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1. INTRODUCTION

The present document summarizes the work carried out in WP9 of the MERCES project in the period July 2019 - November 2020. It is broken down per Task within WP9 as well as per activity within Tasks, and benchmarks such progress against the “Assessment and monitoring” Table presented in section 6 of the Dissemination Plan - DP, second version (D9.1). For the sake of clarity, the same table is included here as Annex 1, with updates and outcomes from year 4. The present document is released in conjunction with the updated version of the DP and is produced by GAIA with the support of ECOREACH.

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROGRESS

2.1. Task 9.1. Dissemination Plan and Quality Control (M1-M54)

The DP has been delivered as expected on M3, laying down the overall principles of the MERCES dissemination, communication and public engagement strategy. These included: the audience to target, the messages to deliver, the tools and mechanisms to be used, the plan of activities, and the assessment and monitoring approach. The latter (as per section 6 of the DP) is also recalled, in the following sections, to assess performance versus quantitative targets therein defined. The DP also included a database of stakeholders (v.1) and of relevant projects for cross-cutting activities (v.1).

The DP is to be updated annually, and a revised version is delivered by ECOREACH in conjunction with the present document (updated D9.1).

The Quality Control component of this Task refers to the alignment between the MERCES scientific work plan, the DP and its actual implementation. The following sections provide details on such alignment, showing that it is consistent and in line with expectations.

2.2. Task 9.2. E-MERCES (M1-M54)

By e-MERCES, we intend e-based tools and channels employed to support the DP. These include the MERCES website (managed by ECOREACH and UNIVPM) and an array of social media and on-line platforms (managed by GAIA). Communication, promotional and dissemination material (including visual elements to be used in such material) are also covered in Task 9.2, whereby their distribution is mostly (although not exclusively) based on e-channels.

2.2.1 MERCES website

The **MERCES website** (www.merces-project.eu) and the MERCES intranet (Task 9.5) were established by M3, as described in D9.2. Since then, the website has grown in content and has been improved also following advice and requests by partners.

As of November 2020, the website has been visited over 85500 times in 4,5 years. The target set for the MERCES webpage is 8000 visits/year (D9.3), which - with about 19000/year visits, has been met. The majority of visitors to the MERCES website continue to land there via social media links.

2.2.2 MERCES social media and e-based tools/channels

Currently, the **MERCES Facebook page** has published over 150 posts and is followed by about 520 people. The target set in the DP for the MERCES Facebook page was 200 likes/year, which has not been met.

The **MERCES Twitter page** has sent about 880 posts, is followed by over 870 people and has received over 1600 likes to its tweets. The DP set two quantitative targets for the MERCES Twitter page: at least 150 followers/year (which has been exceeded) and at least 10.000 impressions/month (which has not been reached). However, a good part of MERCES' Twitter activity continues to occur through re-tweeting of tweets or mentioning by MERCES researchers. While re-tweeting is not taken into account by Twitter statistic (including the one generated by external social media management tools), this activity is still MERCES-born and is compensating for the formal gap in impressions. As a consequence, we consider both targets set for Twitter as achieved.

The **MERCES YouTube channel** features 11 videos, which have been viewed over 3400 times. The target set in the DP for the MERCES YouTube activity was at least 100 views/video, which has been well met.

The **MERCES project on ResearchGate** has gained 232 followers and has been read over 1600 times since its creation. The target set in the DP for the MERCES ResearchGate activity was at least 100 followers for the first year, and 50 per year in the subsequent ones. As the actual opening of the current page occurred in February 2017, the target is considered met. The indicator of impact for publications was defined as at least 70% of published papers being cited in year 3, which has been exceeded significantly (see Annex 2).

The **MERCES community on Zenodo** currently consists of 22 scientific publications, all of which with Open Access versions. The other scientific publications have not been uploaded on Zenodo yet, waiting for the pre-print versions from the authors.

2.2.3 MERCES communication, promotional and dissemination material (including visual elements)

Task 9.2 also included a set of printed and e-material, tailored for the different audiences and to be released at different points of the project's lifetime. Such material ranges from visual elements (to be included in different products, for example the MERCES logo) to complete products (to be used as such, for example, MERCES factsheets). Task 9.2 is coordinated by ECOREACH and GAIA, and is implemented by them with inputs from other members of the MERCES consortium. During the fourth year, the following have been created:

- **Updated collections of pictures, videos and graphics** to be used for MERCES communication, promotional and dissemination material (ECOREACH, GAIA, other partners). Such collections are stored on a separate platform, not directly accessible by MERCES partners in order to ensure proper handling of copyright and usage. Files are available to partners upon request.
- **Factsheets.** Graphics used to enrich the newsletter #7 will be used as factsheets associated to the Teachers' Workbook as "Supplementary material" (to be completed by December 2020 as a deliverable of the SponGES project).
- **Three more newsletters**, two for the non-specialist (#7, #9: GAIA and Ecoreach with other partners as contributors) and one for the specialist/business audience (#8: WP8 - DSES, NIVA, UTARTU with GAIA and Ecoreach for the layout and pagination). The target set in the DP for the MERCES newsletters was at least 150 views/year, measured via the MERCES website. The target has been met based on the Business newsletter, while we still don't know the statistics for the remaining two newsletters given their release in November, conjunction with the MERCES final meeting.
- **Press releases and presence in the media.** The consortium has continued to be actively engaged in communication to the non-specialist audience, appearing in printed and digital media. Moreover, MERCES featured in the CORDIS news (https://cordis.europa.eu/article/id/421774-getting-down-to-the-business-of-marine-ecosystem-restoration-in-european-seas-and-beyond?WT.mc_id=Twitter), which has been promoted through EC channels and beyond. Finally, MERCES was included in the first report on Nature-Based Solutions released by DG RTD <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/d7e8f4d4-c577-11ea-b3a4-01aa75ed71a1>
- **Models visualization.** A modelling-based video and an interactive experience representing different scenarios in the restoration of seagrasses in the North Sea has been released <https://dataportal.nioz.nl/visualmodels/BESE/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApfY0dWTL6E&feature=youtu.be>
- **Documentary.** UNIVPM and Ecoreach realized a documentary in collaboration with GG Production and the documentarist Roberto Rinaldi.

2.3. Task 9.3. Ocean Literacy (M13-M54)

Ocean Literacy has been at the heart of the MERCES WP9 agenda, engaging audiences of all ages and backgrounds. This task has the double aim of involving students and their teachers in dedicated events or activities, focusing on raising knowledge and awareness on ecological restoration actions. To reach these goals:

- UNIVPM and Ecoreach organized a full day experience to explain the MERCES experimental activities to high-school teachers and students at Gabicce (UNIVPM experimental site) and UNIVPM

labs, in collaboration with the Italian PLS project (Italian national plan to promote scientific degrees, funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research).

- UNIVPM participated in the event Your Future Festival, presenting MERCES to visitors (mainly young students from primary school).
- IMAR organized an open day with high schools from Horta, during which researchers showed their coral collection and explained how scientists explore the deep sea. Students also learnt about the close relationship between researchers and local fishermen - crucial to the MERCES' restoration work for deep-sea corals. A movie made during the 2018 campaign "Blue Azores" completed this full-immersion in the deep sea. Also, as mentioned in the paragraph below, IMAR and GAIA organized the third leg of the touring exhibition in summer and late 2019.
- Being involved in the communication, dissemination and public engagement activities of both MERCES and “sister project” SponGES, GAIA has worked to strengthen the collaboration between these initiatives. Two ways in this direction have been identified in MERCES joining both the touring exhibition that was part of SponGES’ outreach plan, and the linked modular manual for school teachers. The third leg of the touring exhibition (now involving all three “sister projects” SponGES, MERCES and ATLAS) was organized in the Azores, hosted by IMAR and overall coordinated by GAIA. The exhibition was set up at the Marine Observatory of the Azores in June 2019, lasted until October 2019 and was also presented during the Sea Week event in August 2019 (which exposed MERCES to decision makers and industry representatives as well). The third leg of the exhibition was visited by a few thousand people. In the end of 2019, all structural materials that constitute the core of the touring exhibition were shipped back to Italy because the fourth leg was due to take place during the EUDI Show fair (collaboration between GAIA and UNIVPM). EUDI is one of the major events in the sector of recreational and professional scuba diving in Europe, and is visited by over 30K people every year, including divers, professionals, families, and general visitors. The decision to be present at EUDI was motivated by the desire to bring the touring exhibition and its themes closer to these target audiences, with special focus on engagement in Citizen Science and hands-on Public Engagement activities that would be beneficial to marine restoration (such as environmental monitoring, practical support during restoration actions, post-action monitoring etc). Also, the decision was motivated by the need to establish collaborations with the diving industry, and more specifically with dive operators and major certifying agencies. To such an end, GAIA planned a set of hands-on activities and prepared linked materials that would pair activities at the fair with activities at sea at selected locations. EUDI 2020 was planned in Bologna (Italy, from February 28th to March 1st), but the event was initially put on hold and then moved to 27-29 November 2020 as a consequence of the first, shocking wave of Corona-19 virus that hit Italy. Eventually, however, the event was definitively cancelled in summer 2020. This sequence of events and continuous adaptation of plans, associated with the disruptions brought along by the pandemics at all levels, have delayed the finalization of the teacher’s workbook (which will nonetheless be completed by the end of the SponGES

project, in December 2020). Also, the two remaining legs of the touring exhibition (Italy and Norway) had to be cancelled.

- ECOREACH, GAIA and UNIVPM presented MERCES during the activities organized under the Sharper project (linked to the European Researchers' Night) in September 2019.
- UNIVPM was invited to present MERCES during two public events hosted at Santo Stefano al Mare and Dianio Marina (IMPERIA, Liguria, Italy). These events were dedicated to showing the beauty of animal forests and the opportunity of restoration where and when these habitats are damaged or no longer present. During each event the Mayor welcomed the participants together with other institutional representatives. More than fifty people were present at each event.
- IMAR has organized several online initiatives: MERCES/ATLAS stories during the Açores EntreMares 2020 initiative <http://www.azores.gov.pt/GRA/SRRN-cigam/> , Marina Carreiro-Silva Os Açores são um hotspot para os corais de águas frias? Are the Azores a hotspot for cold water corals? <https://youtu.be/pGYpLMCNTpU> , Telmo Morato - A política para o mar usa o conhecimento científico? Does marine policy developments use scientific knowledge? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ki21-DnPUw0&feature=youtu.be>

2.4. Task 9.4. Public engagement on pilot restoration actions in coastal habitats via Citizen Science (M1-M54)

As described in D9.4, recreational divers as well as dive professionals (owners of dive centres, diving instructors, dive masters) were trained in the specific techniques for gorgonian transplanting, and took part in the transplantation of nearly 600 gorgonians in summer 2017. Starting from this, GAIA, UNIVPM and CSIC continued with monitoring activities with divers in Italy and Spain, with the promotion of Citizen Science for marine restoration, and with divers training, although activities have been reduced to a minimum in 2020 due to the pandemics (see also the note linked to EUDI 2020, above).

2.5. Task 9.5. Internal dissemination (M1-M54)

The **MERCES intranet** was established by M3, as described in D9.2 and above (section 2.2). The intranet section of the MERCES website is called “Partners’ Area” and is password-protected. Described in D9.3, this section is constantly updated and is regularly visited by partners. Further to this, internal dissemination is ensured by e-mail exchanges between relevant partners, skype calls, distribution of reports and other written material, participation to the MERCES workshops and annual meetings (where posters and oral communications about progress in the work are presented).

2.6. Task 9.6. Training (M24-M54)

MERCES training has addressed different target groups, from prospective and current university students to teachers and practitioners:

- HCMR participated to an ERASMUS event, attended by about 40 students and teachers from 4 countries. HCMR talked about possible ways to reduce marine litter impact, including using bio-polymers as in MERCES experiments.

- The First Marine Restoration Course was held in Tricase (Italy) on 2-7 September 2019, co-organised by UNIVPM, CONISMA, CSIC, GAIA, ECOREACH. Attended by 10 participants from Italy, Turkey and the UK, the course primarily focused on the restoration of algae, seagrasses and the Mediterranean coralligenous. It encompasses theoretical lessons, labs experiences and field work on the shore as well as underwater (SCUBA diving). The course was positively received, as testified by the responses provided to the evaluation questionnaire administered at the end, and the MERCES WP3 Team intended to replicate the course in 2020 but such initiative had to be put on hold due to the pandemics.

- DSES has organized two MERCES webinars in the last 18 months, on the theme of ecological restoration: "Building a Business Case for Marine Ecosystem Restoration", and "Moving to Industrial-Scale Coral Habitat Restoration". All five webinars of the MERCES business webinar series have been added to the 'Restoration Resource Centre' in the website of the Society of Ecosystem Restoration.

2.7. Task 9.7. Open Access scientific papers (M6-M54)

Papers are listed in the MERCES website (under “Products”), with links to both the Zenodo community and the ResearchGate platform. Most MERCES publications are made Open Access following the Green OA option - bibliographic metadata as well as mandatory statements required by publishers are included in “self-archived” files used for this purpose. About one hundred scientific papers (for a total of over 1600 citations) have been uploaded on web site so far. The indicator of impact for publications was defined as at least 70% of published papers being cited in year 4, which has been significantly exceeded (see Annex 2).

2.8. Task 9.8. Networking activities (M1-M54)

This Task (ECOREACH, GAIA) is carried out in conjunction with Task 10.6 (UNIVPM, ECOREACH), to which it provides support. The fourth year has seen MERCES engaged in establishing further collaborations with other projects funded under relevant H2020 calls, stakeholders and key organizations:

- The UNIVPM management team organized a symposium dedicated to MERCES during the next 8th World Conference on Ecological Restoration (SER), which was held on 24-28th September 2019 in Cape Town, South Africa.

- UNIVPM, CONISMA and HCMR successfully proposed a Symposium on marine ecological restoration to the SERE 2020 (European SER congress, postponed to 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic) and to World Conference SER2021(the response for this has not been received yet).
- HCMR sent over 300 mails, contacted over 400 people, reaching >1000 people, engaging actively over 300 people by filling the social acceptance survey.
- NIVA presented posters and oral presentations at meetings: the Blue Carbon Initiative workshop in Copenhagen on 10th September 2019, about the Norwegian pilot study on kelp restoration; at an «Expert seminar» on developing the dock area of Grønli on 7th November 2019; at Oslo School of Environmental Humanities (OSEH), on 2th October 2019 (<https://www.hf.uio.no/english/research/strategic-research-areas/oseh/news-and-events/events/lunchtime-discussions/Safeguarding>).
- Moreover, NIVA arranged a transdisciplinary workshop called "Brainstorming to develop solutions to restore or establish marine biological diversity in urban sea areas", 14th October 2019, CIENS, Oslo, Norway, with researchers and city planners as participants and has participated at the EU-MERCES webinar - Building a Business Case for Marine Ecosystem Restoration (18th November 2019). In addition, NIVA has published a relevant report: Wenting Chen, Barton DN, Magnussen K, Navrud S, Grimsrud K, Garnåsjordet PA, Engelién E, Syverhuset AO, Bekkby T, Rinde E (2019). Values in the Oslofjord. Economical values related to ecosystem services from the fjord and the seashore. NIVA rapport nr 7420-2019. 139 p. (In Norwegian).
- DSES participated in 3 conferences/meeting: July 2019 - The 'Restoring Estuarine and Coastal Habitats in the North-East Atlantic (REACH North-East Atlantic) Conference at the Natural History Museum, London. 9-12 September 2019 - the Blue Carbon Initiative Science Steering Group Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. 20 to 22 November 2019 - the World Ocean Council conference for Sustainable Ocean Summit on 'Investing in Ocean Futures: Finance and Innovation for the Blue Economy' and made a presentation on 'Environmental Impact Assessments for deep-sea mining in Areas Beyond Natural Jurisdiction' in a special session on 'Ocean EIA: Solutions, Best Practices and Collaboration for Assessing Threat, Risk and Impacts to High Seas Biodiversity'.
- NUIG participated in the following workshops/conferences: 25th Annual Conference of the European Association Environmental and Resource Economists [virtual event], June 23 - Friday, July 3 2020; and the 10th Annual Marine Economics and Policy Research Symposium, Galway, Ireland, 28th - 29th November 2019.
- IMAR and GAIA organized the third leg of the touring exhibition in the Azores, which was also presented during the Sea Week event in August 2019. This translated into networking with local decision makers and industry representatives.

- The First Marine Restoration Course held in Tricase (Italy) on 2-7 September 2019 and co-organised by UNIVPM, CONISMA, CSIC, GAIA, ECOREACH allowed for networking with territorial administrators and operators of the local fishing and coastal-based tourism industries.

- The MERCES final meeting took place using ZOOM platform on 10th and 11st November 2020. Overall, 120 participants including members of the Consortium, the project Advisory Board, EU representatives, the MERCES Business Club and other interested people (i.e., researchers) attended the meeting. The Project Adviser Dr Victoria Beaz-Hidalgo and members of the DG R&I, Dr Nerea Aizpurua and Ivan Conesa Alcolea, of the EASME, Dr Rocio Suarez-Jimenez and Dr Juan-Pablo Pertierra also attended the two-days meeting. The meeting was structured in such a way that WPs co-leaders made an overview of the results achieved during the 4 years of the project within each WP, and then additional specific talks were presented by partners in some WP.

3. CONCLUSIONS

With MERCES coming to a closure in November 2020, the goals for its WP9 are 1) to support the exploitation of key results, and 2) to keep reaching out to the different layers of society about the theme of marine restoration. The communication, dissemination and exploitation strategy designed by MERCES takes into account the need for activities able to remain as a legacy in spite of the lack of funding after November 2020. This barrier will be overcome in several ways, including and not limited to: 1) maintaining and curating the e-channels of MERCES for the next 3 years; 2) continuing the promotion of MERCES and marine-restoration related news through such channels as well as through the personal and institutional channels of MERCES participants; 3) including the newly generated knowledge and the most appropriate results in forthcoming training, teaching and capacity building activities that MERCES partners will be engaged in the short- and medium-term; 4) continuing with the release of publications, technical reports, policy documents and with the participation in events such as round tables, meetings, webinars etc; 5) endeavoring in new initiatives, both focusing on research and on the application of

4. ANNEXES

Annex 1 - D9.6 Annex 1_WP9 Assessment and monitoring table, updated (.pdf)

Annex 2 – D9.6 Annex 2_Publications (.pdf)

D9.6 Annex 1_WP9 Assessment and monitoring table, updated

Tool / mechanism	Task	Time line	Description	Targets	Indicators of impact	Outcome
Website and project management site	T9.2	Online at M3 and revised at least twice per month with news	Project website linked to social media and with sections dedicated to different stakeholders	At least 8K visits/year.	Impact measured as views/downloads of online material (e.g. newsletters, fact sheets, see below)	The website has been visited about 19000 times/y since it was launched.
Social media	T9.2	Accounts opened starting from M3	Social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Youtube and ResearchGate	FB: at least 200 likes/year; TT: at least 150 new followers/year and at least 10K impressions/month; YT: at least 100 views/video; RG: at least 100 followers in year 1 and 50 new followers/year from year 2, at least 25 views per paper/year	FB/TT/YT: audience drawn into visiting e-MERCES resources via links posted in social media RG: % of published papers cited over the years: y1 = 25%, Y2 = 40%, Y3 = 60%, Y4 = 70%	Total scores after launching the channels: FB: ca. 480 likes; TT: ca. 870 followers, ca. 5.9K impressions/month plus MERCES researchers (see text); YT: > 3400 for all videos; RG: >230, > 90% of the published papers have been cited at least once
Newsletter	T9.2	One newsletter every 6 months	4 dedicated to specialists and 4 dedicated to non-specialists, promoted via social media	At least 150 views/newsletter	Evaluation questionnaire administered to subscribers once per year: min 50% filled in, min 75% useful/very useful	Views > 200 for Newsletter # 8 pooling together website and social media statistics. Data not available for Newsletters #7 and #9, released in November. Evaluation questionnaires dropped due to extremely limited response rate
Short videos	T9.2	First short video online at M3	2-3 dedicated to kids, 2-3 for non-specialist audience, posted on YT, accessible via website and promoted via social media	At least 100 views/video	Amount of website landing generated via this platform	Eleven videos and 3400 visualisations at the end of the project
Fact sheets	T9.2	First by M6	N=3, first programmatic, second and third incorporating results, accessible via website, promoted via social media and printed for selected events	At least 200 views/factsheet (online version), printed version distributed at minimum 5 key events	At least one relevant contact emerging from key events.	Fact sheets for y4 will be included in the teachers' manual, to be released in its completed form in December 2020 (under the SponGES project)
Printed promotional material	T9.2	Available from M6	Part of the communication toolbox consisting of template presentation, business cards, poster, flyers	Used by 100% of partners by the end of Y1. Used in at least 10 scientific or stakeholders-relevant events/y and 5 pieces of news/y	Evaluation questionnaire administered to partners at the end of y2: min 80% filled in, min 75% good/very good	All partners have used some form of printed material in events participated by MERCES. They have submitted pieces of news for e-MERCES throughout the year. Evaluation questionnaires have been dropped due to extremely limited response rate

D9.6 Annex 1_WP9 Assessment and monitoring table, updated

Ocean Literacy (OL) material for schools	T9.3	First set available by M24	Uploaded on Scientix and presented/tested during workshops/events, promoted via social media and local channels	At least one activity per WP2, WP3 and WP4, at least 100 classes reached	Evaluation questionnaire administered to teachers at the end of each activity: min 70% filled in, min 75% good/very good	The third leg of the touring exhibition was visited by a few thousand people and met with widespread approval at its different venues. No evaluation questionnaire could be set up for logistic reasons, but local schools appreciated the activity to such an extent that they asked to keep the exhibition through February 2020. This was not possible given the need to set it up in Italy in the same period (which did not happen, because of the pandemic).
Citizen Science (CS) activities	T9.4	Selection of CS activities by M12	Identification and tuning of at least one CS continuous activity for WP2, WP3 and WP4	At least 25 volunteers engaged per activity by the end of Y2	Evaluation questionnaire administered to volunteers at the end of their participation: min 50% filled in, min 75% good/very good	Very little activities carried out because of the pandemic. Participants engaged and proactive, but no survey completed (Response rate = 0%). As a consequence, evaluation surveys have been dropped
Training for specialists/institutional audience	T9.6	From second year	Min. two, for transfer of knowledge and feedback, promoted locally and internationally via partners' networks and social media.	At least 15 participants/ event	Evaluation questionnaire administered to participants at the end of each event: min 70% filled in, min 75% good/very good	The only evaluation questionnaire was administered to the participants of the Training course in Tricase (September 2019). The feedback was very positive (100% response rate, >75% good/very good) and constructive.
Educational events for non-specialist public	T9.6	From second year	Min. three, in the wider context of science festivals or similar	At least 40 participants/ event	Evaluation questionnaire administered to participants at the end of each event: min 50% filled in, min 75% good/very good	Participants engaged and proactive, but no survey completed (Response rate = 0%). As a consequence, evaluation surveys have been dropped
Peer-reviewed publications	T9.7	From M12	Publications in ISI journals, participation to national/international congresses	About 5-10 papers/partner, min one review or position paper per WP (WP2-7)	% of published papers cited over the years: y1 = 25%, Y2 = 40%, Y3 = 60%, Y4 = 70%	Papers and communications delivered. >90% papers already cited at least once
Networking activities	T9.8	From M0	Coordination of participation to meetings, conferences, fairs, joint workshops, etc (with WP10), coordination of networking with policy-decision makers (with WP6, WP8)	Participation in at least 10 scientific or stakeholders-relevant events/y	At least one relevant contact emerging from key events.	About 15 networking/stakeholders-relevant events and conferences joined or organised in y4, resulting in a valuable base of new contacts and collaborations

D9.6 - Annex 2 - Publications impact				
Date publication	Title	Journal link	June 2019 Citations	November 2020 Citations
January 2021	Hynes et al. Valuing the Ecosystem Service Benefits from Kelp Forest Restoration: A Choice Experiment from Norway	https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0921800919319573		
17 November 2020	Bianchelli & Danovaro. Impairment of microbial and meiofaunal ecosystem functions linked to algal forest loss	https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-020-76817-5		
6 July 2020	O'Connor et al. Investigating societal attitudes towards marine ecosystem restoration	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/rec.13239		
February 2020	Chen et al. Ecosystem accounting's potential to support coastal and marine governance	https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308597X19302933?via%3Dihub		3
June 2020	Ganon et al. Facilitating foundation species: The potential for plant–bivalve interactions to improve habitat restoration success	https://besjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1365-2664.13605		4
May 2020	Medrano et al. From marine deserts to algal beds: <i>Treptacantha elegans</i> revegetation to reverse stable degraded ecosystems inside and outside a No-Take marine reserve	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/rec.13123		1
22 July 2020	Temmink et al. Mimicry of emergent traits amplifies coastal restoration success	https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-020-17438-4		1
1 September 2020	Ledoux et al. The Genome Sequence of the Octocoral <i>Paramuricea clavata</i> – A Key Resource To Study the Impact of Climate Change in the Mediterranean	https://www.g3journal.org/content/10/9/2941		
23 September 2020	van Tatenhove et al. The Governance of Marine Restoration: Insights from three cases in two European Seas	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/rec.13288		5
June 2020	Ledoux et al. Assessing the impact of population decline on mating system in the overexploited Mediterranean red coral	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/aqc.3327		
3 February 2020	Danovaro et al. Ecological variables for developing a global deep-ocean monitoring and conservation strategy	https://www.nature.com/articles/s41559-019-1091-z		10
December 2020	O'Connor et al. Estimating the non-market benefit value of deep-sea ecosystem restoration: Evidence from a contingent valuation study of the Dohrn Canyon in the Bay of Naples	https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301479720311051?via%3Dihub		1
4 August 2020	Guarnieri et al. Large-Scale Sea Urchin Culling Drives the Reduction of Subtidal Barren Grounds in the Mediterranean Sea	https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fmars.2020.00519/full		1
January 2020	Medrano et al. Long-term monitoring of temperate macroalgal assemblages inside and outside a No take marine reserve	https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0141113619304751		3
May 2020	Montseny et al. A new large-scale and cost-effective restoration method for cold-water coral gardens	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/aqc.3303		2
2020	Ounanian K et al. Midnight at the oasis: does restoration change the rigs-to-reefs debate in the North Sea?	https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/1523908X.2019.1697657		1
7 April 2020	Bekkby et al. Habitat Features and Their Influence on the Restoration Potential of Marine Habitats in Europe	https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fmars.2020.00184/full		3
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