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NEPTUNE blue paths

PUNTA DELLA TORRETTA



**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 della Torretta

Geographical coordinates (reference system)

LAT **44°18'45.10"N**

LONG **9°10'03.40"E**

Reference system **WGS 84**



LOCATION



Type of access to the diving site by boat

Site characteristics

Maximum depth

35 m

Difficulty

Medium



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Information from the managing organisation

Estimated number of dives carried out on the site per year
1887 (estimates for the year 2020)



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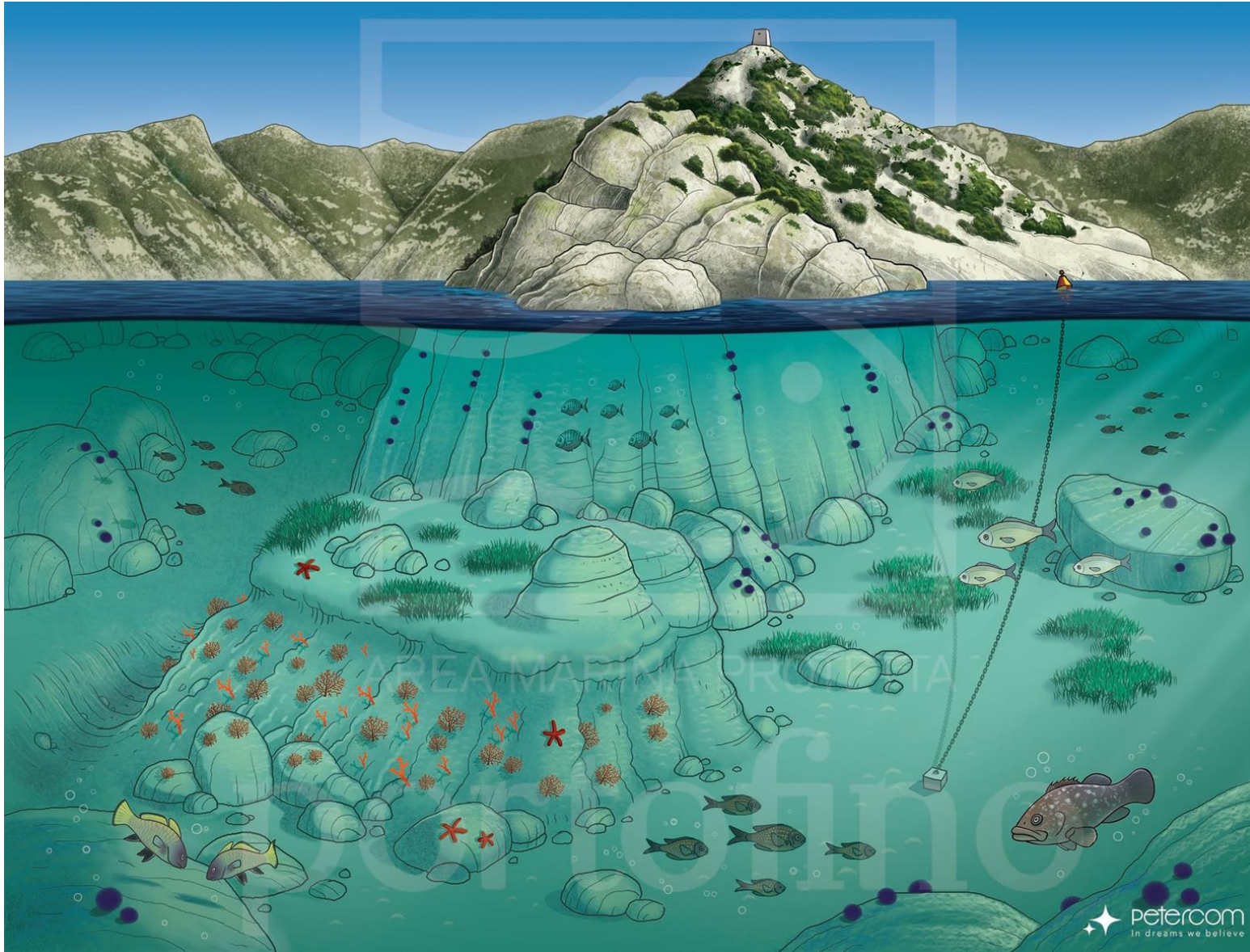
PATH MAP



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Description of the site of natural interest

At the edge of the integral reserve and on a spur of rock to the west of San Fruttuoso Bay stands an old tower that gives its name to the dive site.

Descending along the chain, we find ourselves on a seabed of about 17 m. From here, keeping the wall to the right, we come across a series of large boulders beyond which, at 22 metres, it is possible to observe a small indentation in the coastline that gives way to a fantastic wall sinking to a depth of 35 metres. The numerous cracks hide red coral (*Corallium rubrum*), lobsters, sponges, bryozoans and nudibranches. These walls are also famous for a dense 'forest' of violescent sea-whip (*Paramuricea clavata*). On the way up, it is easy to see large commom dentex (*Dentex dentex*), dusky groupers (*Epinephelus marginatus*) and brown meagre (*Sciaena umbra*). On 14 m, it is easy to see yellow boulders completely covered with *Parazoanthus axinellae*, cracks where mediterranean moray find shelter and "clouds" of seabream swimming peacefully.



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Main species list

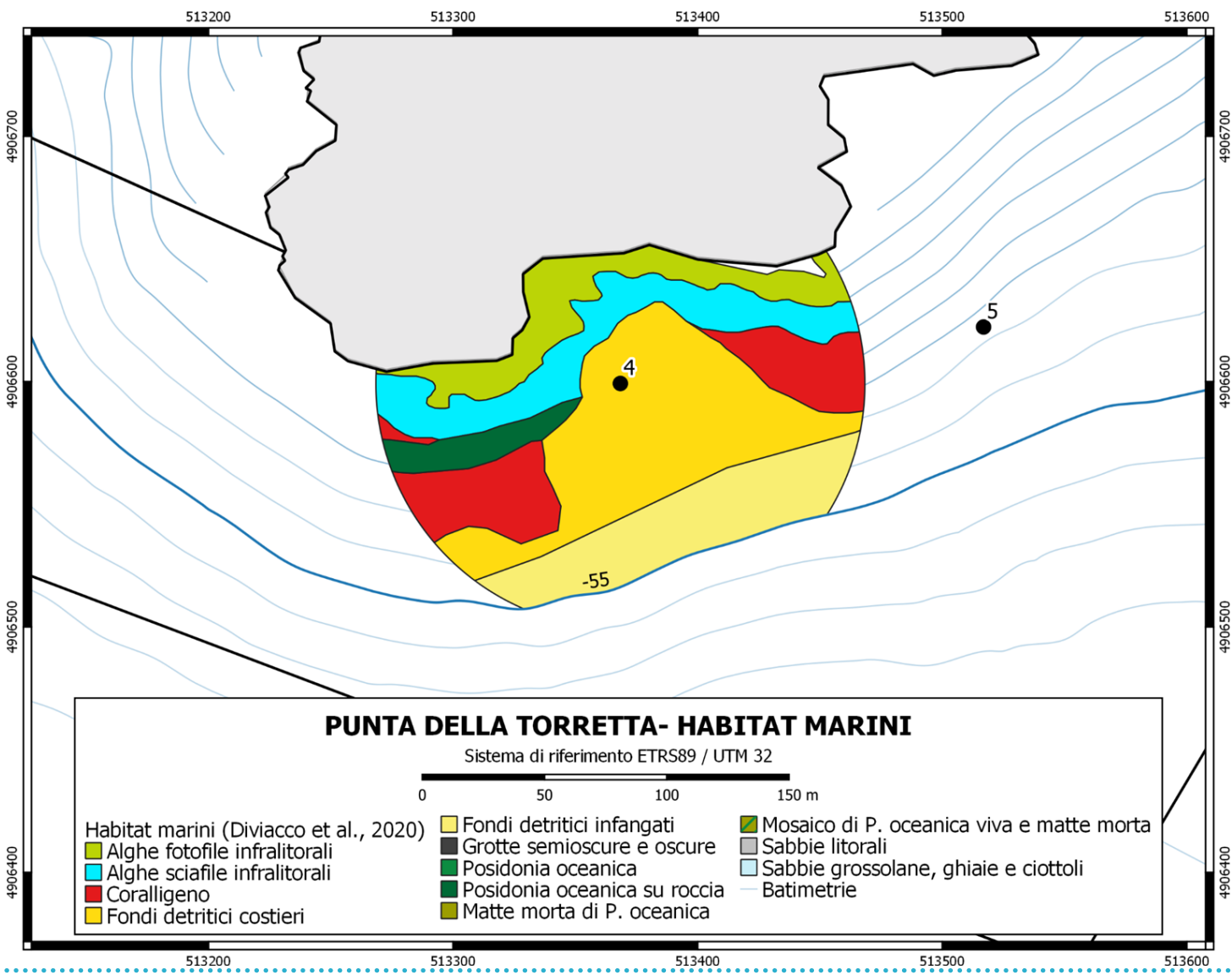
- *Corallium rubrum*
- *Eunicella cavolinii*
- *Paramuricea clavata*
- *Epinephelus marginatus*
- *Sciaena umbra*
- *Dentex dentex*



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

- Coastal detrital seabed 6'793 mq
- Muddy debris seabed 3'837 mq
- Sciaphilous algae 3'345 mq
- Coralligenous 3'275 mq



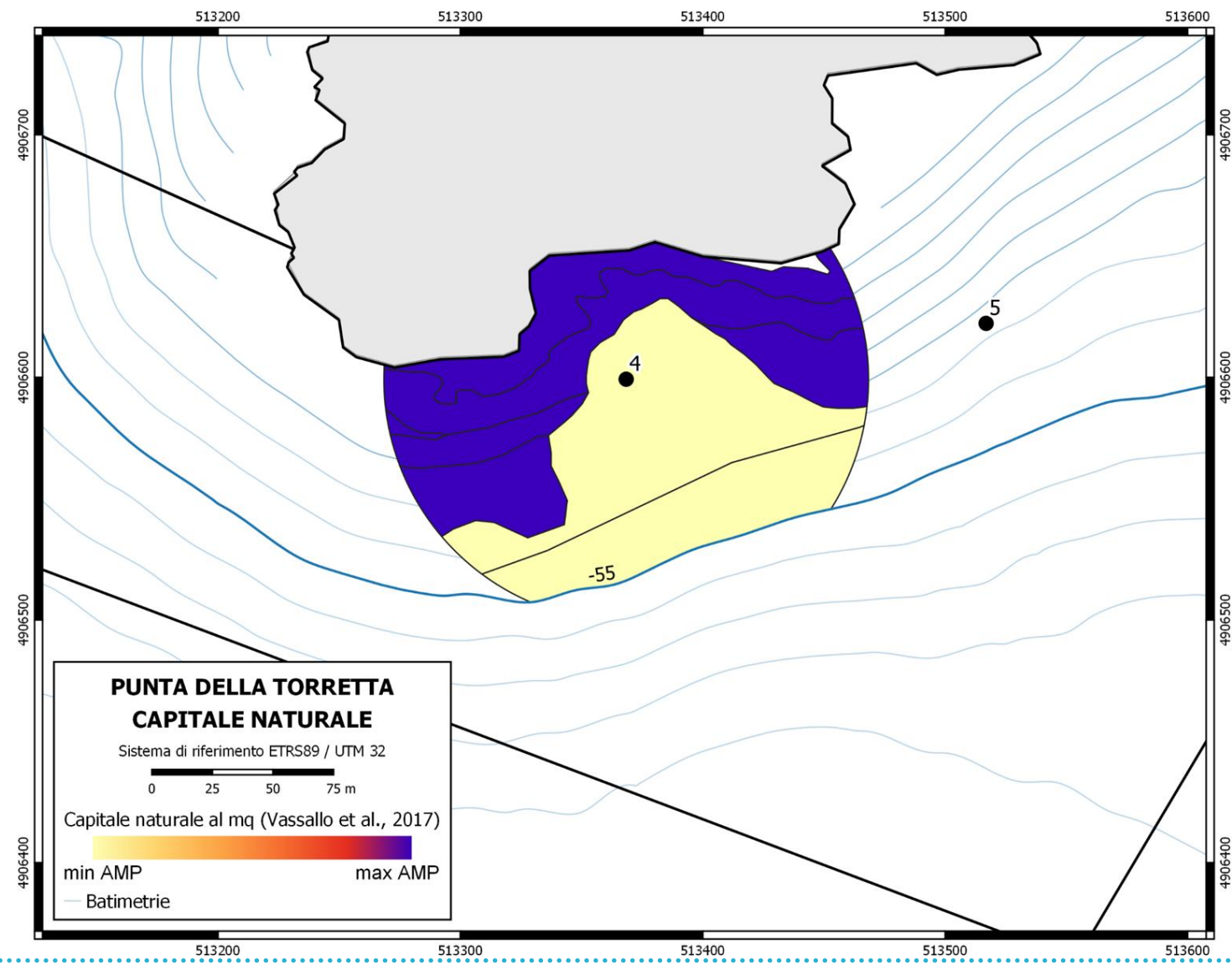
Habitat map (GIS)



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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



Natural capital map (GIS)



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Environmental heritage photos

Portofino MPA archive photo
(N. Furlotti)



Portofino MPA archive photo
(M. Mazzitelli)



Portofino MPA archive photo
(M. Calabrese)

Portofino MPA archive photo
(S. Venturini)

