



BLEU ADAPT

*Fighting the “blue crab”
invasion in the
Mediterranean*

PROJECT TITLE

BLEU ADAPT – Invasion biologique marine et pêche: étude, atténuation des dommages et adaptation dans le contexte du changement climatique

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

30.12.2019 – 31.12.2022

ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED

Direction Générale de la pêche et de l'aquaculture – Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fisheries (TN); Institut National Agronomique de Tunisie (TN); Institut Supérieur de pêche et d'aquaculture de Bizerte (TN); Distretto della Pesca e Crescita Blu – COSVAP (IT); Università degli Studi di Palermo – DISTEM department (IT)

PROGRAMME

Italy - Tunisia
ENI CBC 2014-2020



TOTAL BUDGET

1.136.659,95 €

The “blue crab” is on the offensive. Following the discovery of the marine invasive species «blue crab» in the Mediterranean Sea – mainly on the Tunisian side but also in Sicily – the aim of the BLEU ADAPT project is to provide a rapid response to its invasion, and to develop a strategy to cope with this new problem. Given the commercial potential of the blue crab, project partners are conducting a series of pilot actions – like training and coaching artisanal fisherfolk - to introduce and promote the blue crab in the local and international markets. The idea is to develop the value chain of this species. In addition, project partners are conducting local and ecological practices to monitor and control the blue crab invasion in the Kerkennah island (TN) and Sicily (IT). Lastly, they are developing an adaptation strategy to protect the local marine environment of both regions.



MARINE AND COASTAL AREAS

ENVIRONMENT



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