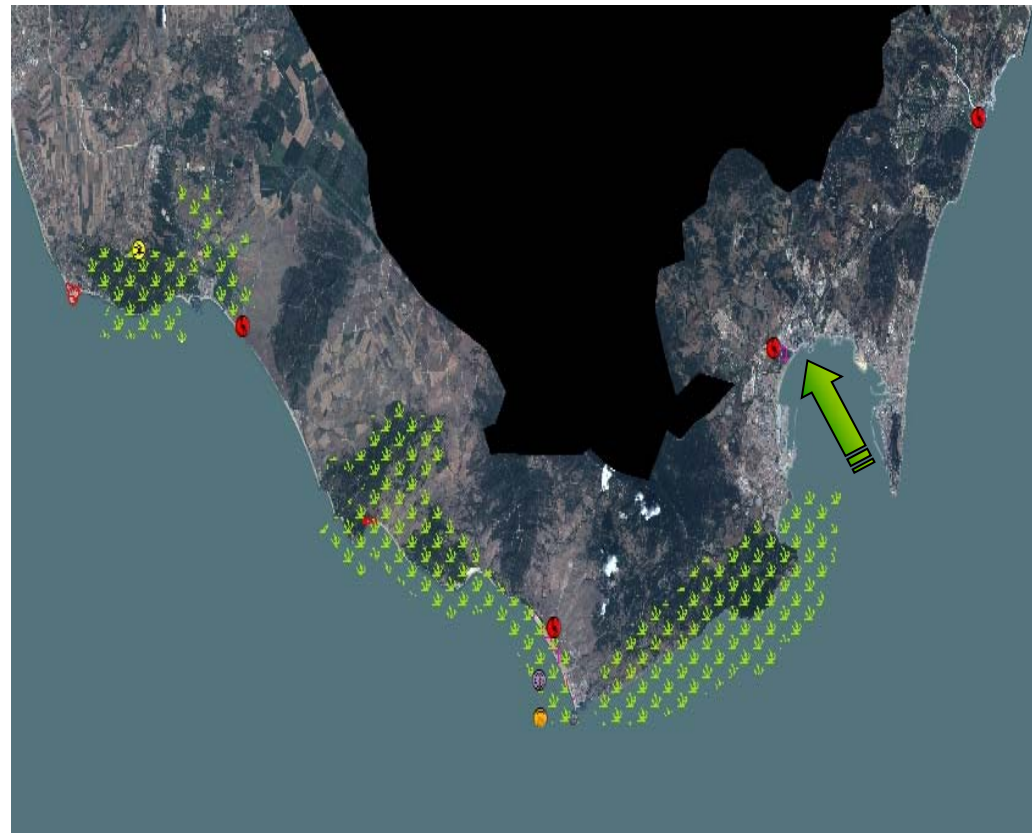
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### Palmones Marshes



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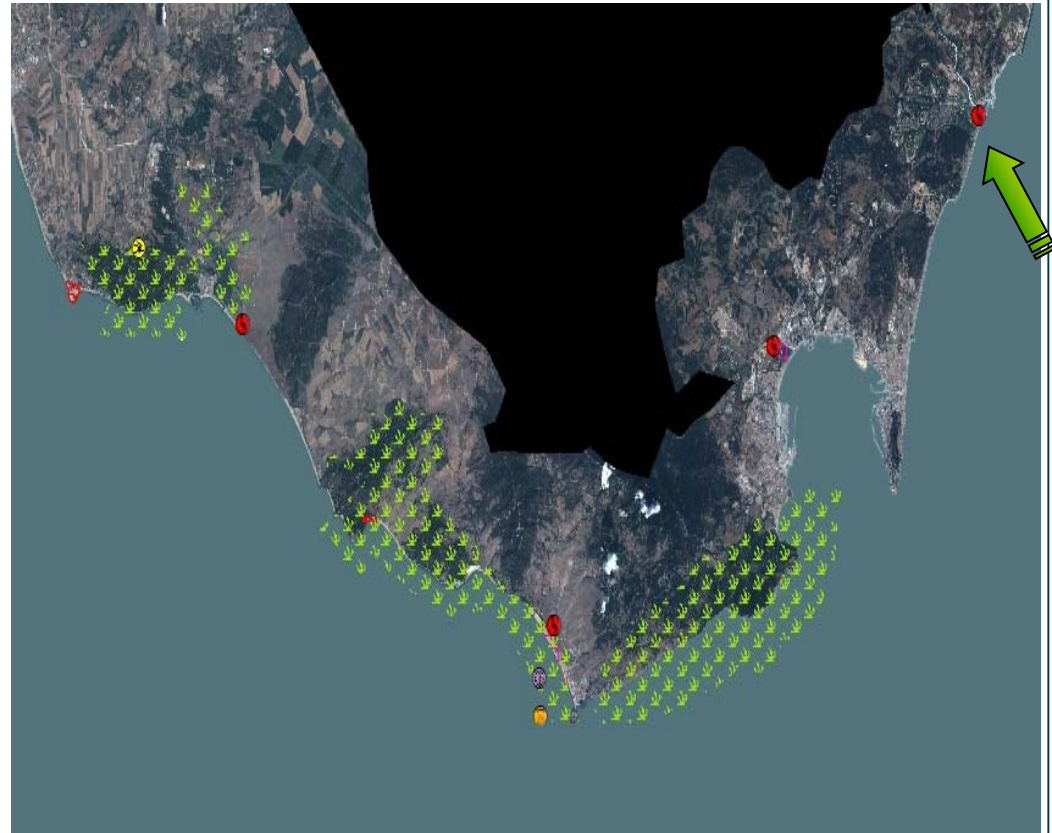
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### Natural Spots

### Guadiaro River Estuary



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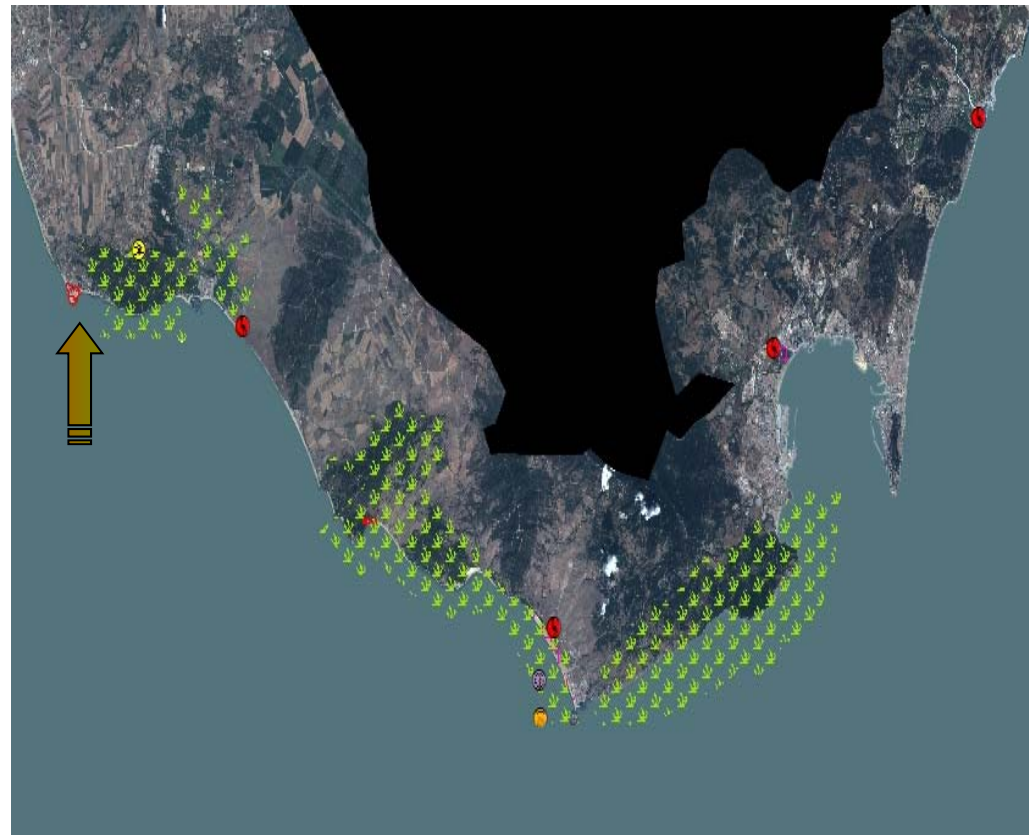
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### Trafalgar Isthmus





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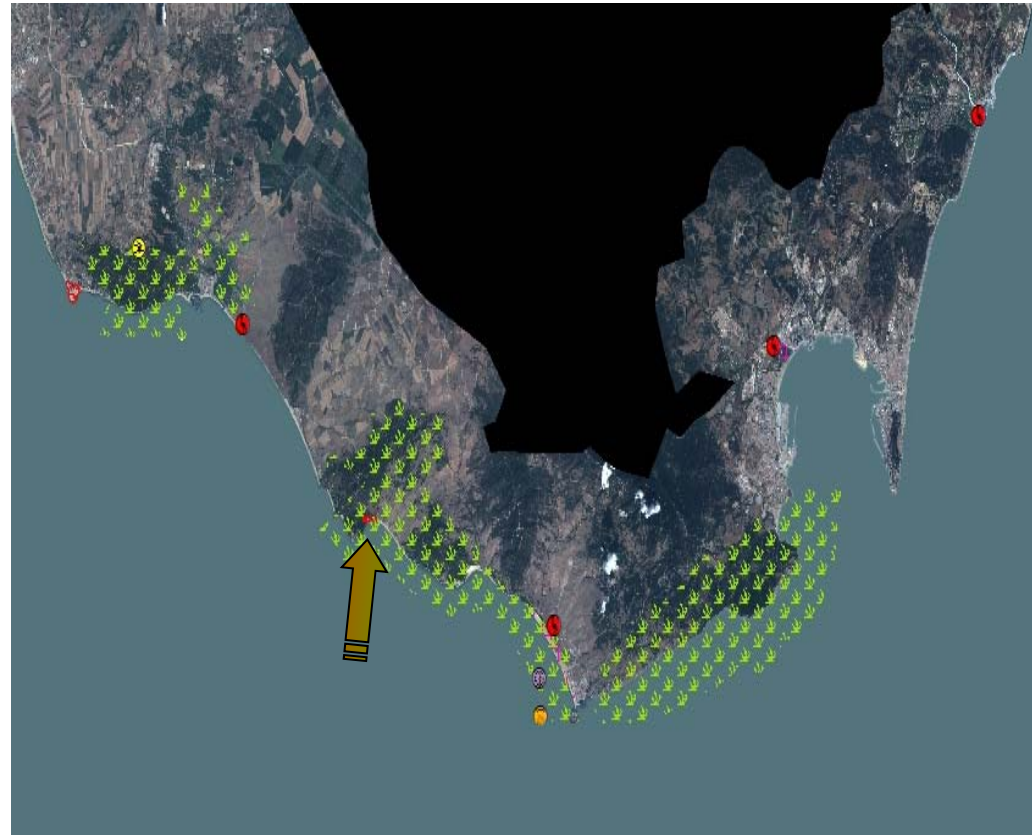
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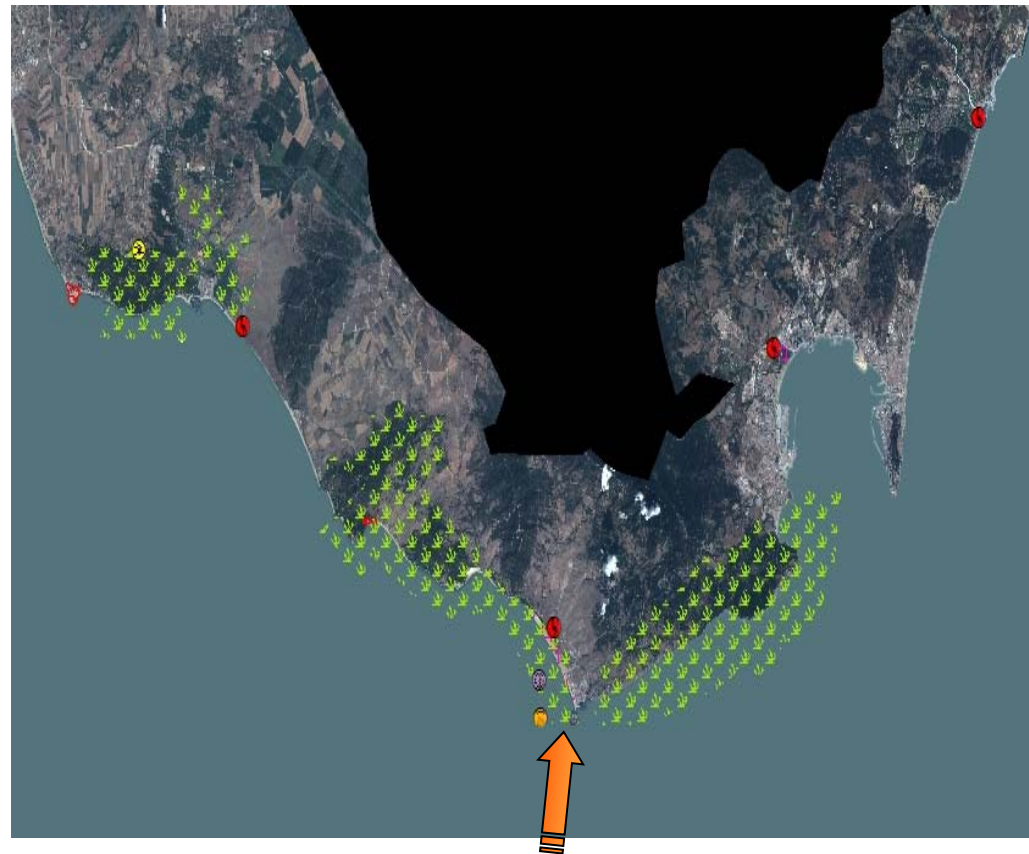
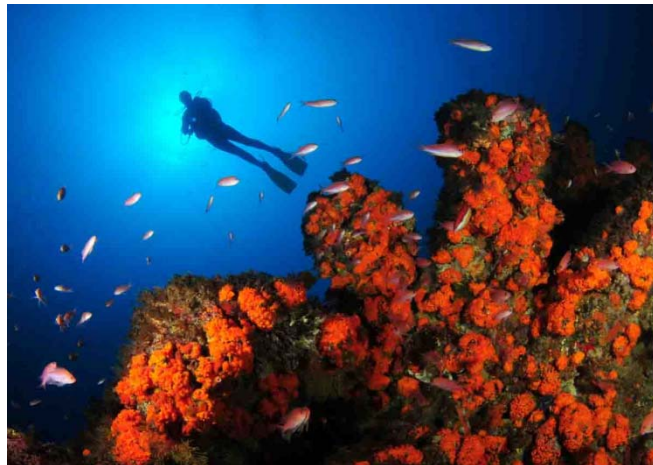
## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Biological characteristics



Organisms of special interest

Orange corals  
(*Astroides calycularis*)



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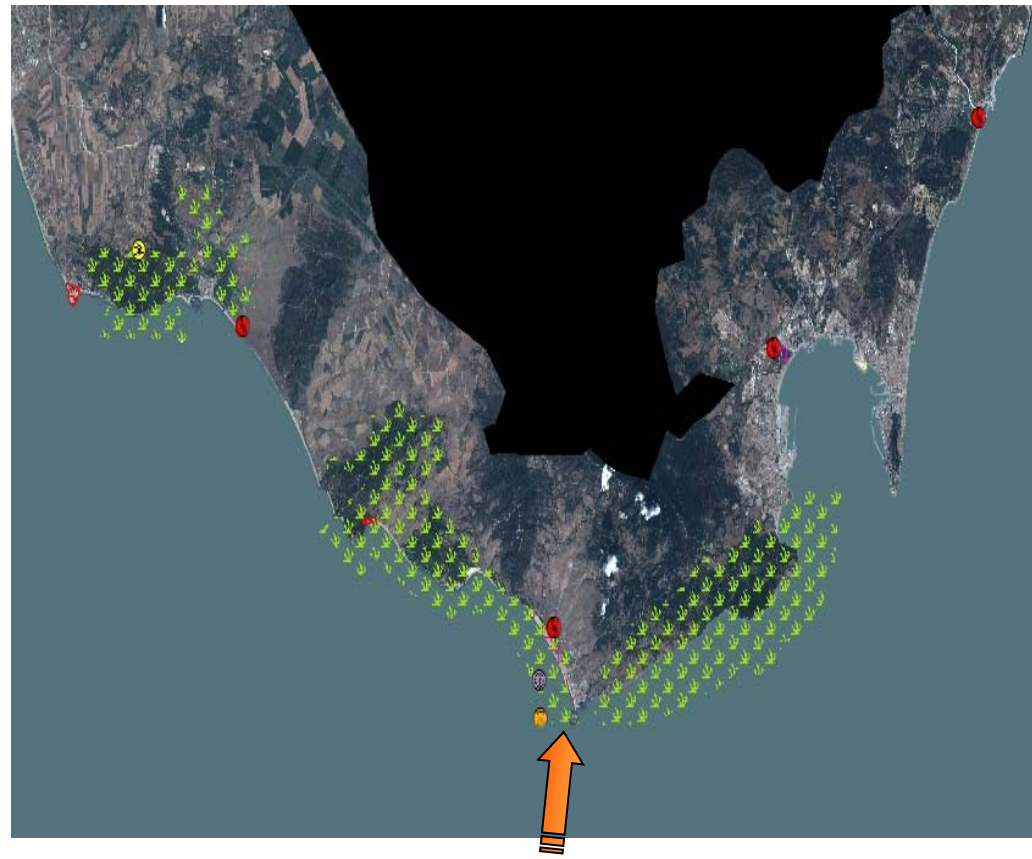
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Organisms of special interest

Kelp fields  
(*Laminarias ochroleuca*)



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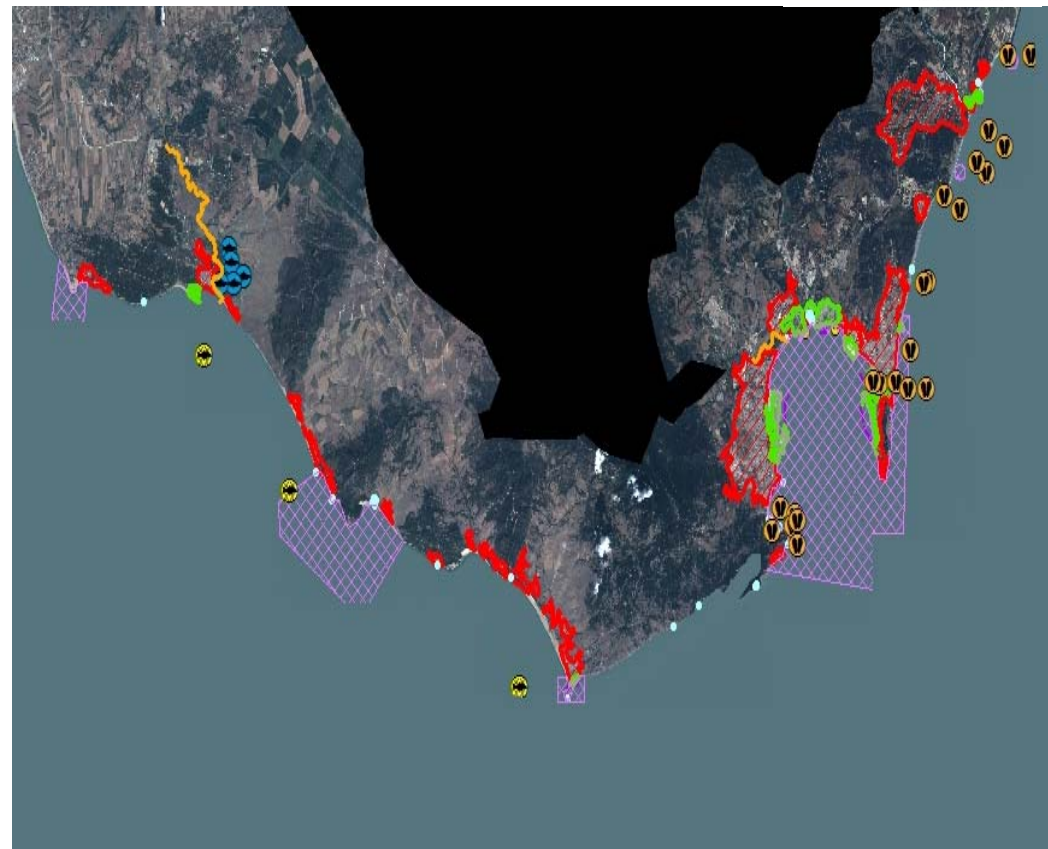


## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



### Anthropic Resources

- Traps\_Fisheries
- Shellfish
- Shellfish area
- Fish farm\_Aquaculture
- Underwater archaeological heritage
- Historical heritage
- Ports\_Industries
- Urban areas
- Breakwaters\_Dykes
- Water intake points



**Socio-economic characteristics**

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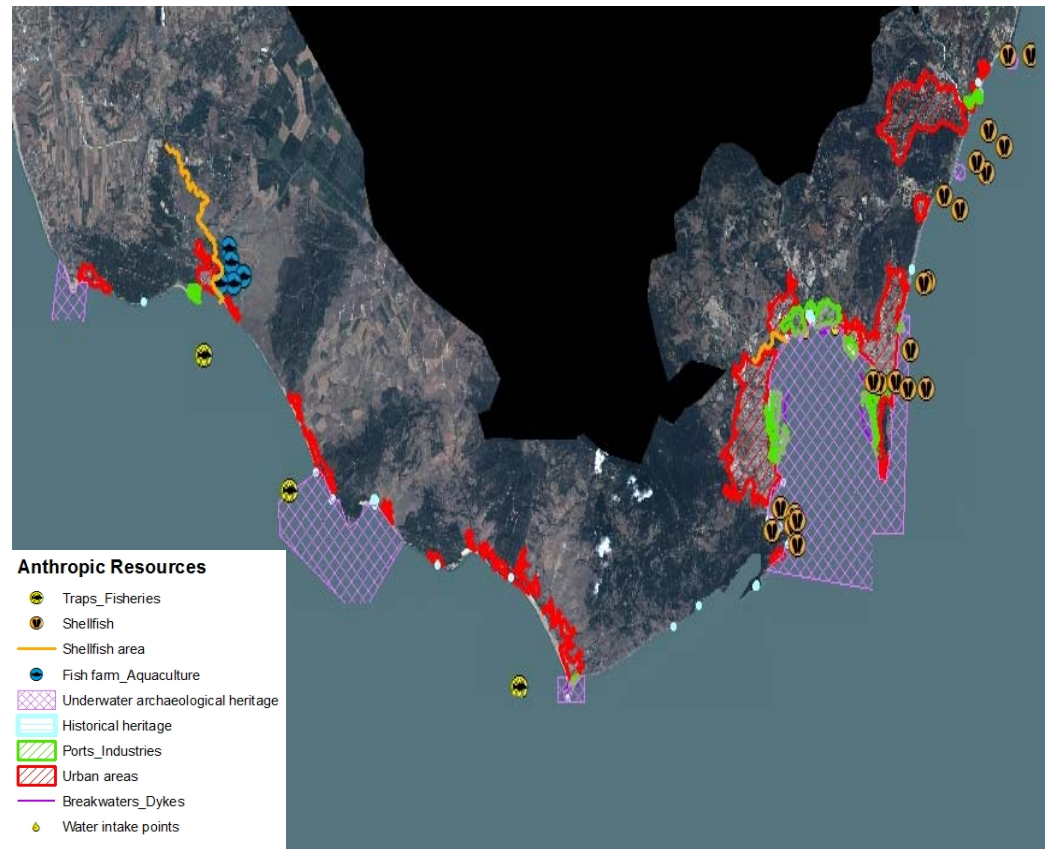


## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



### Coastal uses:

- Ports and industries
- Urban Areas



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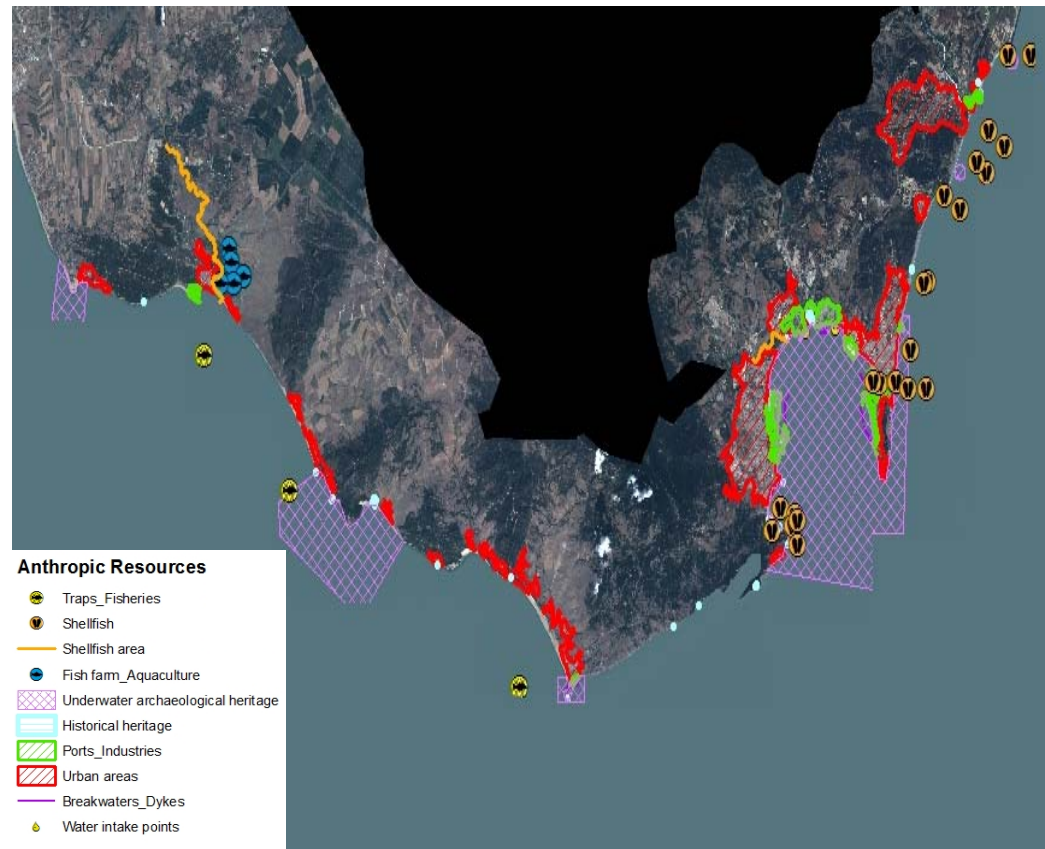


## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



### Socioeconomic activities:

- Aquaculture
- Tuna fishing
- Shellfish farming



### Socio-economic characteristics

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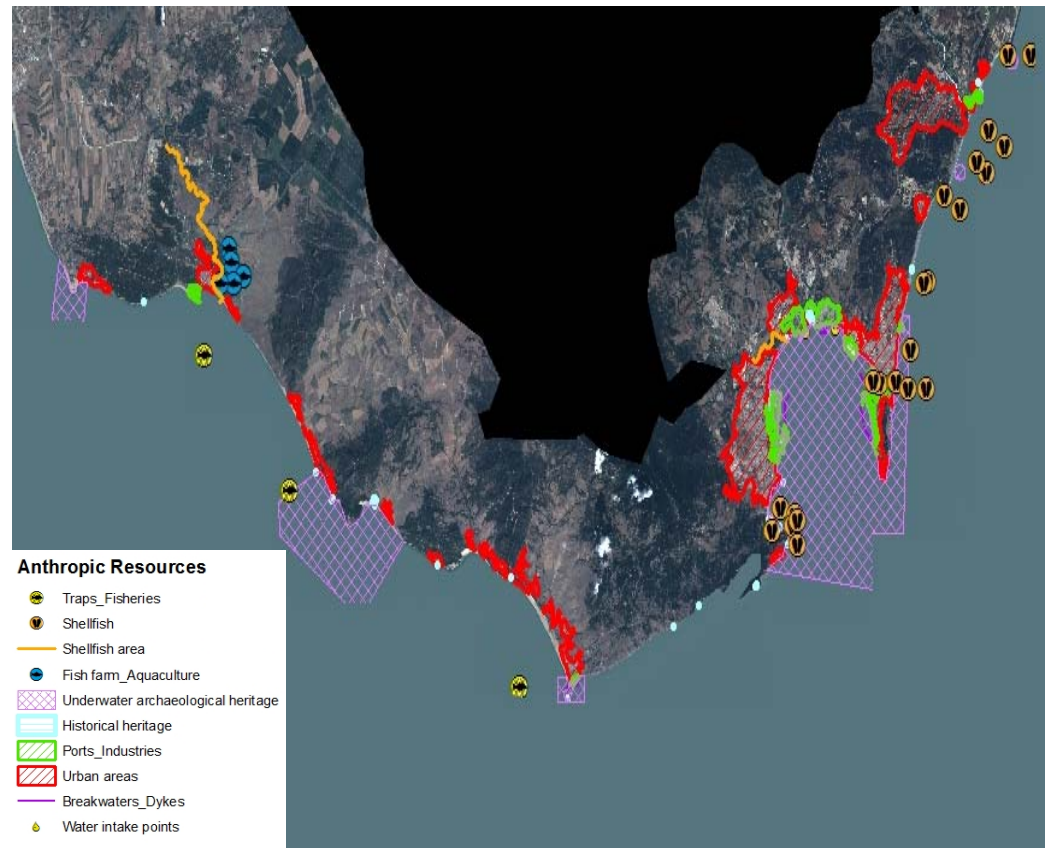


## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



### Cultural and historic patrimony:

- Terrestrial Historic Heritage
- Subaquatic Archaeological Heritage



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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



### Littoral operational ranking





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#### Cliffed sectors and rock shore platforms

Shorelines exposed to energetic conditions which tend to keep oil offshore by reflecting waves



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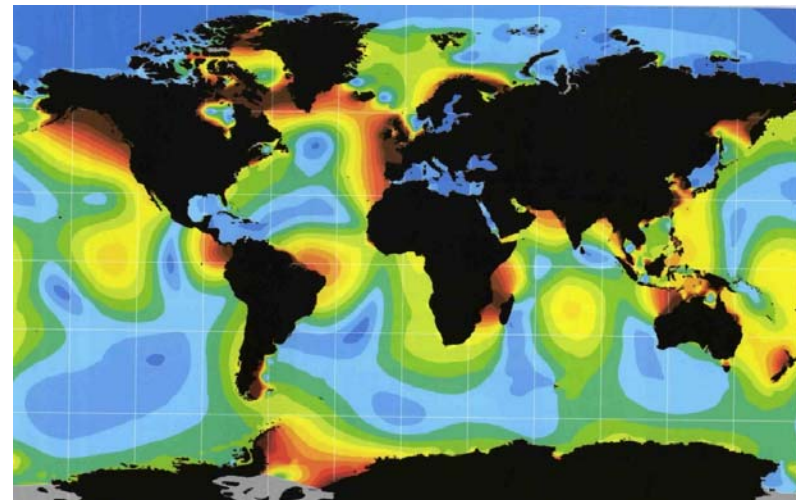
**Sandy sectors**

**Littoral operational ranking**

**The application of the NOAA (2002) criteria does not take into account**

**-tidal range for beach classification;**

**-Seasonal grain size/beach slope variations.**



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### Sandy sectors

**All beaches (but Trafalgar, Hierbabuena, Cañillo and Zahara) are microtidal environments**

**Foreshore slope is probably overestimated**

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### Sandy sectors

Atlantic beaches (but Trafalgar and Cañillo) and the Rinconcillo and Espigon could be classified as “Semi-Permeable Substrate, Low Potential for Oil Penetration and Burial” (NOAA, 2002).

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### Sandy sectors

Exceptions can be observed at Hierbabuena and Zahara because the presence of beach cusps that can generate important morphological changes in a tidal cycle

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### Sandy sectors

Trafalgar, Cañillo, Getares and the Mediterranean beaches could be classified as “Medium Permeability, Moderate Potential for Oil Penetration and Burial”

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### Salt marshes and estuarine environments

**These are the most sensitive habitats because of their high biological use and value, difficulty of cleanup, and potential for long-term impacts**



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**It is important to protect these environments by the use of booms.**





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For each of the 58 zones of the studied area, the best coastal oil clean-up techniques have been selected according their effectiveness and environmental impact (NOAA).



NOAA, 2002. Environmental sensitivity index guidelines. Technical Memorandum NOS ORR 11, 192 p

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natural restoration



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**mechanical clean-up**



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### Littoral operational ranking

manual clean-up





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### Littoral operational ranking

**flushing**





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**bioremediation**

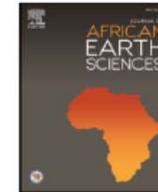




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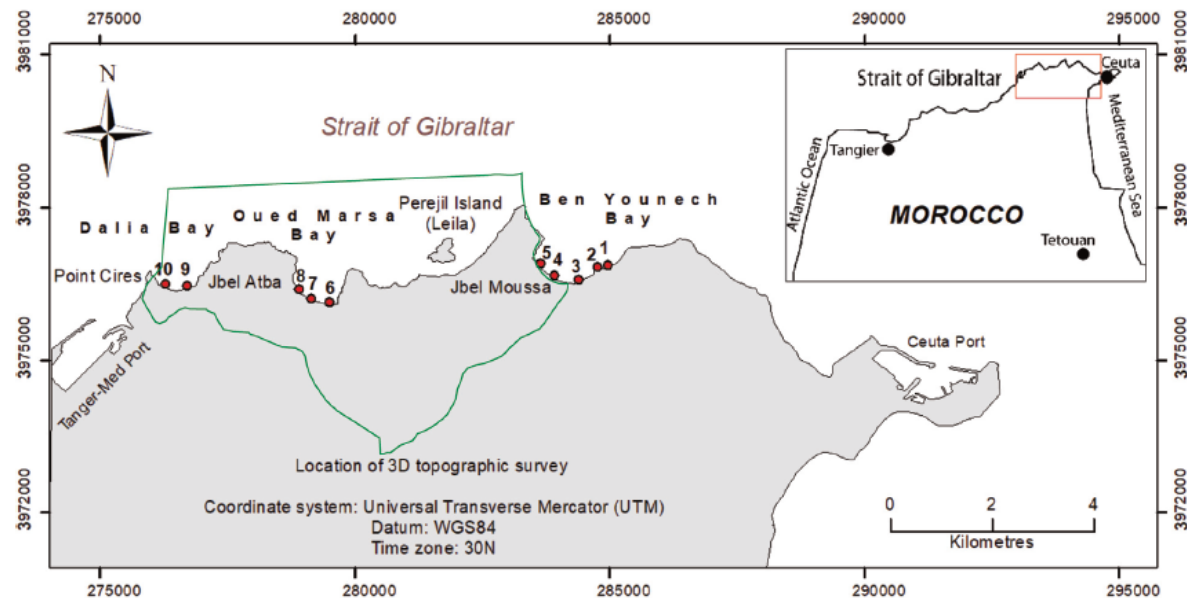


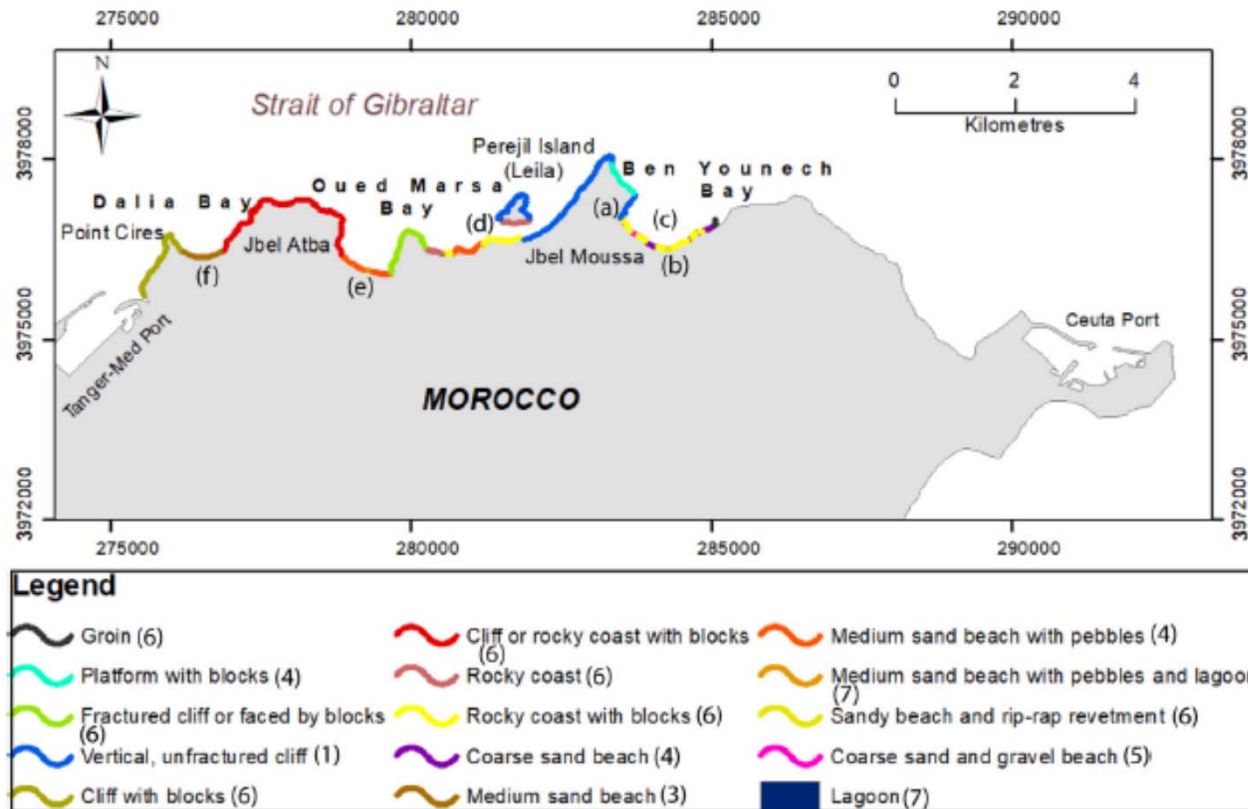
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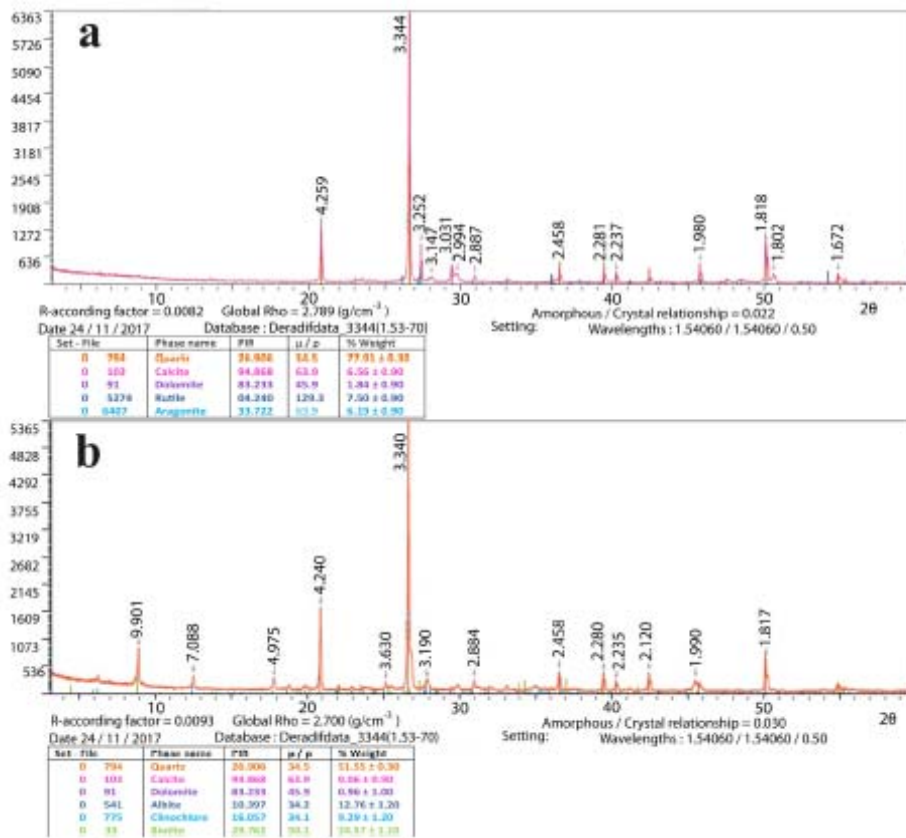


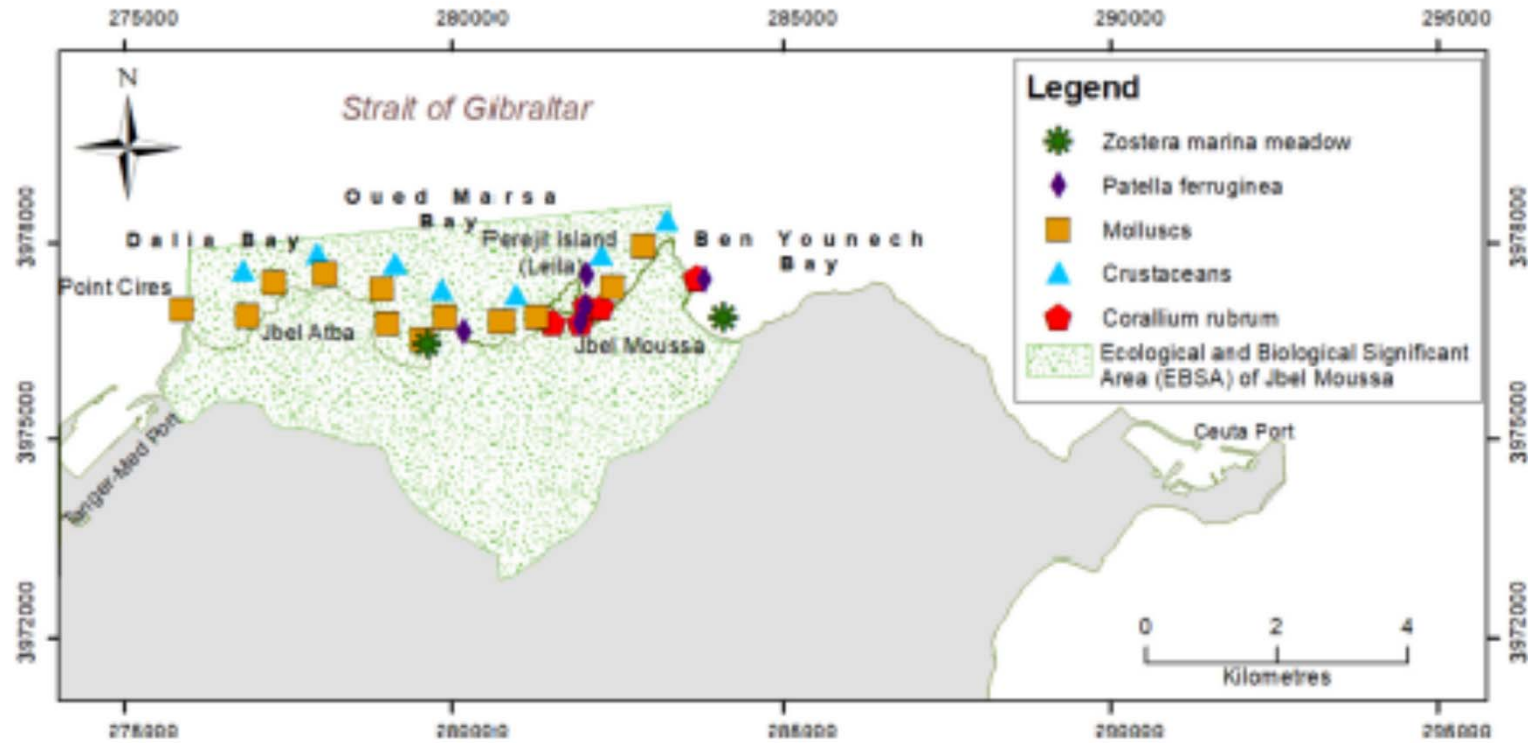
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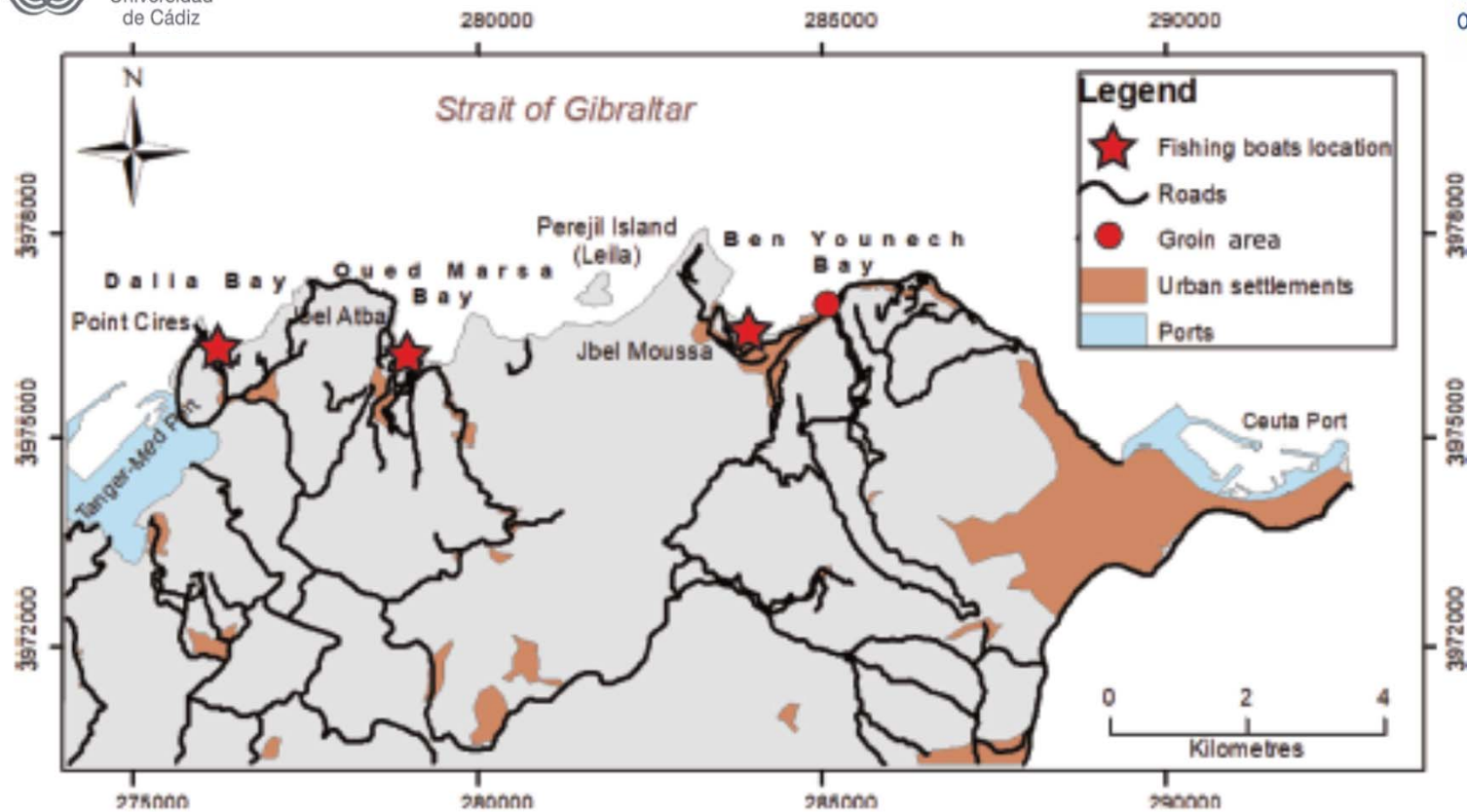


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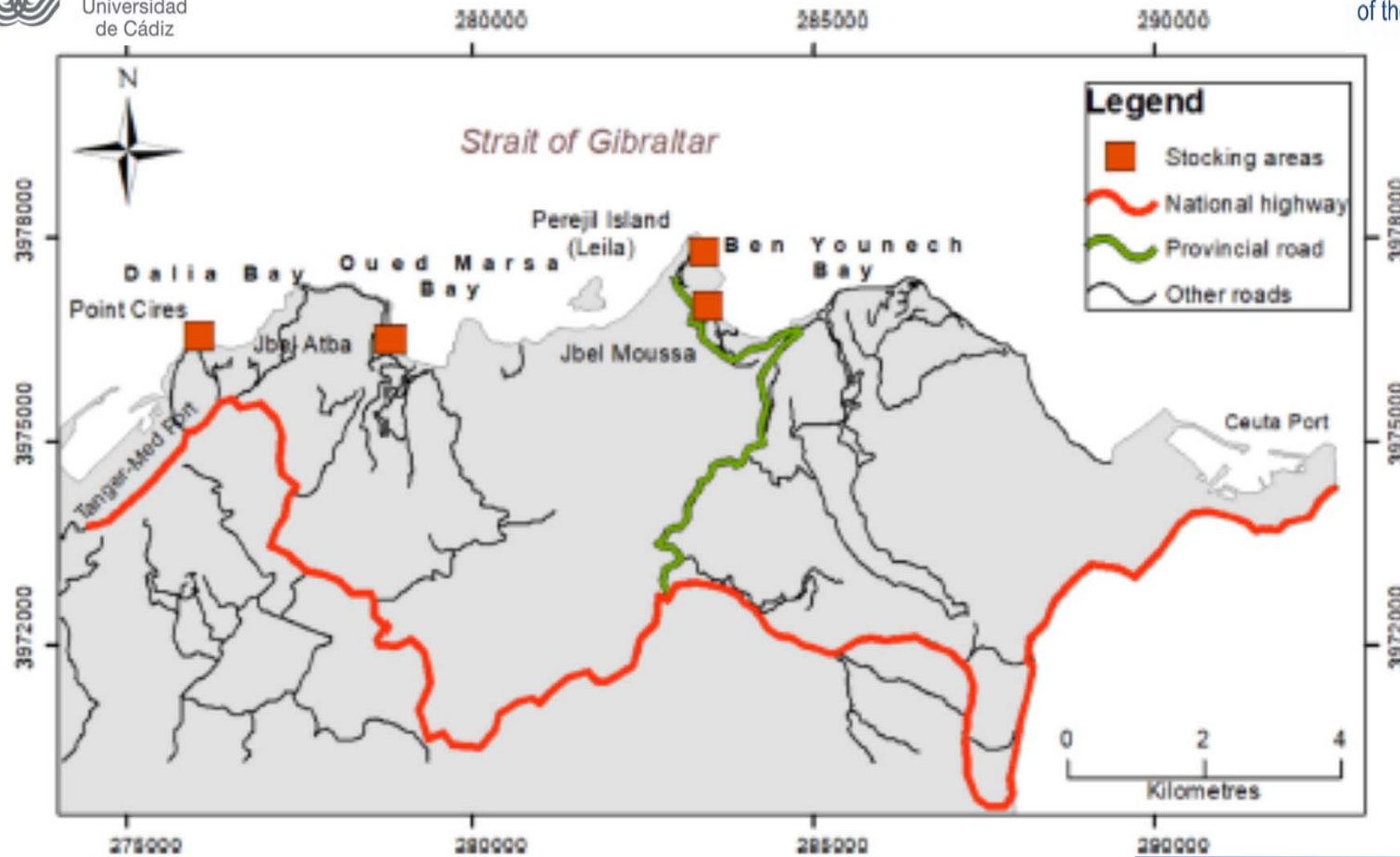




**Biological characteristics**



## Anthropogenic activities



**Stocking areas and connections**



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