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**NEPTUNE blue paths**

# PUNTA VESSINARO



**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

**Punta Vessinaro**

## Geographical coordinates (reference system)

LAT **44°18'15.02"N**

LONG **9°11'54.24"E**

Reference system **WGS 84**



**LOCATION**



## Type of access to the diving site by boat

### Site characteristics

Maximum depth

**35 m**

Difficulty

**Medium**



**Natural**

### Information from the managing organisation

Estimated number of dives carried out on the site per year

**1254 (estimates for the year 2020)**



**INFORMATION**

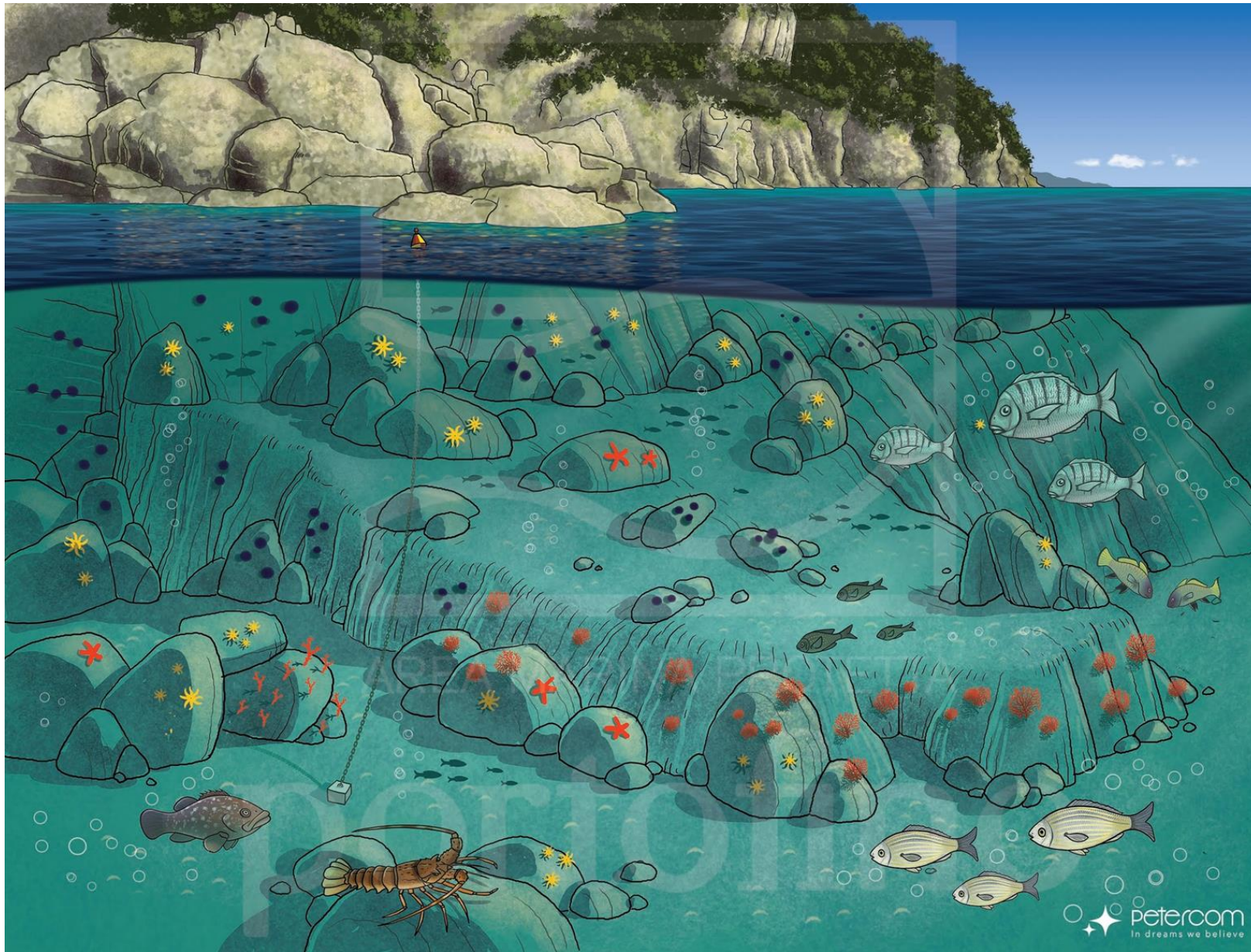


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*[www.portofinoamp.it](http://www.portofinoamp.it)*



**Diving**



# PATH MAP



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**SPAMI species**

## Description of the site of natural interest

Descend along the chain of the mooring buoy, but it is preferable, at a depth of about 10 m, to head towards the wall in a westerly direction. Continuing the descent we find large overlapping boulders that create ravines where dusky groupers (*Epinephelus marginatus*) find refuge. Here we also find conger (*Conger conger*), mediterranean moray (*Muraena helena*) and brown meagre (*Sciaena umbra*). Continuing on the 35 m we come to a wall where there are large gorgonians. From here it is advisable to start the ascent, paying attention to the numerous gorgonians present and the possibility of observing lobsters and octopuses. At shallow depths it is easy to observe an intense fish fauna: salema (*Sarpa salpa*), seabream (*Diplodus sp.*), saddled seabream (*Oblada melanura*), gilthead seabream (*Sparus aurata*) are often visible.



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### Main species list

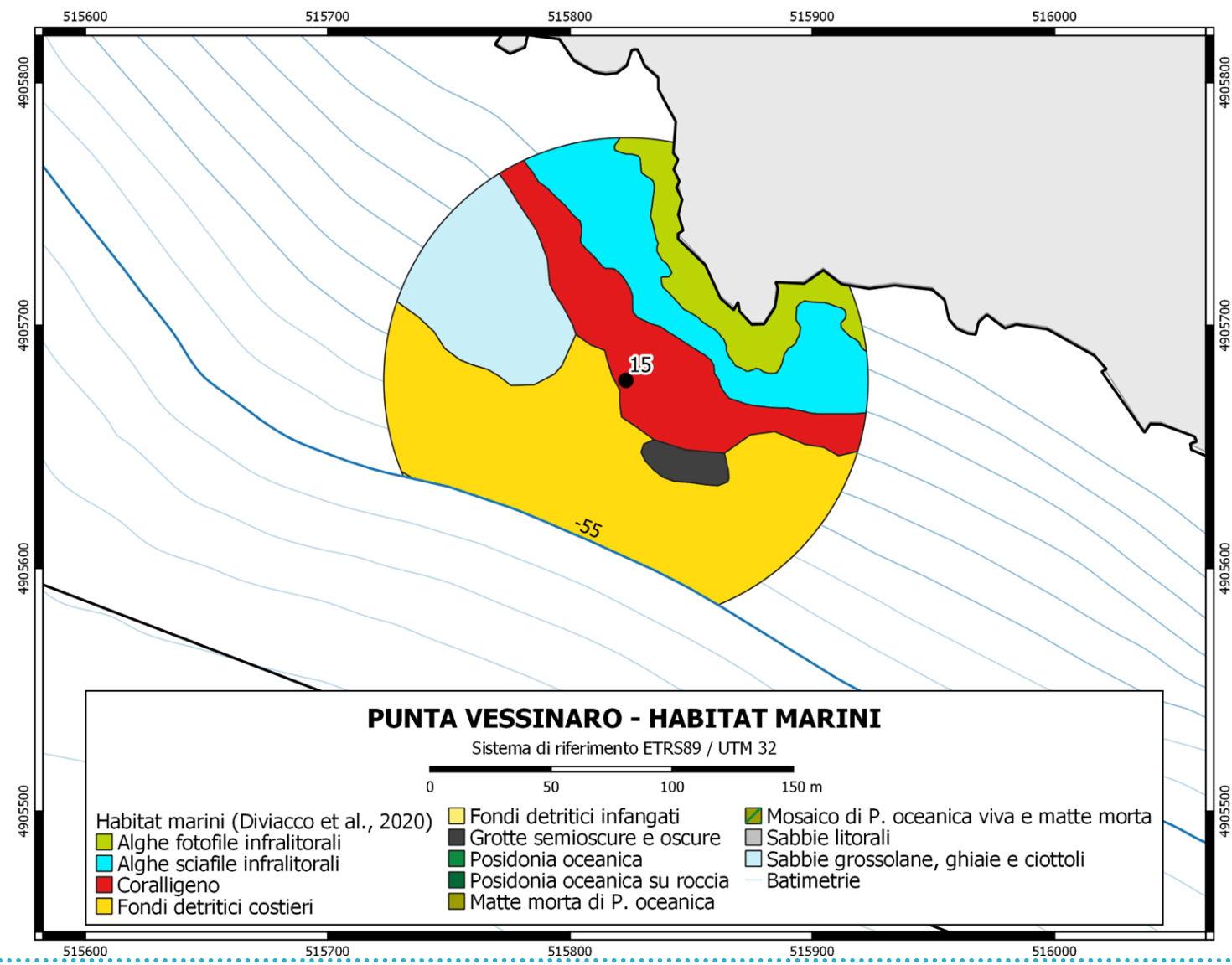
- *Corallium rubrum*
- *Posidonia oceanica*
- *Eunicella cavolinii*
- *Paramuricea clavata*
- *Epinephelus marginatus*
- *Sciaena umbra*



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

- Coastal detrital seabed 10'433 mq
- Coralligenous 4'267 mq
- Sciaphilous algae 4'220 mq
- Coarse sediments 3'792 mq



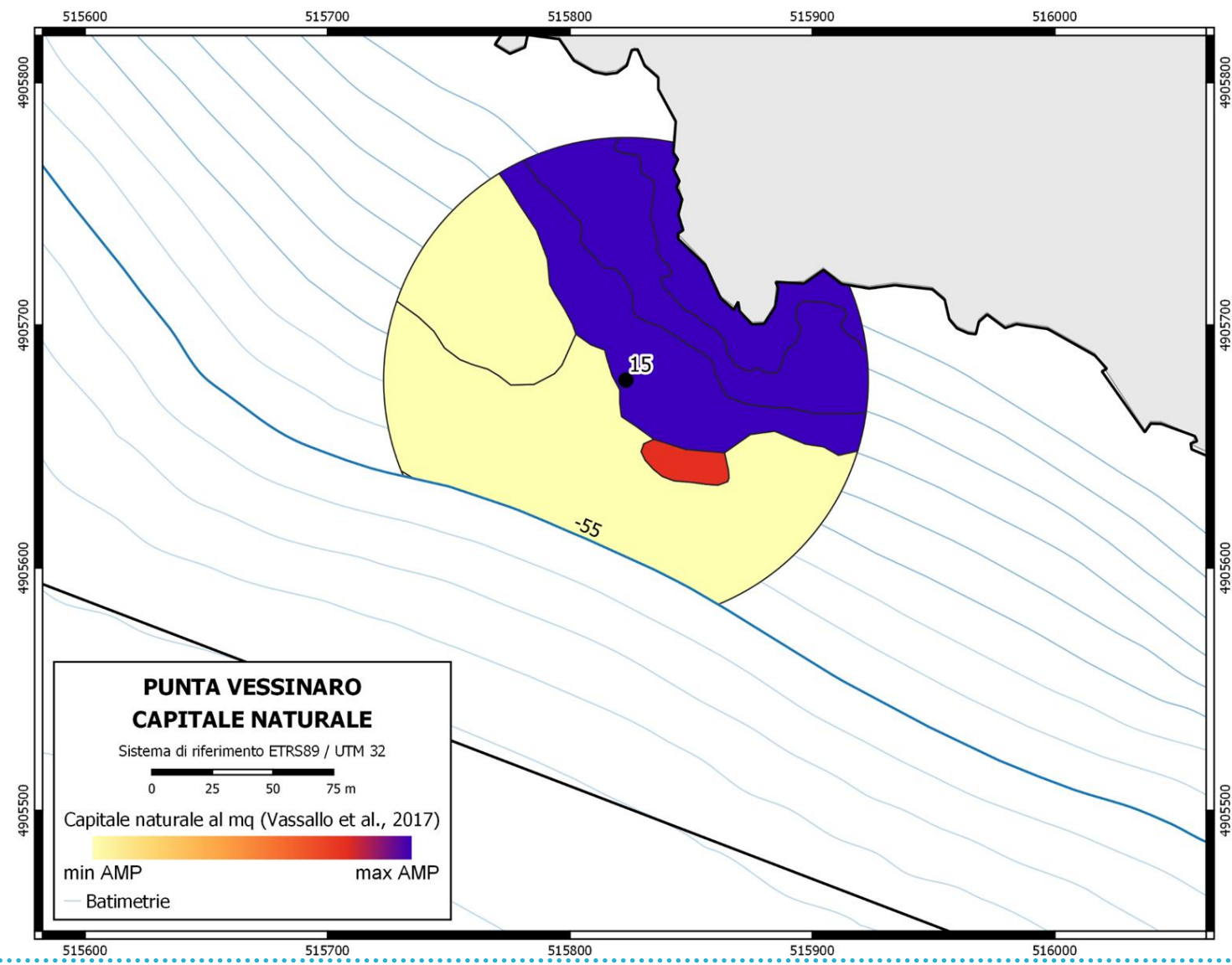
Habitat map (GIS)



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

- Coralligenous
- Photophilic algae
- Sciaphilous algae
- Caves



Natural capital map (GIS)



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## Environmental heritage photos

Portofino MPA archive photo  
(S. Guidi)



Portofino MPA archive  
photo (Tessera)



Portofino MPA archive photo  
(M. Gambirasi)

Portofino MPA archive  
photo (E. Mainini)

