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NEPTUNE blue trails

Ilot du Crocodile underwater trail



**Warning
FRAGILE**



Snorkelling



**Cultural and
natural**



**High
frequentation**

Geographic location

France, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, Var, La Croix Valmer

Name of the conservation area (or protected area)

Marine area adjacent to Port-Cros National Park

Level of environmental protection

Natura 2000 Var coast

Name of the dive site

Ilot du Crocodile underwater trail

Geographic coordinates (reference system)

LAT E 06°36'16.199"

LONG N 43°10'35.515"

Reference system WGS 84

LOCATION



Access to the dive site

By land: car park at Gigaro beach (pay parking during the summer season).
Access via the Cap Lardier natural protected site coastal footpath (20 min on foot).

Site characteristics

Maximum depth **3 m**
Difficulty **Low**



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Information about the managing body

In 2017, the Golfe de St-Tropez District Community Council began to develop a network of 3 underwater trails in the Jovat cove in La Croix Valmer, including the Ilot du Crocodile trail, to enable the public to discover the wealth of coastal natural life.

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INFORMATION



Authorisation not required



Snorkelling

More information:

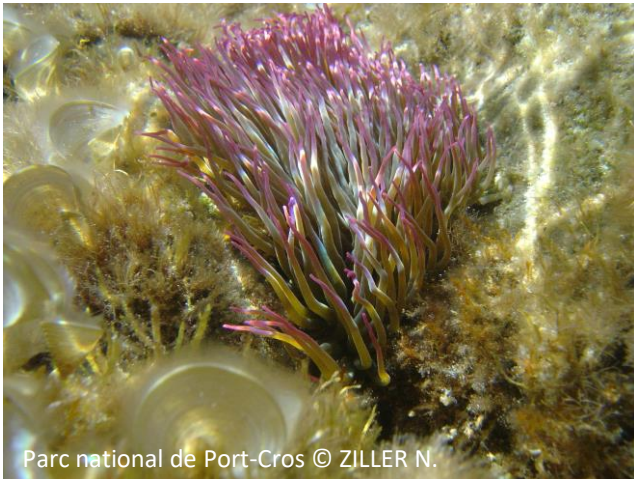
The underwater trails booklet (trail No.7, page 20)

<https://fr.calameo.com/read/000318363320c568f95e>

Description of the site of natural interest

An exceptional natural panorama on the unspoilt coast of Cap Lardier, which includes the Jovat cove, offers a wide diversity of marine habitats that are home to a varied and typically Mediterranean fauna. Numerous biotopes are present: anemone gardens, sandy seabeds, seagrass meadows and Ilot du Crocodile, all at depths of less than 3 metres.

Snakelocks anemone
Anemonia viridis



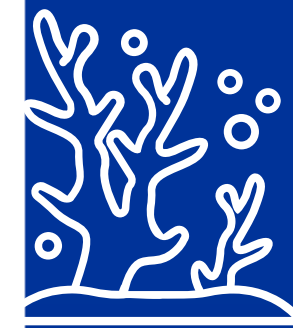
Striped red mullet
Mullus surmuletus



Peacock wrasse
Symphodus tinca



Green sponge ball
Codium bursa



NATURAL

List of main species

- Snakelocks anemone *Anemonia viridis*
- Damselfish *Chromis chromis*
- Green sponge ball *Codium bursa*
- Red sea star *Echinaster sepositus*
- Rainbow wrasse *Coris julis*
- Ornate wrasse *Thalassoma pavo*
- Green wrasse *Labrus viridis*
- Neptune grass *Posidonia oceanica*
- Striped red mullet *Mullus surmuletus*
- Salema porgy *Sarpa salpa*
- Common two-banded sea bream *Diplodus vulgaris*
- Painted comber *Serranus scriba*

Description of the site of cultural interest

The Îlot du Crocodile underwater trail is located near the wreck of the cement barge, a vessel that transported bags of cement. It is visible to good swimmers from the surface.



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Cement bags



CULTURAL

Photos of cultural heritage