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NEPTUNE blue paths

DRAGONE



**Attention
FRAGILE**



**SPAMI
species**



Diving



**Permit
required**



Natural



**Medium
frequented**

Geographical location

Italia, Liguria, Genova, Portofino

Name of conservation area (or protected area)

Area Marina Protetta Portofino

Degree of environmental protection

Zona B

Diving site name

Dragone

Geographical coordinates (reference system)

LAT **44°18'41.65"N**

LONG **9°10'32.76"E**

Reference system **WGS 84**



LOCATION



Type of access to the diving site by boat

Site characteristics

Maximum depth

40 m

Difficulty

Medium



Natural

Information from the managing organisation

Estimated number of dives carried out on the site per year
906 (estimates for the year 2020)



INFORMATION



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www.portofinoamp.it



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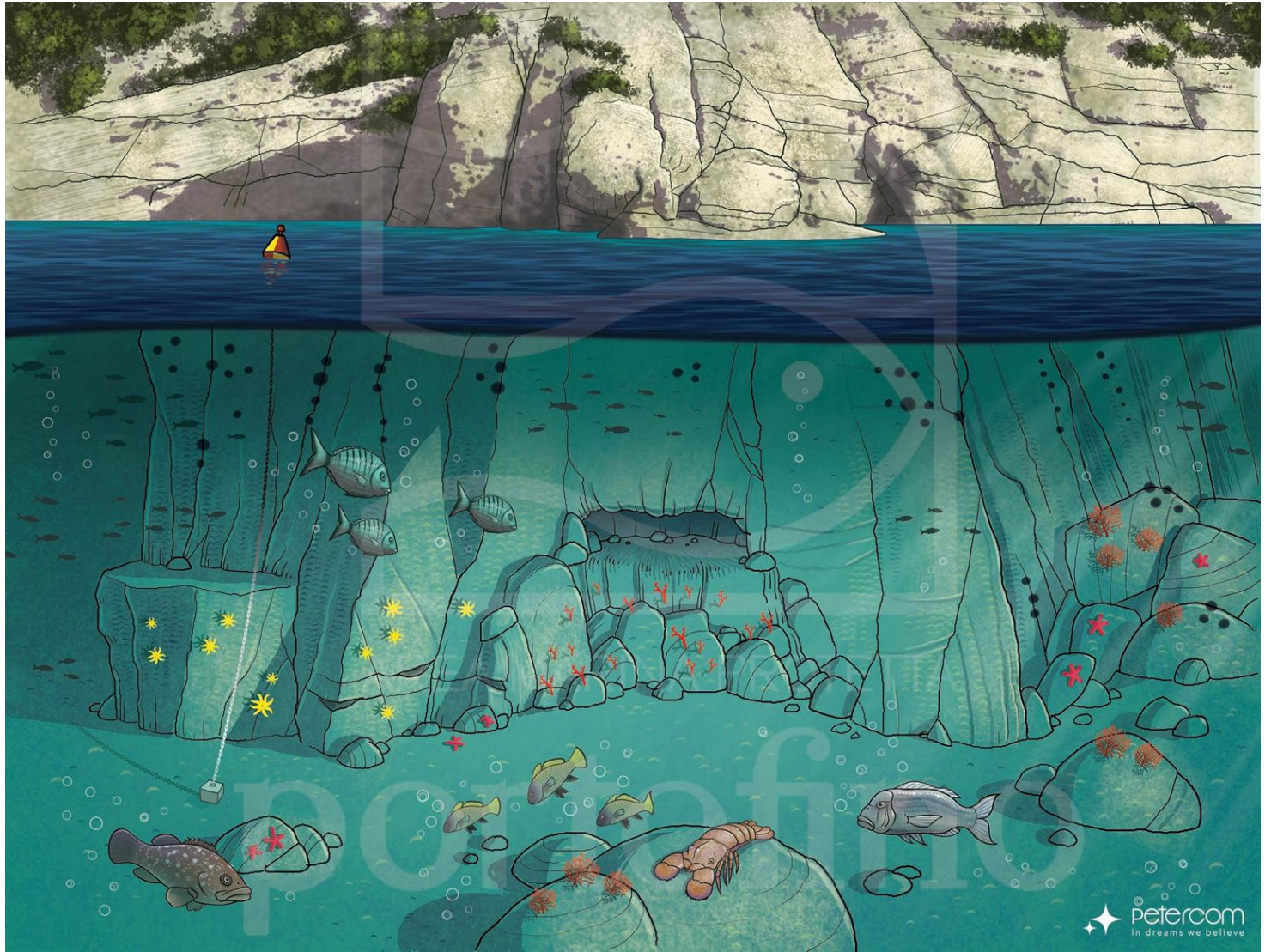


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PATH MAP



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Description of the site of natural interest

The Dragon dive allows you to encounter a wide variety of environments: we go from suspended roofs between 15 and 9 m rich in yellow daisies (*Parazoanthus axinellae*), to walls rich in red coral (*Corallium rubrum*) and gorgonians (*Paramuricea clavata* and *Eunicella Cavolinii*) between 25 and 40 m, and swim around large blocks of rocks scattered on a 40 m seabed covered with beautiful red gorgonians (*Paramuricea clavata*). There are numerous submerged horizontal fractures that can be observed during the dive where it is possible to see large crustaceans such as lobsters (*Palinurus elephas*) and magnosas (*Scyllarides latus*). This dive is suitable for divers with different levels of experience.



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Main species list

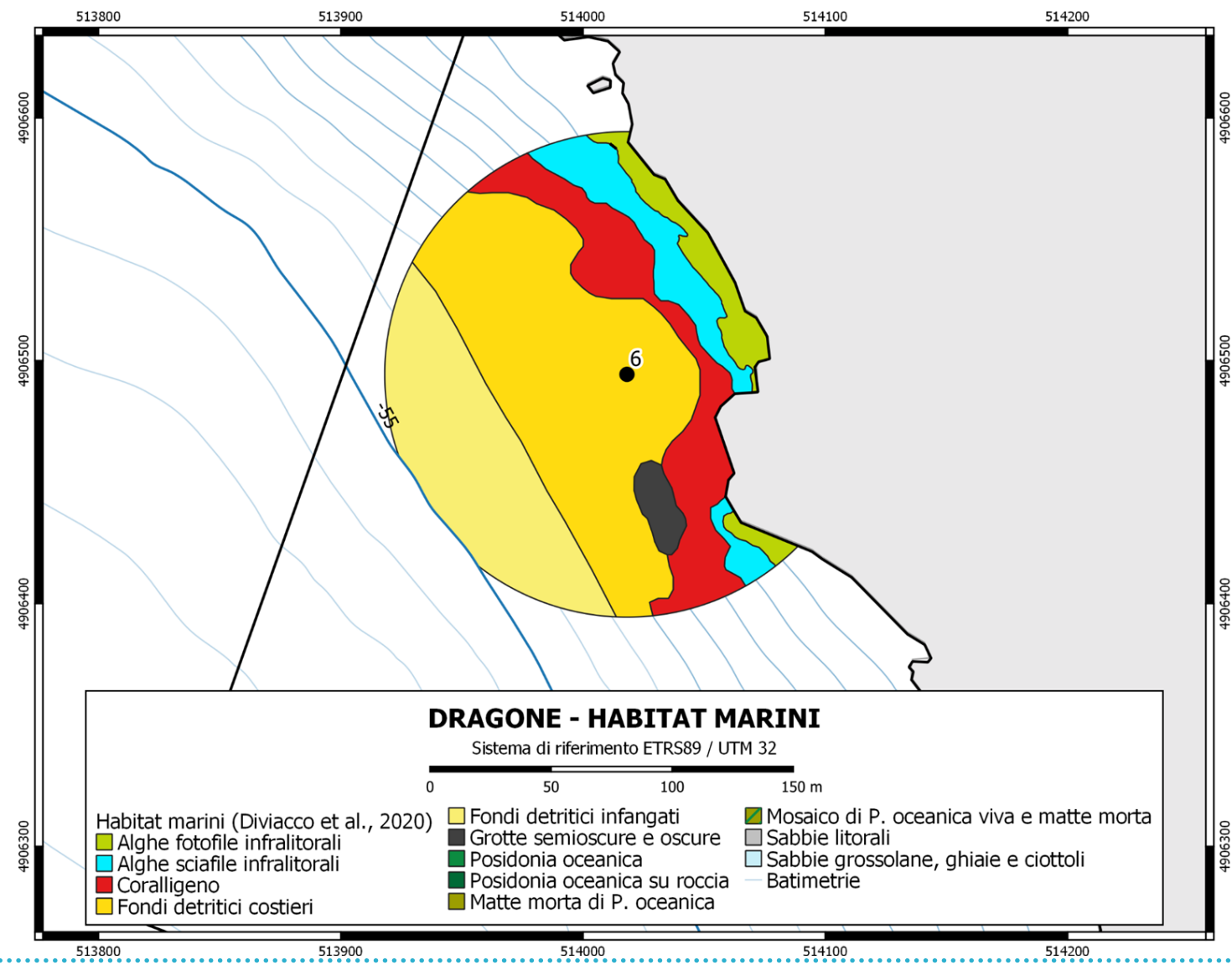
- *Corallium rubrum*
- *Parazoanthus axinellae*
- *Eunicella cavolinii*
- *Paramuricea clavata*
- *Palinurus elephas*
- *Scyllarides latus*



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Area of main habitats (within a 100m radius of the site)

- Coastal detrital seabed 7'871 mq
- Sciaphilous algae 5'861 mq
- Muddy debris seabed 5'138 mq
- Coralligenous 2'845 mq



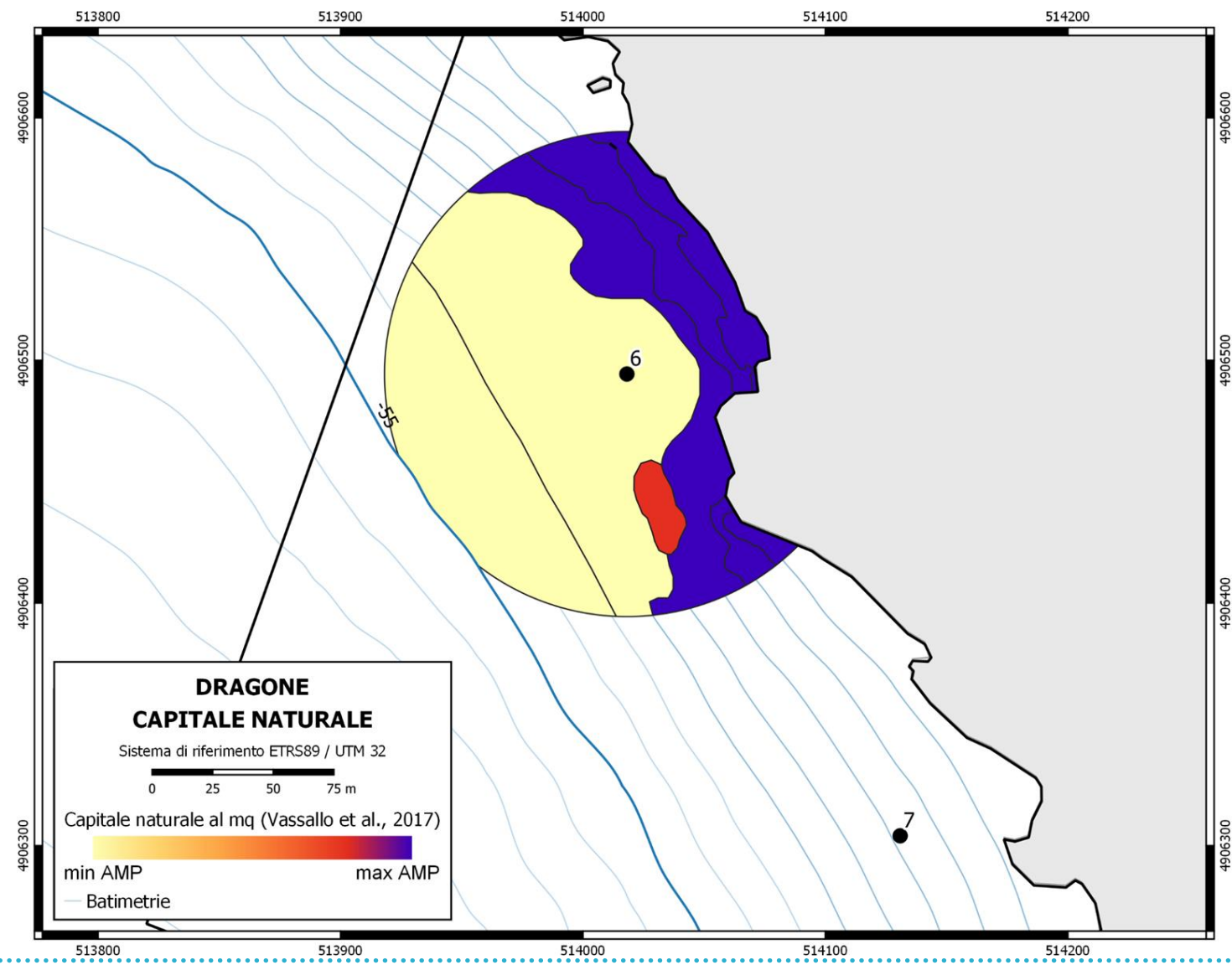
Habitat map (GIS)



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Habitats with natural capital greater than the average value found in MPAs (within 100m of the site)

- Coralligenous
- Coastal detrital seabed
- Sciaphilous algae



Natural capital map (GIS)



Environmental heritage photos

Portofino MPA archive photo
(L. Capurro)



Portofino MPA archive
photo (A. Sangalli)



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photo (S. Bava)