



## Strategie innovative, Monitoraggio ed Analisi del rischio di Erosione costiera: il progetto STIMARE

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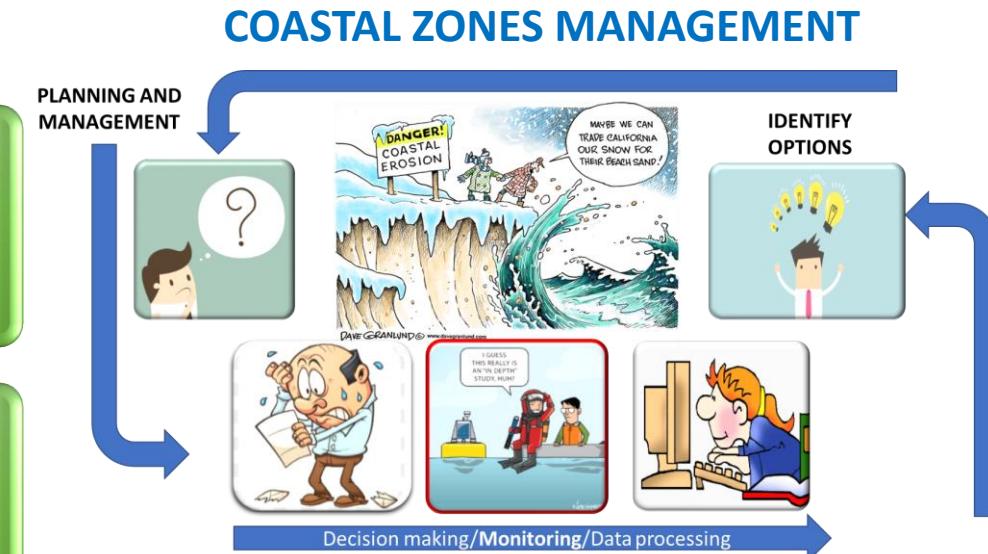
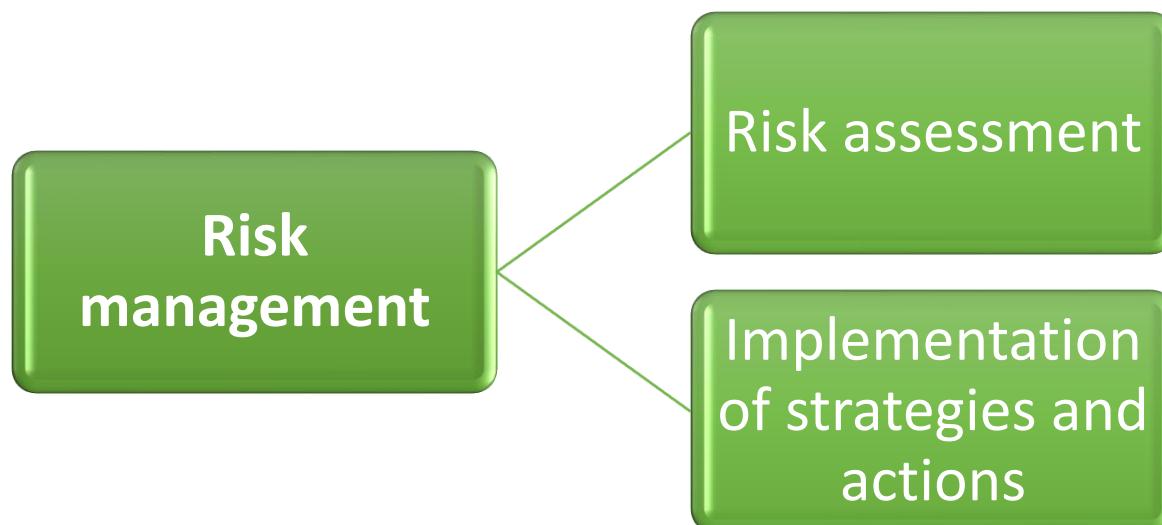
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# RISK MANAGEMENT

AIM →

**MINIMIZE POTENTIAL HARM, LOSS AND DAMAGE  
DUE TO COASTAL HAZARD**



**Resilience:** The ability of a system, community or society exposed to hazards to resist, absorb, accommodate to and recover from the effects of a hazard in a timely and efficient manner, including through the preservation and restoration of its essential basic structures and functions.

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## Innovative Strategies, Monitoring and Analysis of the Coastal Erosion Risk



MINISTERO DELL'AMBIENTE  
E DELLA TUTELA DEL TERRITORIO E DEL MARE



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## RESEARCH GROUP

The Project has a strong interdisciplinary approach, involving **coastal engineers, urban planners, geologists, ecologists and mechanical engineers.**

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## OBJECTIVES

**MAIN AIM:** to define strategies for coastal management, based on a strong involvement of the stakeholders, in order to:

- protect coasts and increasing their value
- create synergies between research and territory and develop shared and innovative strategies for coastal management defense

Methodology based on

Field monitoring

Ecological monitoring

Risk analysis/risk perception

Laboratory physical modelling

Numerical modelling

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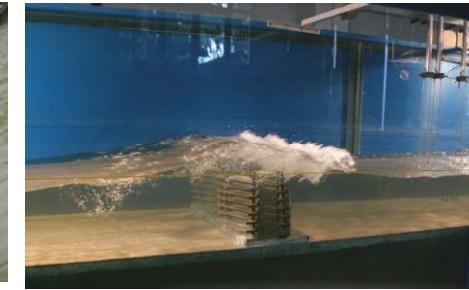
**Risk analysis** (review of existing indicators and models, analysis of new indicators, CVI, CEI, RI calculations)

Deepening of **alternative and low-environmental impact strategies** for coastal defense against erosion (BDS, geo tubes, Ejectors, WMESH)

Development of **low-cost monitoring methodologies** and instruments in order to encourage a Coastal Observatory (e.g. slow-cost video stations, UAVs, thermo/infrared cameras for low visibility conditions)

Optimization of defense systems in order to **minimize the effects on coastal ecosystems** and preserve coastal environment quality, according to the Marine Strategy Directive

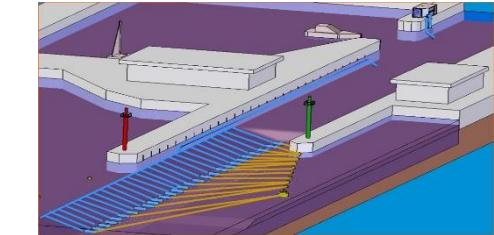
**Numerical modelling** of both hydrodynamic and morphodynamic processes by assimilating the acquired data



VIDEO  
STATIONS



BDS



EJECTORS

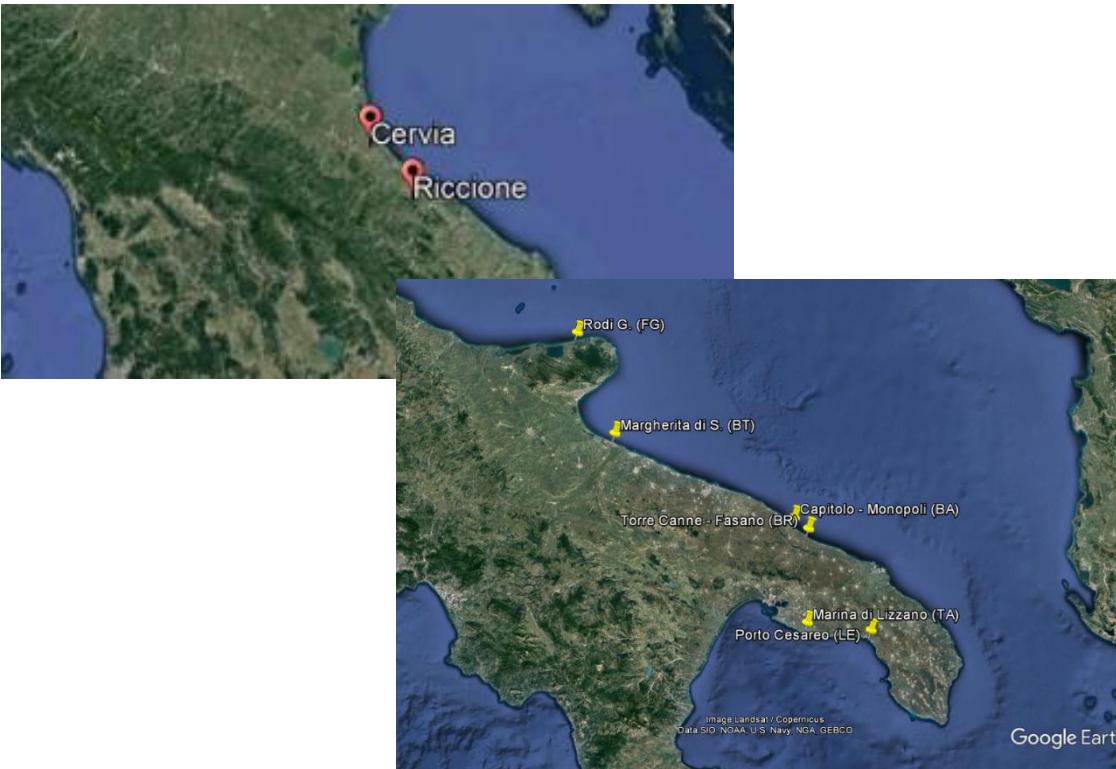


WMESH

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## AREAS OF STUDY



The case study sites are chosen on the coast facing **Adriatic Sea**, in the Mediterranean Sea in Italy.

Two of the study cases are in the **Emilia Romagna** region, **Cervia** and **Riccione** (North Italy), and the third, **Margherita di Savoia**, in the **Apulia** region (South Italy).

The selection was driven by the occurrence of **unconventional solutions** in place and/or by the **strong interest** that the coastal management plays for the local economy.

- **Riccione:** littoral system affected by strong sediment transport and erosive processes. Net sediment transport S to N. Coastline protected by sandbags, reef-balls and WMESH.
- **Cervia:** Net sediment transport N to S. Harbor siltation and southern beach erosion. Innovative plant for sediment undersea transport (“ejectors”).
- **Margherita di Savoia:** shoreline regression downdrift of the harbor breakwaters and flooding hazard affecting inlands areas.
- **Monopoli:** strong sediment transport due to wave action

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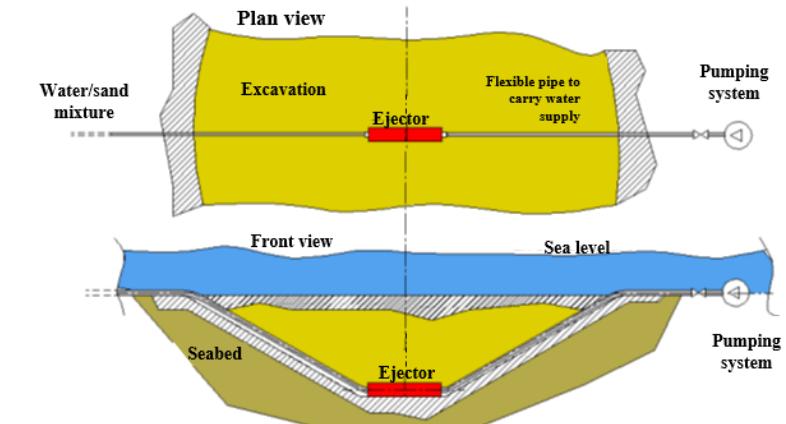
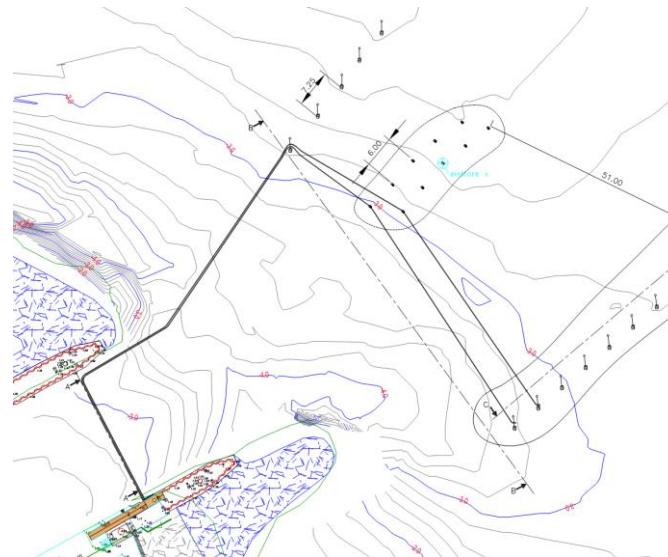
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Cervia

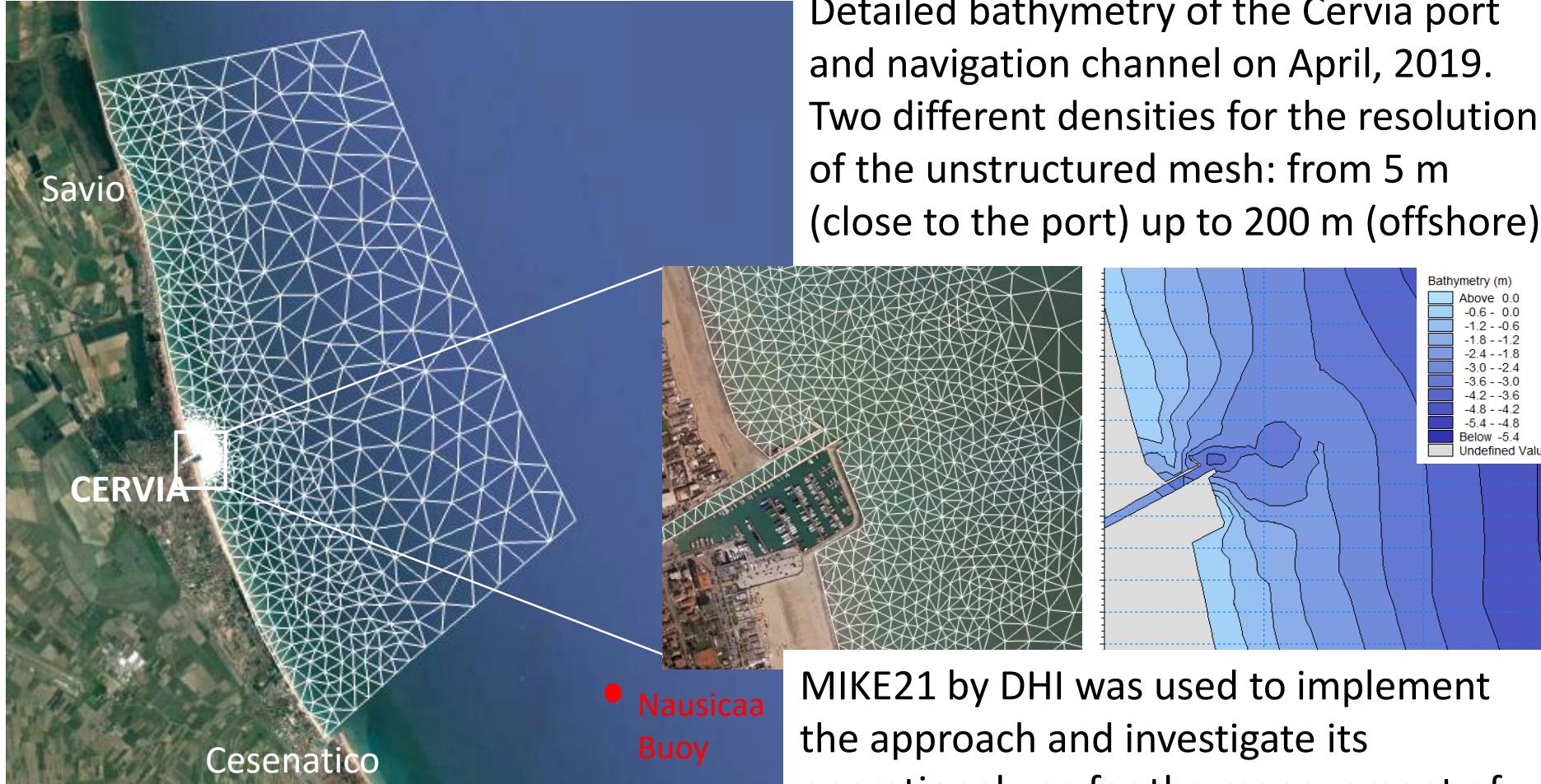
## FIELD INTERVENTIONS

**Cervia:** installation of a plant for **seabed re-modelling** consisting of a set of devices, called *ejectors* to reduce the sediment accumulation at the entrance of the channel harbor of Cervia





## Set-up of the numerical model



MIKE21 by DHI was used to implement the approach and investigate its operational use for the management of the ejectors system.

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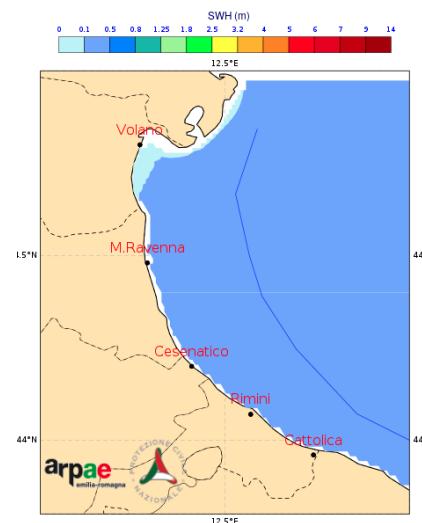
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## Cervia



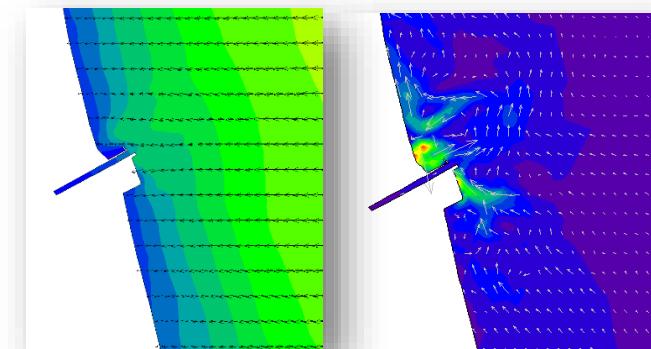
## FIELD INTERVENTIONS

**Cervia:** Query algorithm implementation, by means of a Scenarios' based approach for rapid assessment of sea conditions at Cervia port



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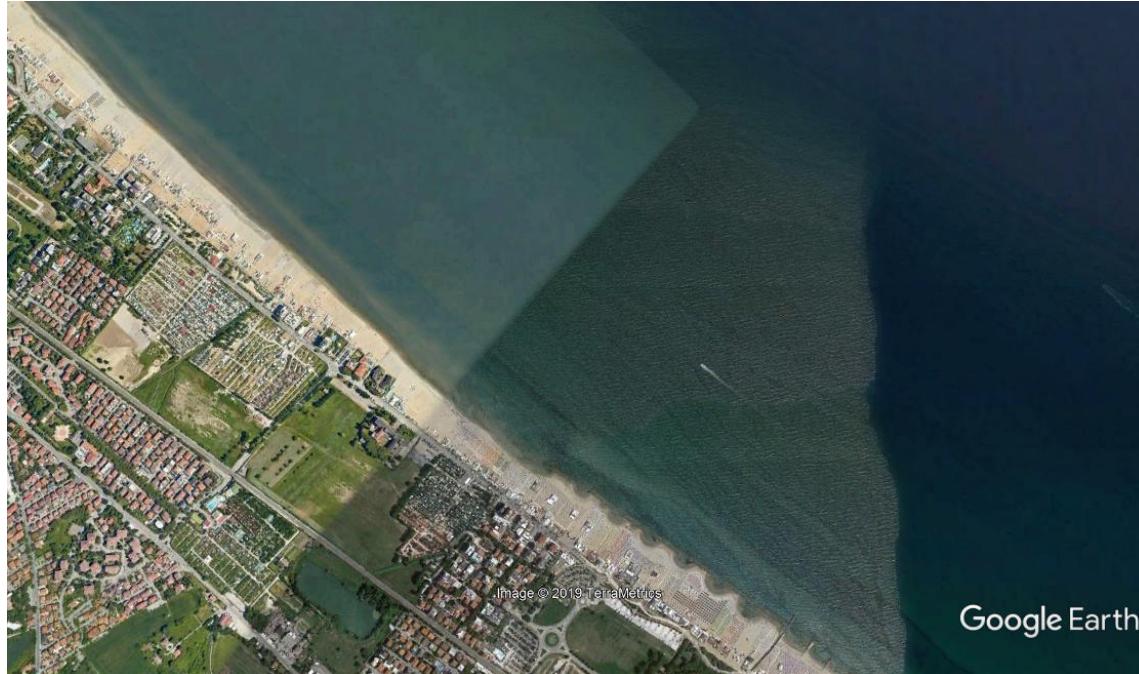
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$H_s^*$ ,  $T_p^*$ ,  $\text{Dir}_m^*$ ,  
 $U^*$ ,  $\text{dir}^*$ ,  $Q_{ls}^*$



Control room  
of the ejectors



- trasporto lungocosta S-N
- spiaggia a granulometria sabbiosa fine
- diminuzione apporti sedimento
- litorale privo di opere rigide ma posto sottoflutto rispetto ad altre opere di difesa (2.8 km barriera in sacchi, 1983-1998)
- in erosione dagli anni '70
- area sottoposta a diversi interventi di ripascimento (1983, 2002, 2007, 2016) e monitorata da Arpaee.

Il comune di Riccione ha un fronte mare di 6.200 m diviso in due dal porto di Riccione.

Il tratto a sud del porto, a partire dal confine con Misano, è difeso per 2.800 m da una barriera sommersa in sacchi di sabbia posta a circa 150-180 m dalla battigia, mentre, nei primi 600 m di spiaggia a sud del porto e sulla spiaggia a nord del porto, non sono presenti opere di difesa dal mare.



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## L'INCONTRO CON BLENNIUS E CON IL COMUNE DI RICCIONE



BLENNiUS



Sacchi in sabbia



Reef Ball



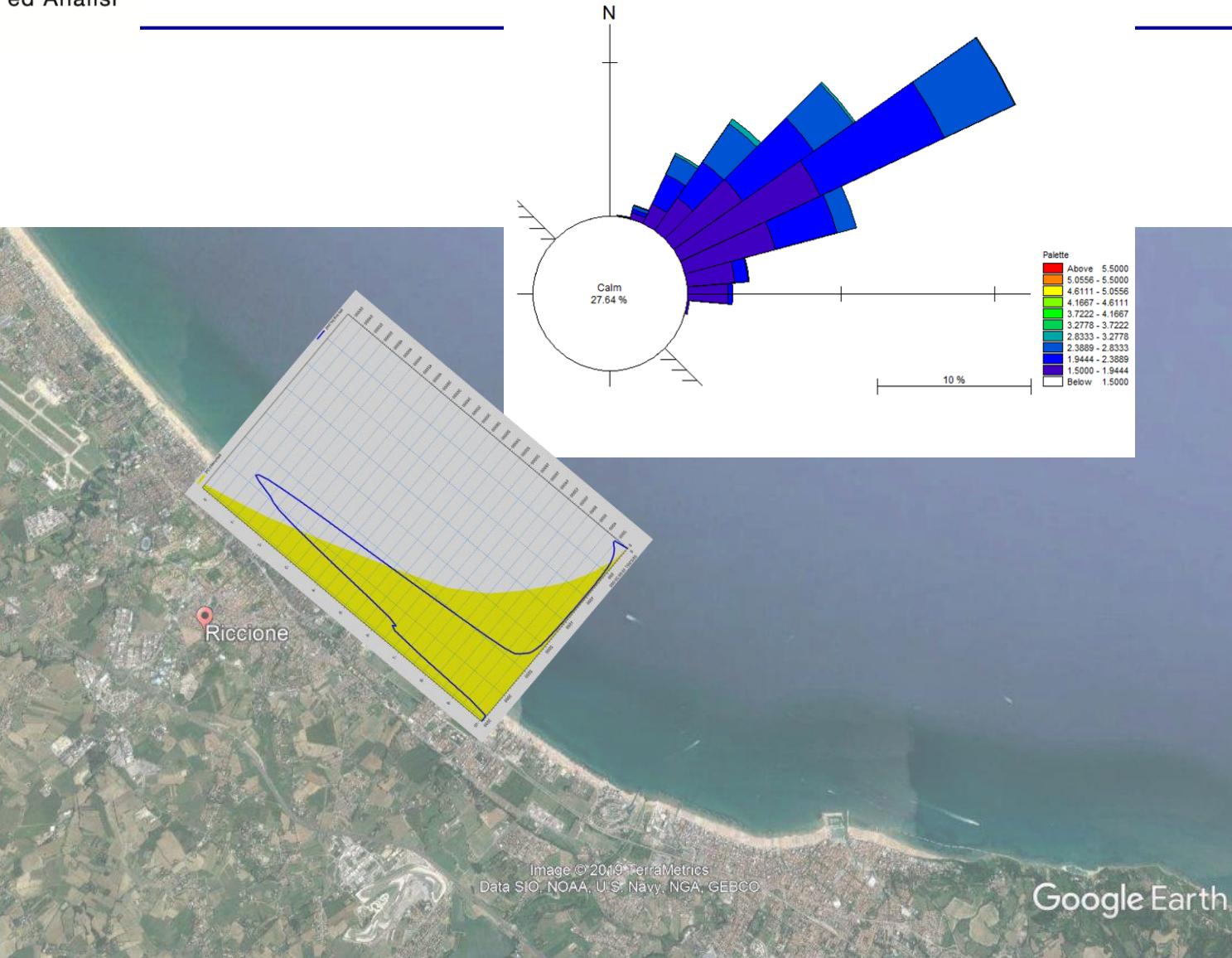
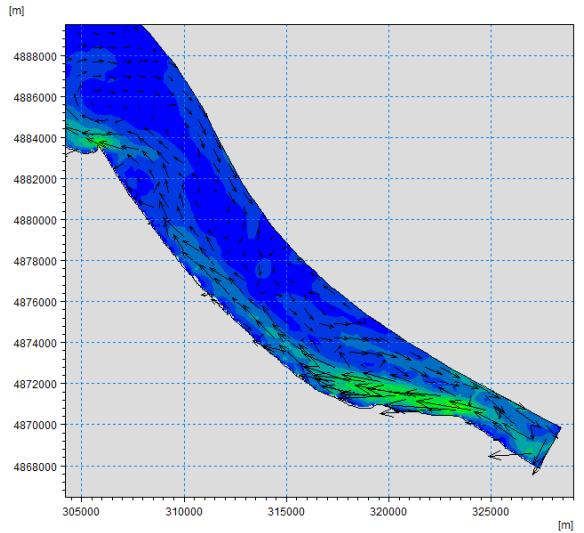
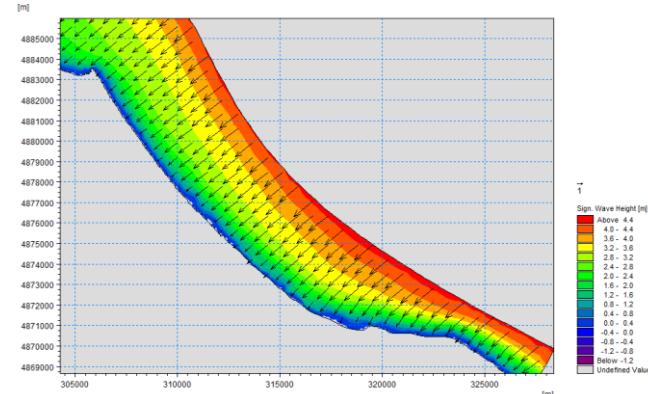
WMesh



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## Riccione

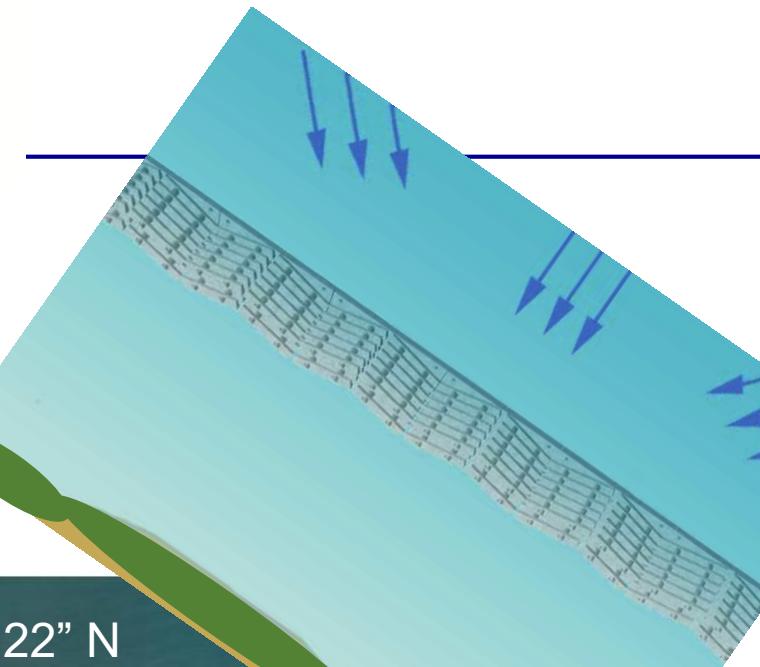
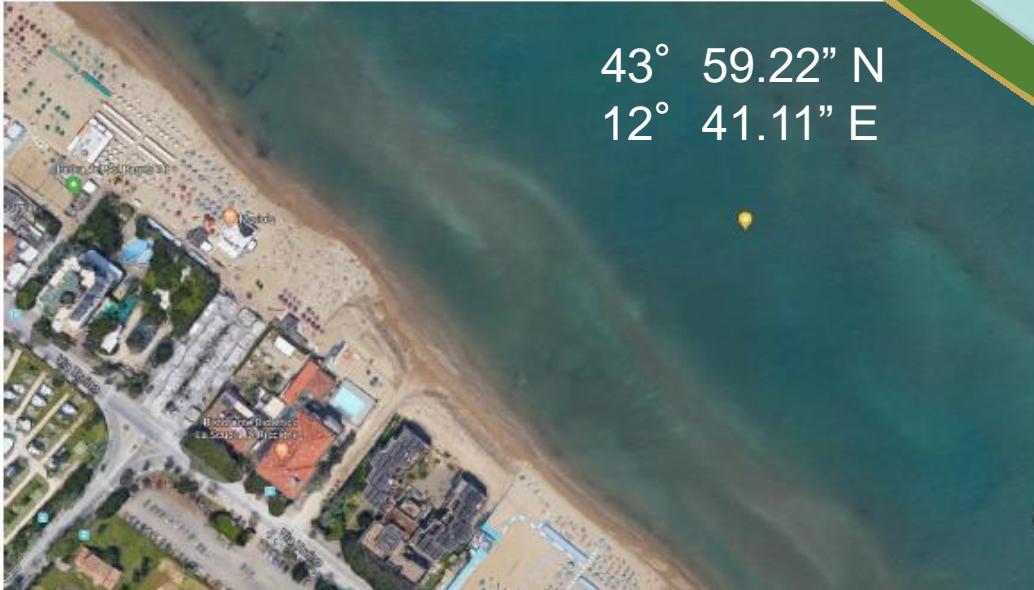




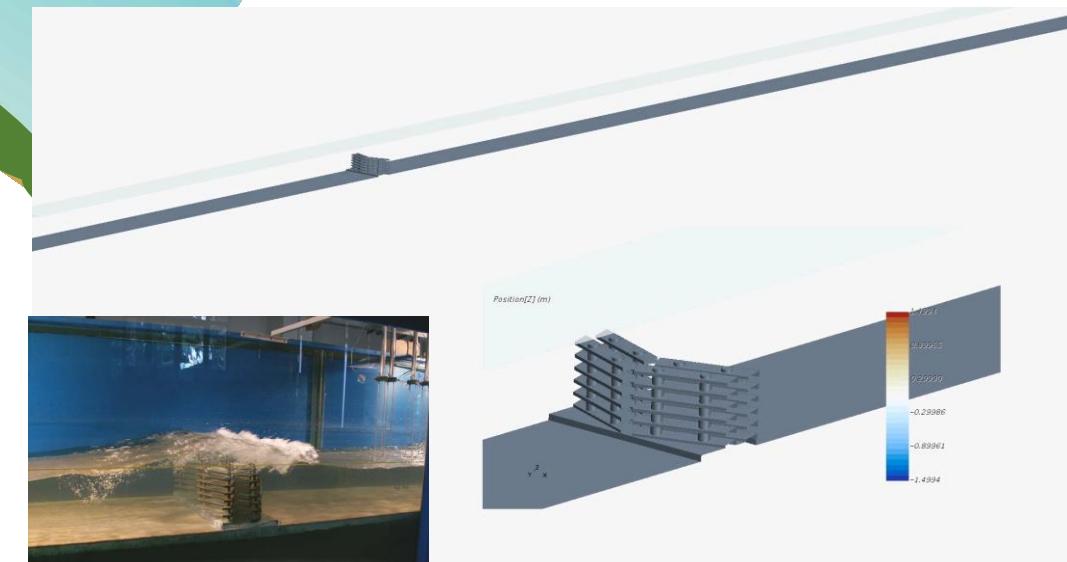
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Installazione sperimentale a  
Riccione di 3 moduli di  
WMESH  
in Maggio 2017  
In Aprile 2018



## Riccione



# PROGETTAZIONE

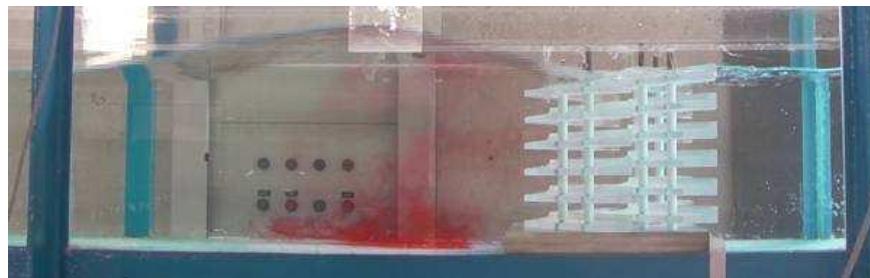
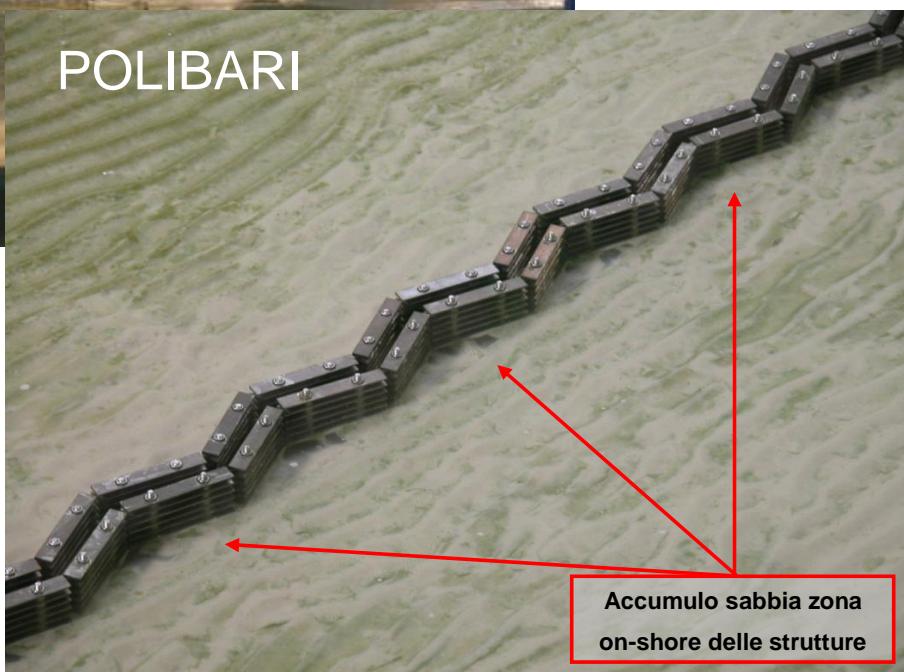
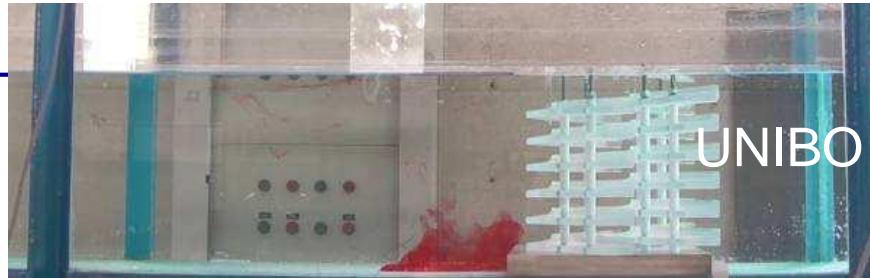
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- Coefficiente di trasmissione
- Overtopping
- Permeabilità della struttura (nuova e in esercizio?)
- Effetti sul fontale nearfield e farfield
- Effetti sulla costa



# Opere innovative di difesa costiera

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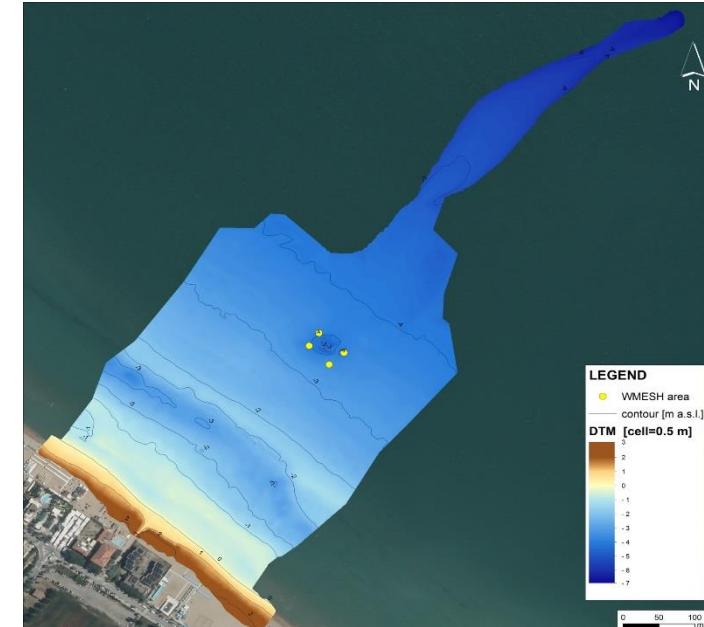
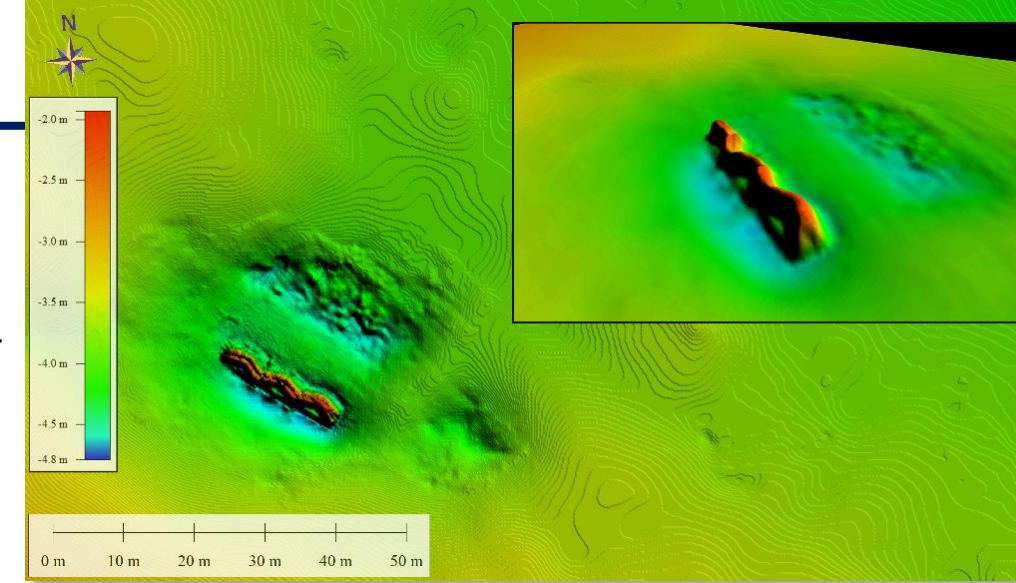


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## FIELD INTERVENTIONS

**Riccione:** multi-technique survey for monitoring the short-term beach evolution

- Topographic survey of the emerged beach by means of TLS
- Bathymetric survey by means of multibeam
- Field sampling of sediments, fish fauna and sessile fauna



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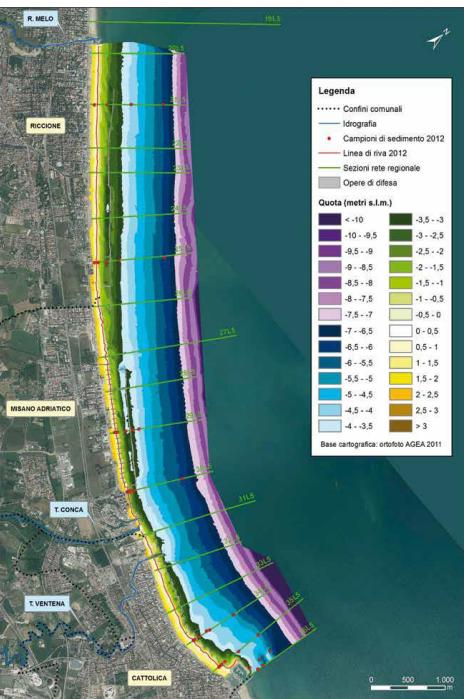


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Riccione

## FIELD INTERVENTIONS

**Riccione:** Deployment of a low-cost videomonitoring system July 2019



Raspberry Pi + camera

Resolution : 2 Mpixels (1640 x 1232)

Data rate : 2 Hz.



**Shoreline and transects acquired with GPS to be compared with image processing**

# Riccione

## Methods

### Deployment of a **low-cost videomonitoring system**



Raspberry Pi + camera

Resolution : 2 Mpixels (1640 x 1232)

Data rate : 2 Hz.



### Real-time image processing (in situ)

Open source software (Python) for timex images (average of the acquired images over 10 mins)

### Offline-processing (remote)

- Georeferencing and image rectification (through Ground Control Points)
- Shoreline automatically detected from timex



## Results

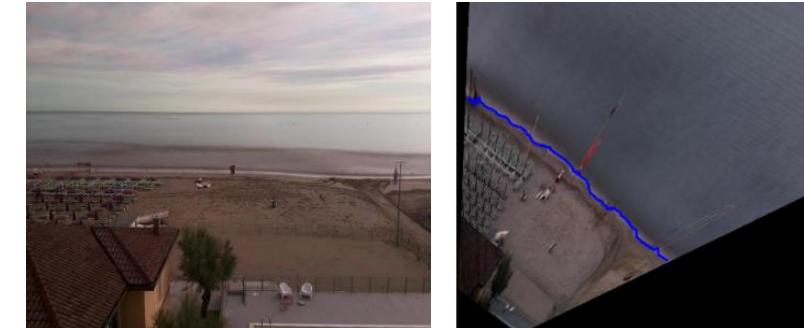
Video-monitoring station installed in July 2019.

**Contamination by tourists**

**Image rectification and shoreline**

**Time evolution of the shoreline (effects of a storm surge)**

Image rectification and shoreline



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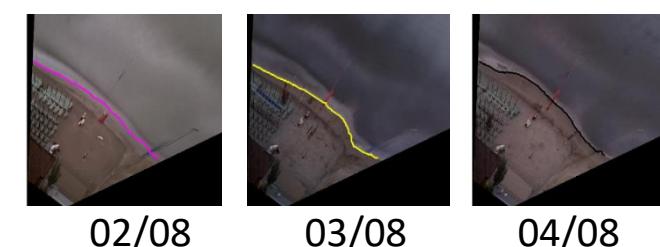
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**STORM SURGE**



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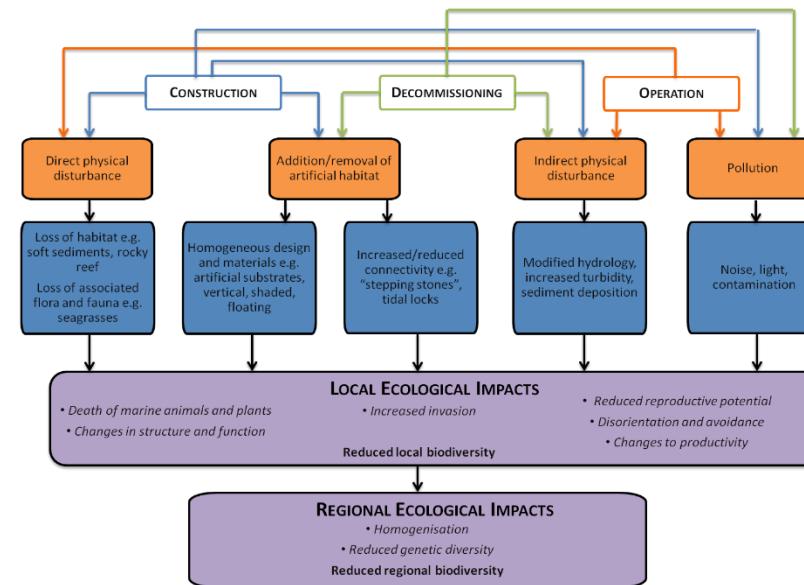


## ECOLOGICAL MODELLING

Analysis of the potential ecological impacts related to:

1) Changes in structures and compositions in native bentonics on the sand

2) Structures and compositions and biomass of the new populations on the artificial structures



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## FIELD INTERVENTIONS

Margherita di Savoia: sandy beach nourishment by using sediments dredged from the harbor entrance



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## Monopoli



## FIELD INTERVENTIONS

Monopoli: small nourishment (about 40 mc) for seasonal managements of the pocket beach from submerged sandy bars

Cala Porta Vecchia 2018



Cala Porta Vecchia 2019

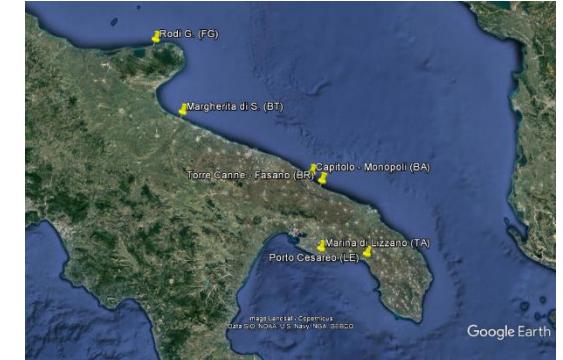


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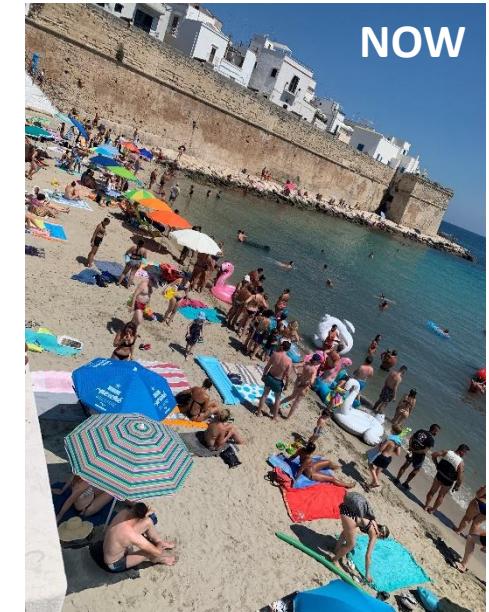
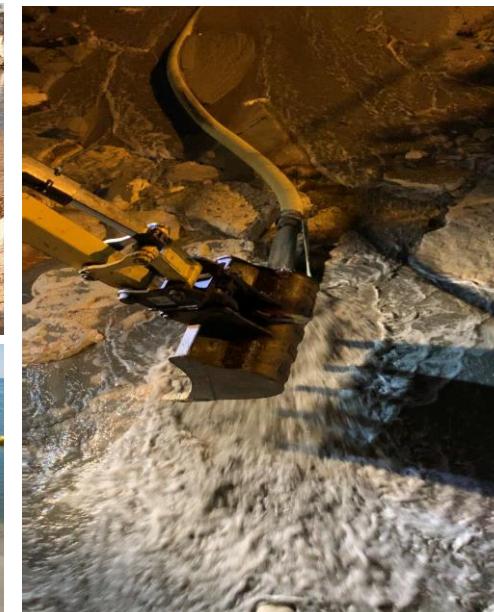
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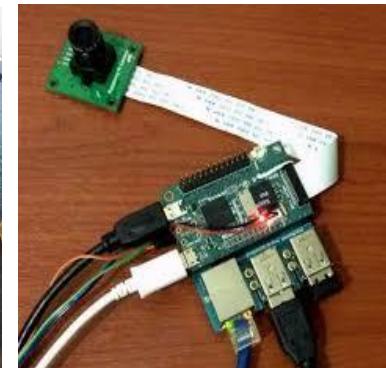
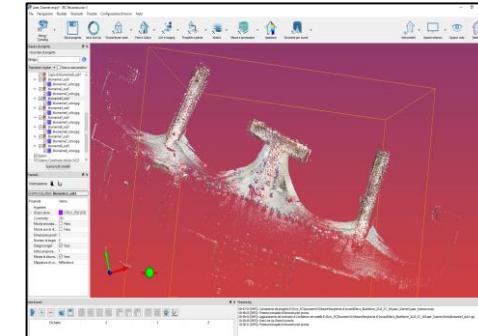
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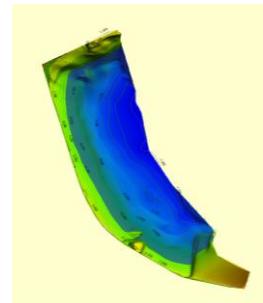
**Physical indicators**

**Experiential knowledge**

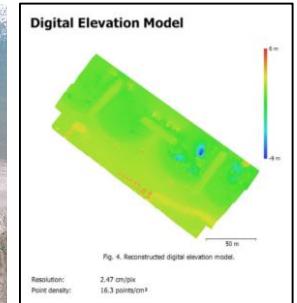
**TLS**



**GPS surveys**



**UAV**

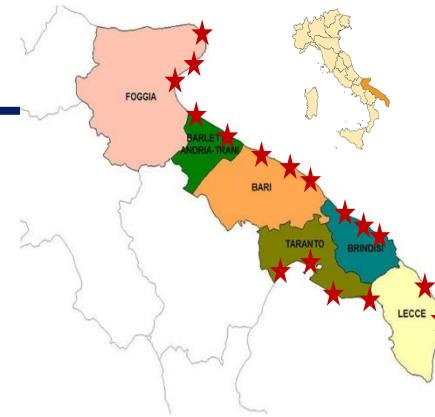


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## RISK ASSESSMENT/FIELD MONITORING

**Physical indicators**

**Experiential knowledge**

### Activities performed

- Scenario Workshop
- **Questionnaires**

**Period:** from June 2019 - still ongoing

### Surveyors:

- 14 volunteer students involved in the administration of the questionnaires
- Troisi Ricerche Srl

### Respondents:

- Residents
- Tourists
- Beach managers

**1116**  
Questionnaires submitted to **tourists** and **residents**

**30**  
Questionnaires submitted to **beach managers**

### STRUCTURE OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

**SECTION 1: BEACH ATTENDANCE**

**SECTION 2: OPINIONS ON THE BEACH FREQUENTED**

**SECTION 3: KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COASTAL EROSION**

**SECTION 4: RESPONDENT SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

**SECTION 5: NOTES AND/OR COMMENTS**



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