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**NEPTUNE blue paths**

# PUNTA DELL'ALTARE



**Attention  
FRAGILE**



**SPAMI  
species**



**Diving**



**Permit  
required**



**Natural**



**Highly  
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 dell'Altare**

## Geographical coordinates (reference system)

LAT **44°18'19.74"N**

LONG **9°11'48.31"E**

Reference system **WGS 84**



**LOCATION**



## Type of access to the diving site by boat

### Site characteristics

Maximum depth **35 m**  
Difficulty **Low**



**Natural**

### Information from the managing organisation

Estimated number of dives carried out on the site per year  
**2326 (estimates for the year 2020)**



## INFORMATION



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



**Diving**



# PATH MAP



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SPAMI species



## Description of the site of natural interest

The dive begins with a descent along the chain of the mooring which ends with the base at a depth of about 15 metres. Heading west, we reach a wall that stretches out towards the bottom, to a depth of about 35 m, with an amphitheatre shape. These walls are home to many characteristic species: red coral (*Corallium rubrum*), violescent sea-whip and yellow gorgonians (*Paramuricea clavata* and *Eunicella cavolinii*), lobsters (*Palinurus elephas*), mediterranean moray (*Muraena helena*), sponges and bryozoans. This dive is also suitable for less experienced divers who, by staying at 18 m, can observe a seabed that is less steep and covered with boulders, which are home to a dense marine fauna. It is easy to see dusky groupers (*Epinephelus marginatus*), damselfish (*Chromis chromis*), menolae (*Spicara maena*), saddled seabream (*Oblada melanura*), salps (*Sarpa salpa*), seabream (*Diplodus* sp.) and common dentex (*Dentex dentex*).



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### Main species list

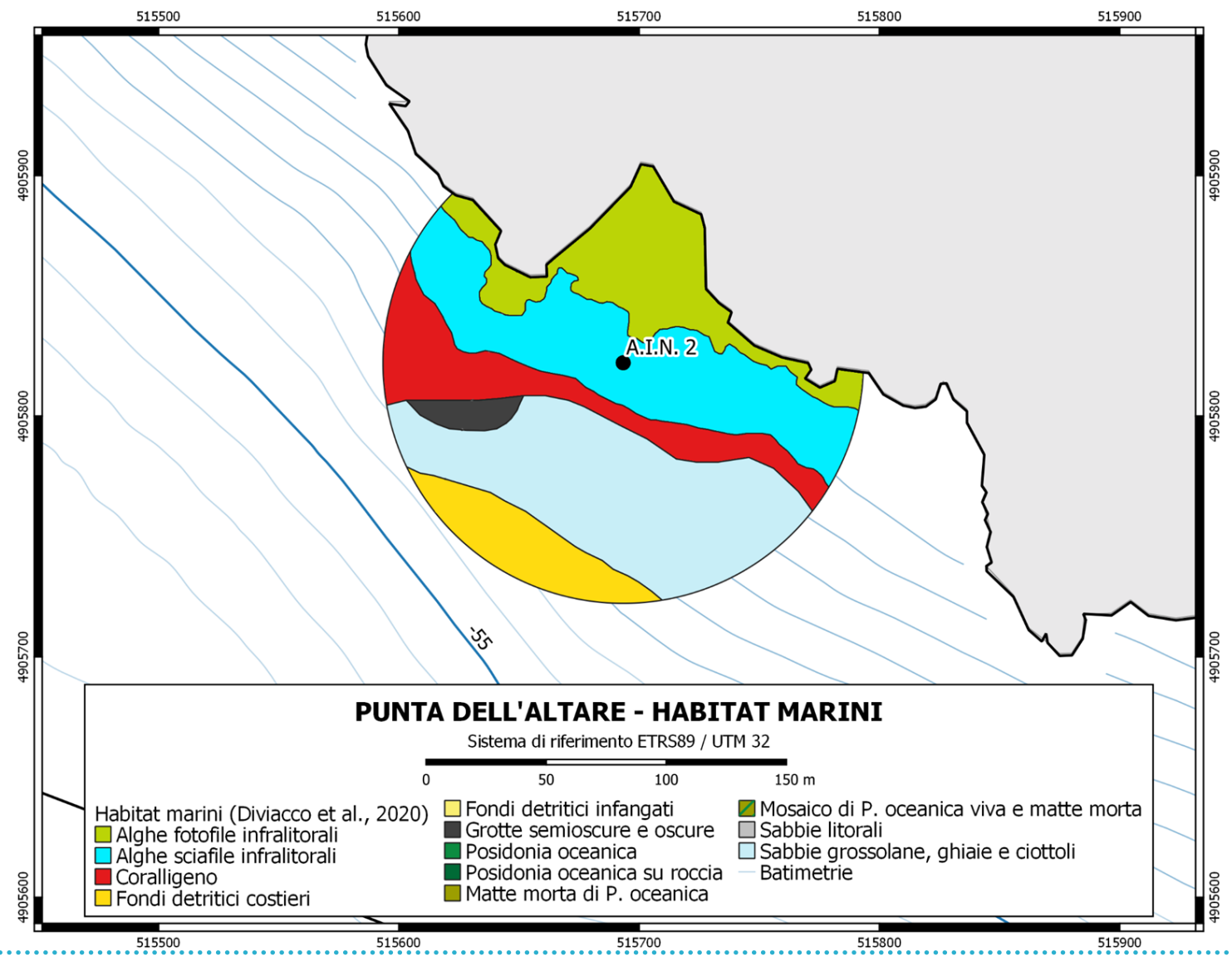
- *Corallium rubrum*
- *Eunicella cavolinii*
- *Paramuricea clavata*
- *Epinephelus marginatus*
- *Sciaena umbra*
- *Dentex dentex*



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

- Coarse sediments 7'418 mq
- Sciaphilous algae 6'241 mq
- Photophilic algae 4'177 mq
- Coralligenous 3'215 mq



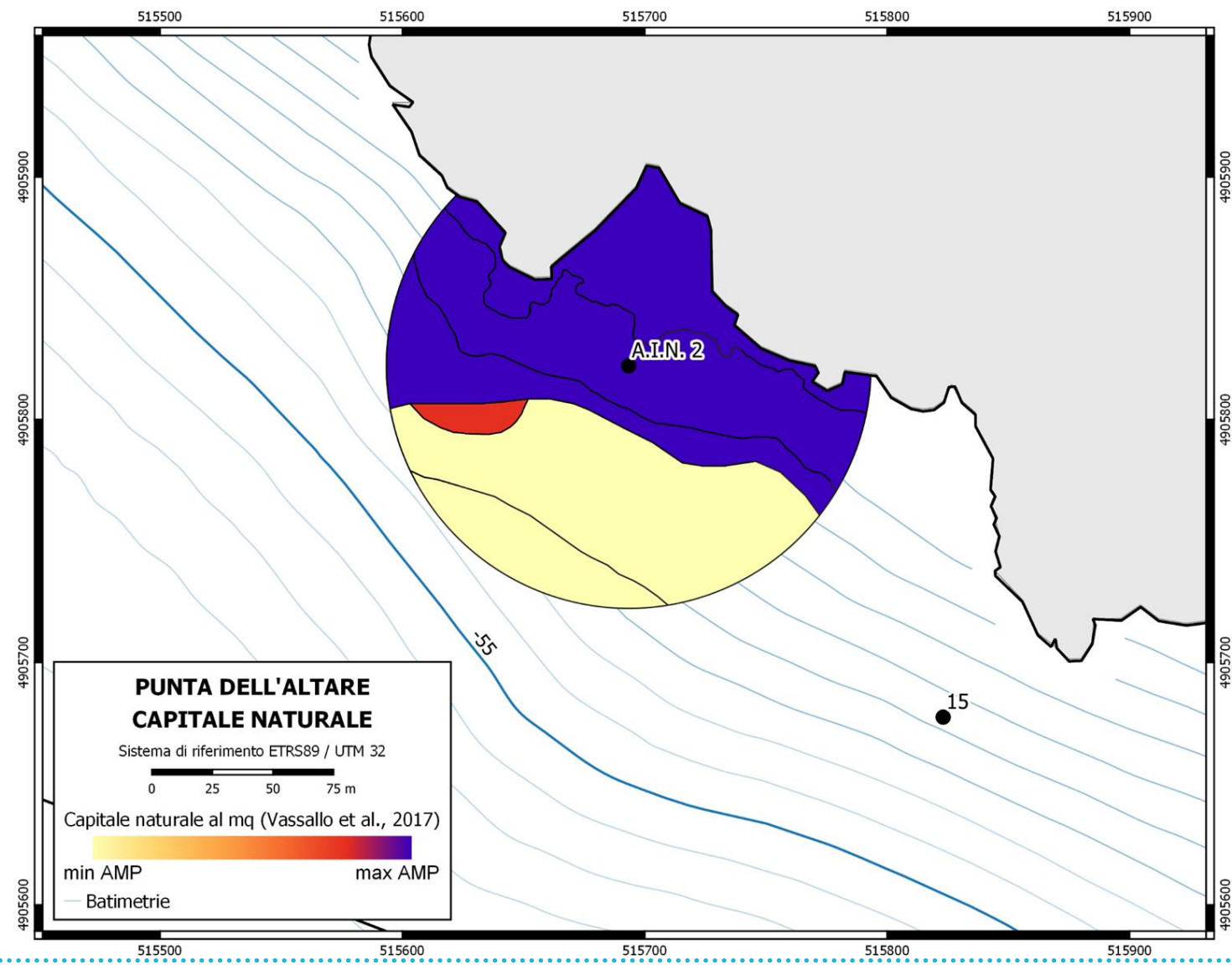
Habitat map (GIS)



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

- Coralligenous
- *Posidonia oceanica*
- Photophilic algae
- Sciaphilous algae
- Caves



Natural capital map (GIS)



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## Environmental heritage photos

Portofino MPA archive photo  
(A. Carbone)



Portofino MPA archive photo  
(S. Venturini)



Portofino MPA archive photo  
(L. Capurro)

Portofino MPA archive photo  
(M. Calabrese)

