

How to ensure financial sustainability of Kaş-Kekova MPA

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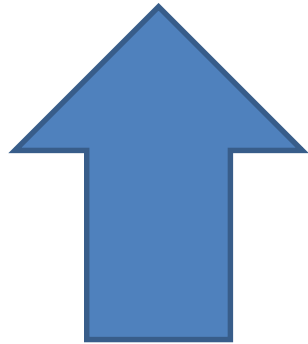
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Context

- Protected as a Special Environmental Protection Area (SEPA) since 1990, covers 258 km², 166 km² in marine and 92 km² terrestrial.
- General Directorate for Protection of Natural Assets of the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization.
- Kaş-Kekova MPA Management Plan was approved in 2014.
- No management unit for Kaş-Kekova MPA on the ground.
- Kaş-Kekova's financial sustainability are assessed under three main themes: natural resources' protection; the highly centralised system with very limited possibilities for site level decision making including the retention of revenues generated on the site; and the legal and institutional barriers for site management.

Actions / Results

- SEA-MED Project in Kaş-Kekova
- Supports the implementation of the MP
- Focuses on Sustainable Tourism



- **SUSTAINABLE FINANCE!**

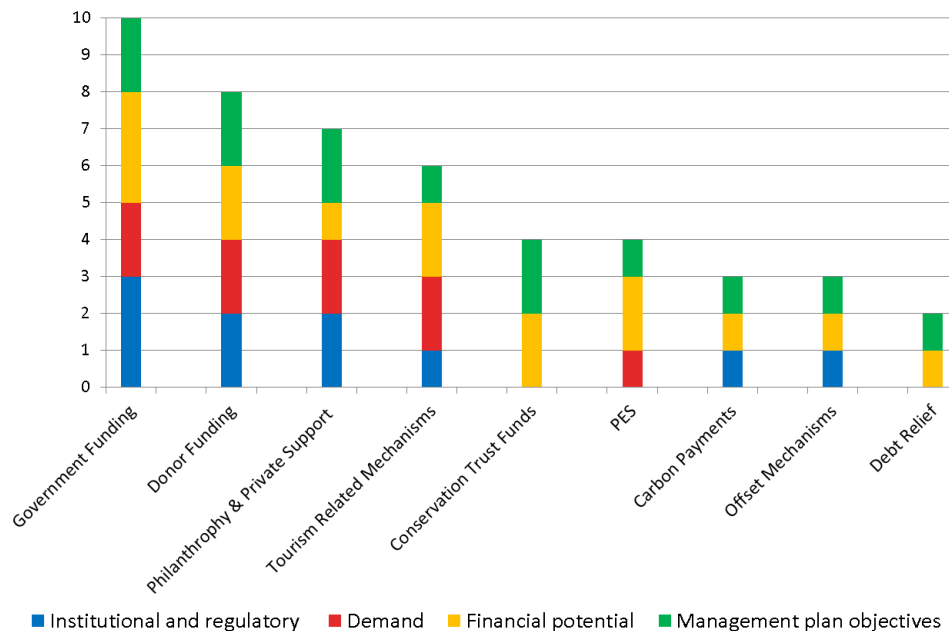


Actions / Results

- A local working group was established under the coordination of the Governorship of Antalya in 2015.
- A total ban that forbids to fish, collect, transfer and sell dusky groupers (*Epinephelus marginatus*) is in place as part of the new 2016-2020 Amateur and Commercial Fisheries Circular.
- An Environmental Quality Label for Kaş-Kekova MPA started with 68 tourism businesses committed to the project.
- Sustainable Tourism Plan Prepared and Revision of Management Plan are in progress for Kaş-Kekova MPA.

Actions / Results

- MPA Management Budget Projection: 281.600 TL/Total Annual Costs
- Most feasible mechanisms:



Challenges / Perspectives

- Development of a Long-term Financial Plan for Kaş-Kekova SEPA & Prioritization of the financial needs
- Increment of Governmental Funding Sources (Including external public donors)
- Tourism Related Mechanisms (Philanthropic and Private Support)

Thank you - Merci

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