

MAIN VULNERABLE SPECIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

By "Vulnerable Species" it is intended an animal or vegetable species in a critical condition, for instance when its population is in decline, or when the habitat is strongly impacted by human activities. The vulnerable species in the Mediterranean Sea include all marine mammals, turtles, about 30 species of birds and about a hundred species of sharks, mantas and rays. The greatest risks for these animals come from human activities at sea, such as shipping traffic, fishing and pollution.

<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i> (EN)  Fin whale ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i> (EN)  Sperm whale ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Sterella coeruleoalba</i> (LC)  Striped dolphin ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (LC)  Common bottlenose dolphin ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Delphinus delphis</i> (EN)  Common dolphin ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Steno bredanensis</i> (NA)  Rough-toothed dolphin ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Globicephala melas</i> (DD)  Long-finned pilot whale ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
<i>Grampus griseus</i> (DD)  Risso's dolphin ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i> (NT)  Cuvier's beaked whale ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Orcinus orca</i> (NA)  Killer whale ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Monachus monachus</i> (DD)  Mediterranean monk seal ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Larus fuscus</i> (LC)  Lesser black-backed gull ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i> (VU)  Sandwich tern ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Alca torda</i> (LC)  Razorbill ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
<i>Calonectris diomedea</i> (LC)  Scopoli's shearwater ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Puffinus yelkouan</i> (DD)  Yelkouan shearwater ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Hydrobatas pelagicus</i> (NT)  European storm petrel ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Morus bassanus</i> (NA)  Northern gannet ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> (CR)  Great cormorant ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Larus michahellis</i> (LC)  Yellow-legged gull ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Larus ridibundus</i> (LC)  Black-headed gull ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
<i>Chelonia mydas</i> (NA)  Green turtle ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Caretta caretta</i> (EN)  Loggerhead turtle ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> (NA)  Leatherback turtle ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Hexanchus griseus</i> (DD)  Bluntnose sixgill shark ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Heptanchias perlo</i> (DD)  Sharpnose sevengill shark ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Dalatias licha</i> (VU)  Kitefin shark ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Centrophorus uyato</i> (NT)  Little gulper shark ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
<i>Oxynotus centrina</i> (DD)  Angular roughshark ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Squalus acanthias</i> (CR)  Spiny dogfish ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Mustelus mustelus</i> (EN)  Common smooth-hound ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Lamna nasus</i> (DD)  Porbeagle ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i> (DD)  Basking shark ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i> (DD)  White shark ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i> (CR)  Common thresher ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
<i>Alopias superciliosus</i> (CR)  Bigeye thresher ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i> (EN)  Shortfin mako ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Prionace glauca</i> (VU)  Blue shark ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Sphyrna mokarran</i> (NA)  Great hammerhead ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i> (DD)  Smooth hammerhead ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Squatina squatina</i> (CR)  Angel shark ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Torpedo torpedo</i> (LC)  Ocellate torpedo ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
<i>Leucoraja melitensis</i> (NT)  Maltese skate ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Myliobatis aquila</i> (DD)  Common eagle ray ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<i>Mobula mobular</i> (EN)  Spinetail devil ray ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	<p>IUCN STATUS*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CR Critically endangered EN Endangered VU Vulnerable NT Near Threatened LC Least Concern DD Data Deficient NA Not Evaluated 			

MANAGEMENT, CONSERVATION AND CONTROL BODIES PROVIDING THEIR PROTECTION

- Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS)
- Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
- Barcelona Convention
- International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
- General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)

*Categorisation according to the IUCN (2022). IUCN red list for the Italian vertebrates.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A MARINE SENTINEL?

Report your sightings of vulnerable marine species by sending video-photographic material and information about the day, time and location, species and number of individuals observed:

- By shooting at the QR code and entering the data in the dedicated section of the website: www.seamarvel.eu/eng
- By sending an email to one of the following addresses of our research team: adriana.vella@um.edu.mt - clara.monaco@unict.it
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