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THE SLOVENIAN INITIATIVE IN UNDERWATER NOISE STUDIES

Introduction

The sound naturally present in the underwater environment is produced by wind, waves, and other natural sources, as well as by human activities.

Representatives of the Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia have been involved in the European Union's Technical Group on Underwater Noise and other forms of Energy (TG Noise) since adoption of the Marine Directive 2008. TG Noise produced the Monitoring Guidance for Underwater Noise in European Seas in 2014. This guidance provided EU Member States with the information needed to set up monitoring in their marine waters, as required in the MSFD.

The Institute for Water of the Republic Slovenia collaborates in the EUMED project – a Joint program on noise (D11) for the implementation of the Second Cycle of the MSFD on the Mediterranean Sea. The project is financed by the European Union, in which ten partners from eight EU countries collaborate: Spain, France, Italy, Slovenia, Monaco, Malta, Croatia and Greece. The coordinator of the project is Centro Tecnológico IC11hmnr (pr)3 4(8a)4(t)--1()4(c)--13(y)20(