

THE MAP OF SEA TURTLE Rescue Centres in the Mediterranean

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THE BEGINNING

THE IDEA

Establish an **open access, low-cost online tool** assisting in management, research, and decision-making on a Mediterranean scale

STATED PURPOSES

- Facilitate access to information
- Increase transparency of facilities
- Strengthen collaboration and coordination among rescue facilities
- Increase public involvement

TAKING ACTION ON

- Highlighted gaps in Mediterranean sea turtle rescue network [I.] concerning
 - Information
 - Communication
 - Collaboration
- Repeated calls for online database compiling rescue facility-relevant data [I., II., III.]

STATUS QUO

CREATING ONLINE ENVIRONMENT

- One database**
Directory of rescue facilities
- Two user interfaces (Figs 1–2)**
Public and professionals
Living maps instead of static lists

WEBSITE LAUNCHED JULY 2016

- Data are verified in consultation with facilities and governments

NO-BUDGET

- Joint initiative of the authors and the organizations RAC/SPA, MEDASSET

NEXT STEPS

ONLINE ENVIRONMENT

- Expanding contact list of participating centres and collaborators
- Maintaining database and maps
Facility updates, news, feedback and requests welcome!
- Adding exchange/discussion forum for professionals
- Multi-lingual public map to facilitate access for non-English speakers

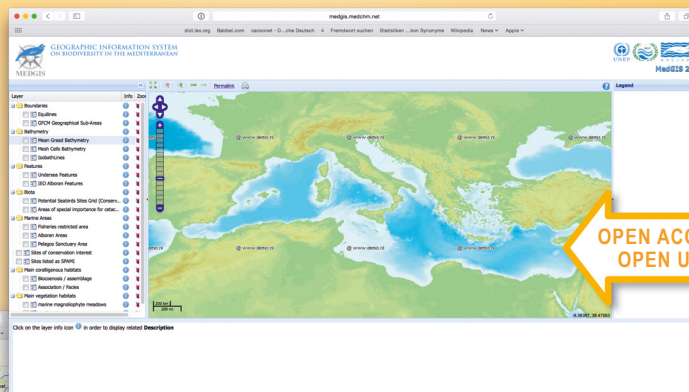


Figure 2 Current screenshot of MEDGIS interface for professionals: medgis.medchm.net

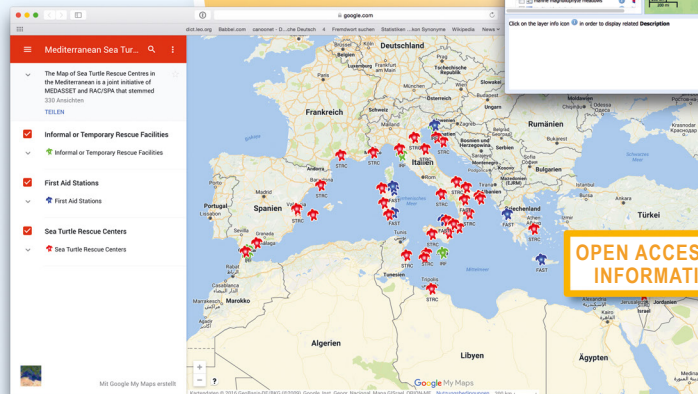


Figure 1 Current screenshot of public map: google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=13y5tmCo3feRD49zatUQtqtpfnl

MEDGIS host: RAC/SPA

DECISION MAKERS RESEARCHERS
Planning
Policy making
Networking

RESCUE CENTRES
Updates, News
Requests, Feedback
Networking

Google Maps host: MEDASSET

PUBLIC
Awareness
Volunteering
Donations



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