

Marine protection in Montenegro

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Responsibilities and Achievements

Committee monitors and evaluates the compliance of the laws of Montenegro with the legal acquis of the European Union and, based on the Government's report, monitors and evaluates the implementation of laws, especially laws that result in obligations harmonized with the law of the European Union.

- **Law on Protection of Marine Environment** – adopted in December 2019, partly harmonized with Marine Strategy Framework Directive / base for preparation of National Marine Strategy.
- **Spatial Plan for the Special Purpose for the Costal Zone**, adopted in July 2018 - some level of preparation for implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning Directive.

Example of the good practice

- Protection measures that exclude hunting prohibit any activity on the Tivat Saline, and restricting the development of farms of mussels and shrimp only to the sea bay in front of the protected area, contributed to the increase in the number of wintering and migrating flocks of birds in this area.
- During the 2021 the Government of Montenegro declared the three marine nature parks "Platamuni", "Katič" and "Stari Ulcinj" as protected areas.



Challenges:

- Overlapping competence in coastal resource

Threats:

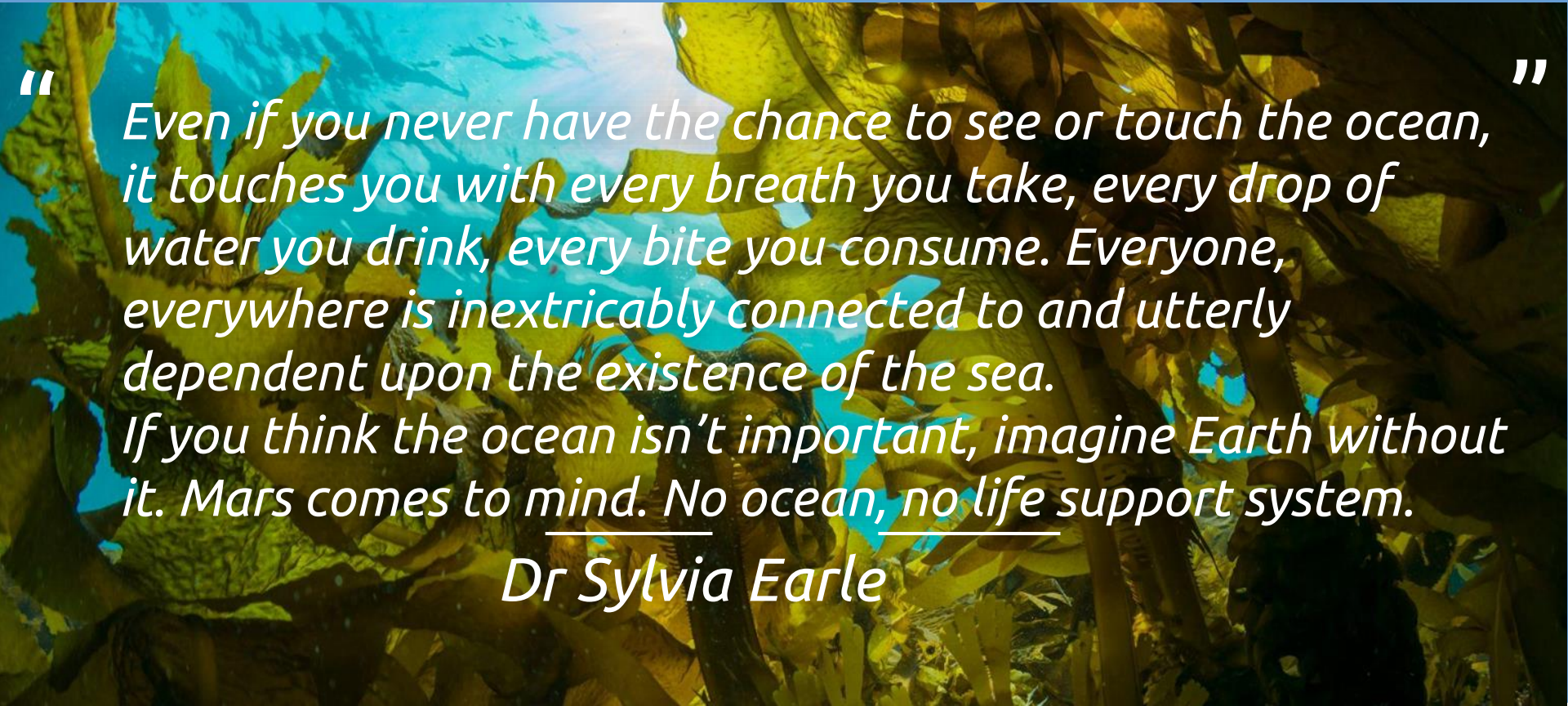
- Shipyard Bijela;
- Impact of cruisers and cruise tourism at the vulnerable area
such as Kotor-Risan Bay;
- Construction of ports;
- Process of oil and gas exploration;
- Climate changes.

Research of endangered species *Monachus monachus*/Mediterranean monk seal

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_hwz1Zfyro

Needs:

- Integrated coastal zone management;
- sectoral integration and vertical coordination.



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Even if you never have the chance to see or touch the ocean, it touches you with every breath you take, every drop of water you drink, every bite you consume. Everyone, everywhere is inextricably connected to and utterly dependent upon the existence of the sea.

If you think the ocean isn't important, imagine Earth without it. Mars comes to mind. No ocean, no life support system.

Dr Sylvia Earle

THANK YOU.

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