## Additional material: the questions for the semi-structured interviews and the focus group

## Questions for the director of the managing Consortium

## Fishing protocol

* Could you please tell me how the fishing protocol currently in force in Torre Guaceto was developed?
* How were the participating fishermen chosen?
* How many fishermen were there before the fishing ban? And now? If the number has decreased, what do others do now?
* Is there a maximum number of fishermen allowed to fish in the MPA? What happens if more fishermen than those admitted wish to fish in the area? Is there a selection process?
* What is the role of fishermen in monitoring activities?

## Controls and sanctions

* How does the managing Consortium ensure that the rules of the fishing protocol are respected?
* Are the controls effective? Does it happen that someone contravenes the rules?
* Are there sanctions if someone commits an offense?

## Fishing activities in the MPA

* How many fishermen fish in the MPA?
* What activities do fishermen carry out on days when they are not allowed to fish in the MPA? Do they contribute to recreation or monitoring activities? Do they fish in areas adjacent to the MPA?
* Do fishermen receive funds from public bodies? Or did they receive them during the fishing ban? If yes, how many and from what source? What is the role of European funds?

## Benefits for artisanal fishermen

* • What are the economic benefits that artisanal fishermen get from the designation of the MPA? Are there data that quantify these benefits, related to:
	+ increase in the number or size of fish caught in the MPA?
	+ increase in the number or size of fish caught in areas adjacent to the MPA?
	+ additional earnings deriving from collaboration with restaurants through the Slow Food association?
	+ other activities carried out thanks to the MPA (for example with tourists)?
* What is the net economic impact on fishermen (i.e. the difference between the economic benefits deriving from the MPA and the income they lose due to the restrictions on fishing activities)? Are the fishermen net beneficiaries, taking into account both their activities within the MPA and the effect of spillover in adjacent areas? Is there a reduction in income of the fishing sector due to the reduction in the number of fishermen in the MPA?

## Opinion of fishermen

* What is the opinion of fishermen on the fishery restrictions in the MPA?
* How did they react to the fishing ban?
* And to the rules included in the fishing protocol in subsequent years?
* Is there or was there a conflict between the fishermen and the managing Consortium? If so, how has it been managed?

## The tourism sector

* What measures have been implemented to ensure the sustainability of tourism in the MPA? Have they been successful? If yes, why?
* What are the economic benefits that the tourism sector obtains from the MPA? Are there data that quantify these benefits? How are the benefits generated?
	+ through the increase in the number of tourists?
	+ through the increase of activities like guided visits or events related to gastronomy?
	+ through the increase in customers and / or income of restaurants due to the use of fish coming from the MPA, thanks to the Slow Food association?
	+ through other factors?
* Is recreational fishing practiced in the MPA? If so, has it grown or diminished since the designation of the MPA? Does the MPA produce economic benefits for companies providing services to sport / recreational fishermen?
* In 2006, the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism was awarded to the MPA. Has this certification had an impact on tourism? Has it brought economic benefits?
* Are there other initiatives that promote tourism in the MPA?

## Costs

* What are the costs of managing the MPA?
* Who covers them?
* Have these costs increased or decreased over time?
* Are they higher or lower than the overall economic benefits, taking into account all economic sectors?

## Conflicts, synergies and governance

* Have conflicts and/or synergies occurred between different categories of stakeholders? (for example, fishing vs. tourism, fishing and/or tourism vs. the managing Consortium)
* How did the Consortium and/or other agents deal with conflicts with fishermen and/or with the tourism sector? Have initiatives been taken to reduce the conflict? Did these initiatives reduced the conflict?
* What initiatives have been taken by the Consortium and/or other agents to promote synergies between social actors? Have these initiatives been successful?
* What initiatives have been taken by the Consortium and/or other agents to favour the occurrence of economic benefits for the fishing and/or tourist sector?
* How does the collaboration between fishermen and the Slow Food association work? Are there documented benefits for fishermen? And for restaurants?
* Are there anticipated benefits that have not materialized? If so, why didn't they materialize?
* What are the main lessons learned from the planning, designation and management of the Torre Guaceto MPA?
* What are the initiatives planned for the coming years?

## Questions for the communication manager of the Consortium

* What is the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (CETS)? How does it work? What are its objectives? How does it benefit the tourist sector? And the Consortium?
* How has the tourism sector changed after the designation of the MPA? Why?
* Which activities does the Consortium organise or promote to support the tourism sector and attract tourists? What services does it provide to tourists?
* Does the MPA benefit the tourist sector? How?
* Does the tourist sector benefits the MPA? How?
* How are synergies created between the tourism sector and the Consortium? And with other sectors?

## Questions for the soon-to-be president of the MPA

* Can you please tell me your name and role in the MPA?
* Can you please tell me the history of Torre Guaceto? Why and how was it designated as a MPA?
* What was the reaction of local citizens to the designation of the MPA? How have the different typologies of stakeholder reacted? Why?
* Has the opinion of the citizens changed over time? If yes, how? Is there still opposition?
* Has the MPA created income for the local community? If yes, for whom? How has the MPA addressed the opposition of the local stakeholders?
* What has the Consortium done to enable the generation of economic benefits to the local community?
* What challenges do still exist as regards the management and governance of the MPA?
* What are your plans for when you become president?

## Questions for the president of the Apulian branch of Slow Food and the EMMA cooperative

## Role and activities carried out in the MPA

* What is your role and what activities do you carry out in relation to the MPA?

## The Slow Food Presidia

* How does the Slow Food Presidia work? Are there documented benefits for fishermen? And for restaurants?
* Can you please tell me the history of the collaboration between the Slow Food association, the MPA managing Consortium, the fishermen and restaurants in the area? How was this initiative received by fishermen and restaurateurs? How has the interaction among these sectors changed over time?
* What activities have been undertaken to promote synergies between fishermen and restaurateurs?
* How does the relationship between restaurants and fishermen work in Torre Guaceto?
* Is there a Slow Food label for fish caught in the MPA?
* What are the fundamental lessons learned from the Slow Food experience?
* What are the initiatives planned for the coming years?

## Governance of the MPA

* What has your role been in the governance of the MPA? Can you describe the process of drafting the fishing protocol?
* Could you please explain to me how the EMMA cooperative was set up? How many fishermen are part of it?
* What do you think of the management of the MPA? What are the initiatives that have been successful? What else should be done?

## Benefits for artisanal fishermen

* What are the economic benefits that artisanal fishermen get from the designation of the MPA? Are there data that quantify these benefits, related to:
	+ The increase in the number or size of fish caught in the MPA
	+ The increase in the number or size of fish caught in areas adjacent to the MPA?
	+ Additional earnings deriving from the collaboration with restaurants through the Slow Food association?
	+ Other activities carried out thanks to the MPA (for example with tourists)?
* What is the net economic impact on fishermen (i.e. the difference between the economic benefits deriving from the MPA and the foregone income due to the restrictions on fishing activities)? Are the fishermen net beneficiaries, taking into account both their activities within the MPA and the effect of spillover in adjacent areas?

## Opinion of fishermen

* What is the opinion of fishermen on the restrictions due to the designation and management of the MPA?
* How did they react to the fishing ban?
* And to the rules included in the fishing protocol in subsequent years?
* Is there or was there a conflict between the fishermen and the managing Consortium? If so, how has it been managed?

## Tourism

* What are the economic benefits that the tourism sector obtains from the MPA? Are there data that quantify these benefits? What generates such benefits?
	+ the increase in the number of tourists?
	+ the increase of activities like guided visits or events related to gastronomy?
	+ the increase in customers and/or income of restaurants due to the use of fish coming from the MPA, thanks to the Slow Food association?
	+ other factors?
* Can you please give me information about the Alliance of Chefs and Slow Food Presidia? What advantages does it bring to fishermen and restaurants? Can they be quantified?

## Conflicts, synergies and governance

* Are there conflicts and/or synergies or have conflicts/synergies occurred between different categories of stakeholders? (for example, fishing vs. tourism, fishing and/or tourism vs. the Consortium)
* How did the Consortium and/or other agents deal with any conflicts with fishermen and/or with the tourism sector? Have initiatives been taken to reduce conflicts? Did these initiative manage to reduce conflicts?
* What initiatives have been taken by the Consortium and/or other agents to promote synergies between social actors? Have these initiatives been successful?
* What initiatives have been taken by the Consortium and/or other agents to favour the occurrence of economic benefits for the fishing and/or tourist sector?
* Are there anticipated benefits that have not materialized? If so, why didn't they materialize?
* What are the fundamental lessons learned from the planning, designation and management of the Torre Guaceto MPA?

## Questions for the Thalassia member

* What activities does Thalassia carry out?
* How many people does it employ?
* How much profit does it generate?
* How does it finance itself?
* What is Thalassia’s relationship with the Consortium? Do they work together?
* What could be done to improve the management and governance of Torre Guaceto?
* What does the Consoritum do well? What could it do better? What should it do in the future?
* How does Thalassia advertise its services and activities?
* Do you think the MPA attracts tourists? Are tourists coming here because it is a MPA or because of the beauty of its beaches?
* What is Thalassia’s relationship with fishermen? With farmers?
* Does Thalassia organise activities with fishermen/farmers? If yes, does it pay them or do they collaborate with Thalassia on a voluntary base? What benefits does this collaboration bring to each of them?
* Does Thalassia collaborate with hotels and restaurants? If yes, how? What benefits does this collaboration bring to each of them?
* Does Thalassia work with Slow Food? If yes, how? What benefits does this collaboration bring to each of them?
* What plans does Thalassia have for the future?

## Questions for stakeholders of the tourism and agricultural sectors

## *(owners/managers/employee of two restaurants, one parking area, two touristic structures, two leisure associations, one agricultural enterprise and the Thalassia cooperative)*

## Activities carried out in the MPA

* Can you please explain what activities you carry out related to the MPA?

## Economic benefits

* What are the economic benefits you get from the MPA? Can you quantify them? What are they due to?
	+ The increase in the number of tourists?
	+ The increase of activities like guided visits or events related to gastronomy?
	+ The increase in customers and/or income of restaurants due to the use of fish caught in the MPA?
* What are the initiatives that promote tourism in the MPA? What is their impact?
* What do you think will be the net economic impact of the MPA in the near and distant future? What could be done to increase it?

## Opinion on the governance of the MPA

* Which activities of the Consortium or other entities have favoured the positive economic impacts of the MPA? Have these initiatives been successful? What else could be done?

## Conflicts and synergies with other sectors

* Do you work with the Consortium? If so, how? What has been done and/or could be done to encourage this collaboration?
* Do you work with fishermen? If so, how? What has been done and/or could be done to encourage this collaboration?
* Do you participate in Slow Food initiatives? Which ones?
* Are there or were there any conflicts between your sector and the Consortium, or with other sectors, such as the fishing sector? If yes, why? What has been done or could be done to solve them?

## Questions for the focus group with fishermen

## Activities carried out in the MPA

* Can you explain what activities you carry out in the MPA?
* What activities do you carry out on days when you are not fishing in the MPA?
* Do you contribute to monitoring activities? Which ones?
* Do you work with the tourism sector?
* Do you carry out educational activities, in schools or elsewhere?

## Economic benefits

* What are the economic benefits you get from the MPA, due to:
	+ the increase in the number or size of fish caught in the MPA?
	+ the increase in the number or size of fish caught in areas adjacent to the MPA?
	+ collaboration with restaurants through the Slow Food association?
	+ other activities carried out thanks to the MPA (for example with tourists)?
* Do you receive or have received funding from public bodies, such as the Ministry of the Environment or the European Union?
* What is the net economic impact on your income, i.e. the difference between the benefits associated with the MPA and the income lost due to fishing activity limitations? Is there a net benefit for you, taking into account both your activities within the MPA and the effect of spillover in adjacent areas?
* What do you think will be the net economic impact in the near and distant future? What could be done to increase it?

## Opinion on the governance of the MPA and the fishing protocol

* Have you participated in the drafting of the fishing protocol? What was your opinion then about this innovative approach? And what opinion do you have now?
* What did you think about the fishing ban? And what do you think of it today? Did it result in an economic benefit for you?
* Have the Consortium or other entities carried out activities to generate economic benefits for your sector? Have these initiatives been successful? What else could be done?
* Have the Consortium or other entities carried out activities to mitigate the negative economic impact of fishing restrictions within the MPA? Have these initiatives been successful? What else could you be done?

## Conflicts and synergies with other sectors

* Do you work with the Consortium? If so, how? What has been done and/or could be done to encourage this collaboration?
* Do you work with other sectors, for example the restaurant sector? If so, how? What has been done and/or could be done to encourage this collaboration?
* Do you participate in Slow Food initiatives? Do you sell fish with the Slow Food label?
* Are there or were there conflicts between your industry and the Consortium, or with other sectors operating in the area? If yes, why? What has been done or could be done to address them?

## Questions for the owner of the café and grocery shop

* Can you please tell me your name? What is the name of your grocery shop and café? How old is it?
* What do you think has changed after the designation of the MPA for local residents?
* Has the designation of the MPA brought about economic benefits to local residents? If yes, how?
* Has it damaged the economic interests of any particular category of actors? If yes, how?
* Has it attracted more tourists? Is tourism increased in the area since the designation of the MPA? If yes, how much and why?
* What kind of tourists choose Torre Guaceto? Why do they choose Torre Guaceto as their destination?
* What is your relationship with other economic categories, like for example the tourism sector, the fishermen, farmers, restaurants, hotels? And with the managing Consortium?
* What do you think was the reaction of the local people when the MPA was designed? (e.g. fishermen, people working in the tourism sector, farmers, etc.) What did they think?
* What do they think now? Has their opinion changed over time? If yes, how and why?
* What is the economic impact of the designation of the MPA on your business? Has your income increased or decreased? Why?
* What challenges do still exist in the area? Why? How do you think they should be addressed?

## Questions for the local resident

* What do you think of the MPA? Are you happy about its designation?
* What do you think about its management and governance? What do you think the population in general thinks?
* What consequences did it bring to local population? What has changed in the area since its designation? Why?
* What has been done well and what should be done better by the managing Consortium?