

# The Mar Menor: currently problem and evolution of the long snouted seahorse (*Hippocampus guttulatus*). **Hippocampus Association.**

- Introduction
- The geographic region where we work
- Target species
- key results of our work



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# HIPPOCAMPUS ASSOCIATION





# LOCATION



Coastal lagoon of Mar Menor



Protection items

1994. Wetland International Recognised  
**(RAMSAR)**

INTERNATIONAL

2001. Mediterranean Specially  
Protected Zone. **(ZEPIM)**

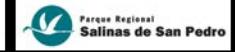
Place of Communitive Importance **(LIC)**.  
LIC ES6200006 Directive 92/43/CEE

EUROPEAN

Special protection of birds área **(ZEPA)**  
Special conservation área **(ZEC)** ES0000175,  
ES6200006, ES6200007, ES6200013,  
ES6200029, ES6200030,

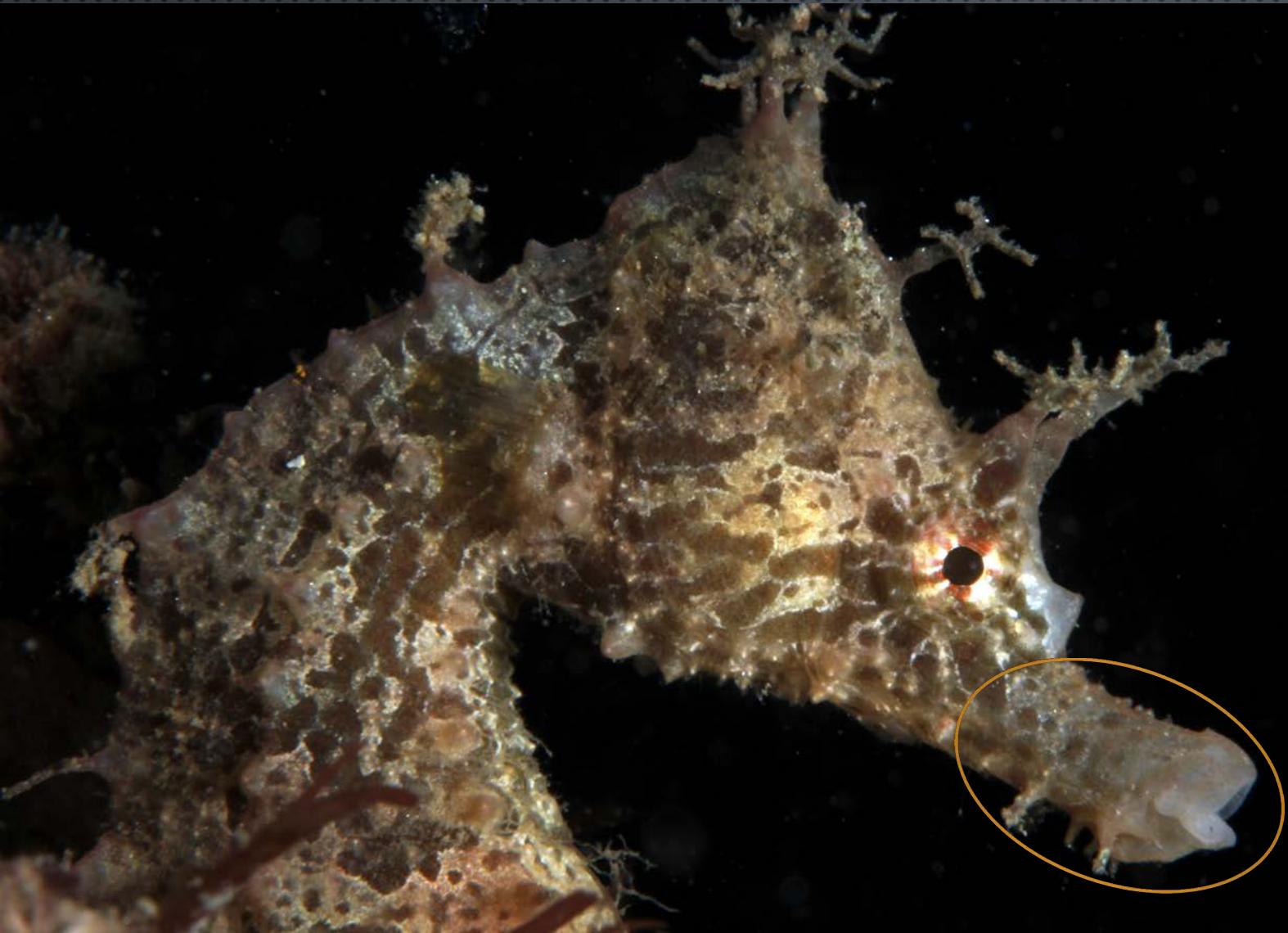
REGIONAL

Enviromental protected areas **(ENP)** LIC  
ES0000175



- 135.24 Km<sup>2</sup>
- Depth 6.5-7 m (3.6 m)
- <300 mm rainfall
- ↑ T<sup>a</sup>
- ↑ Evaporation.
- 22 Km (from 100 to 900 m width.)

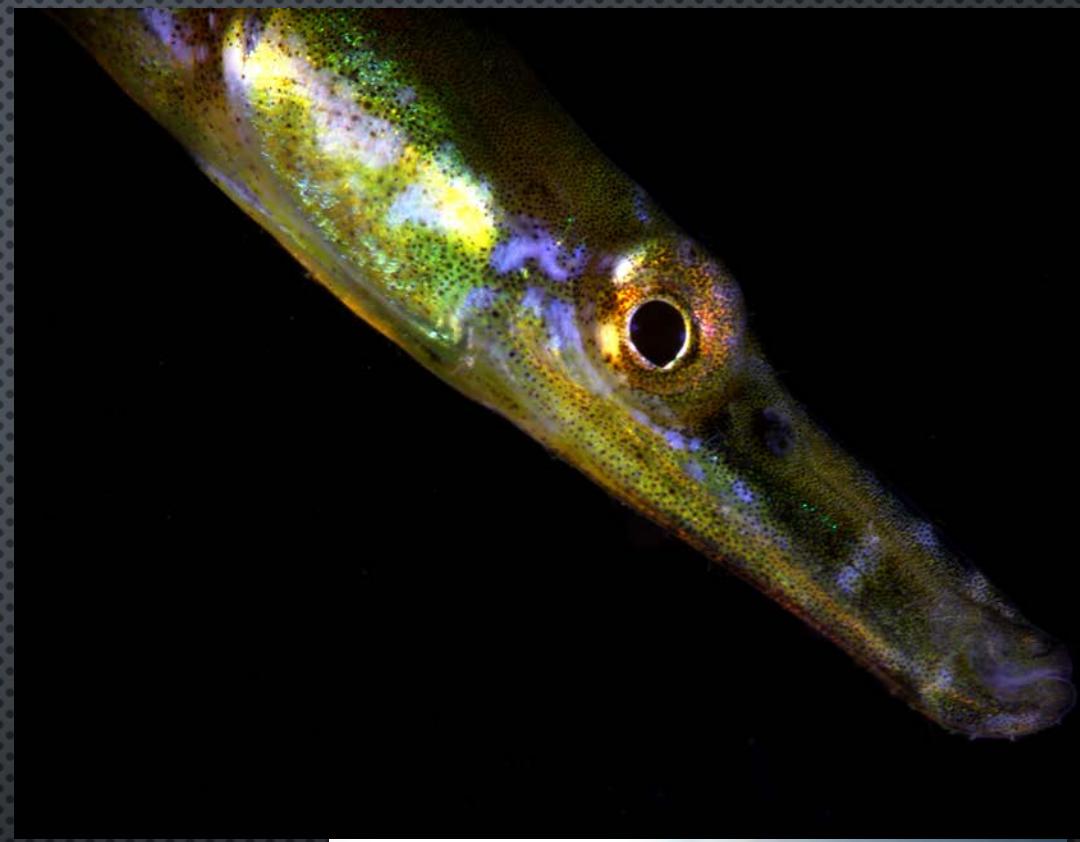
# Family Syngnathidae



# Familia Syngnathidae



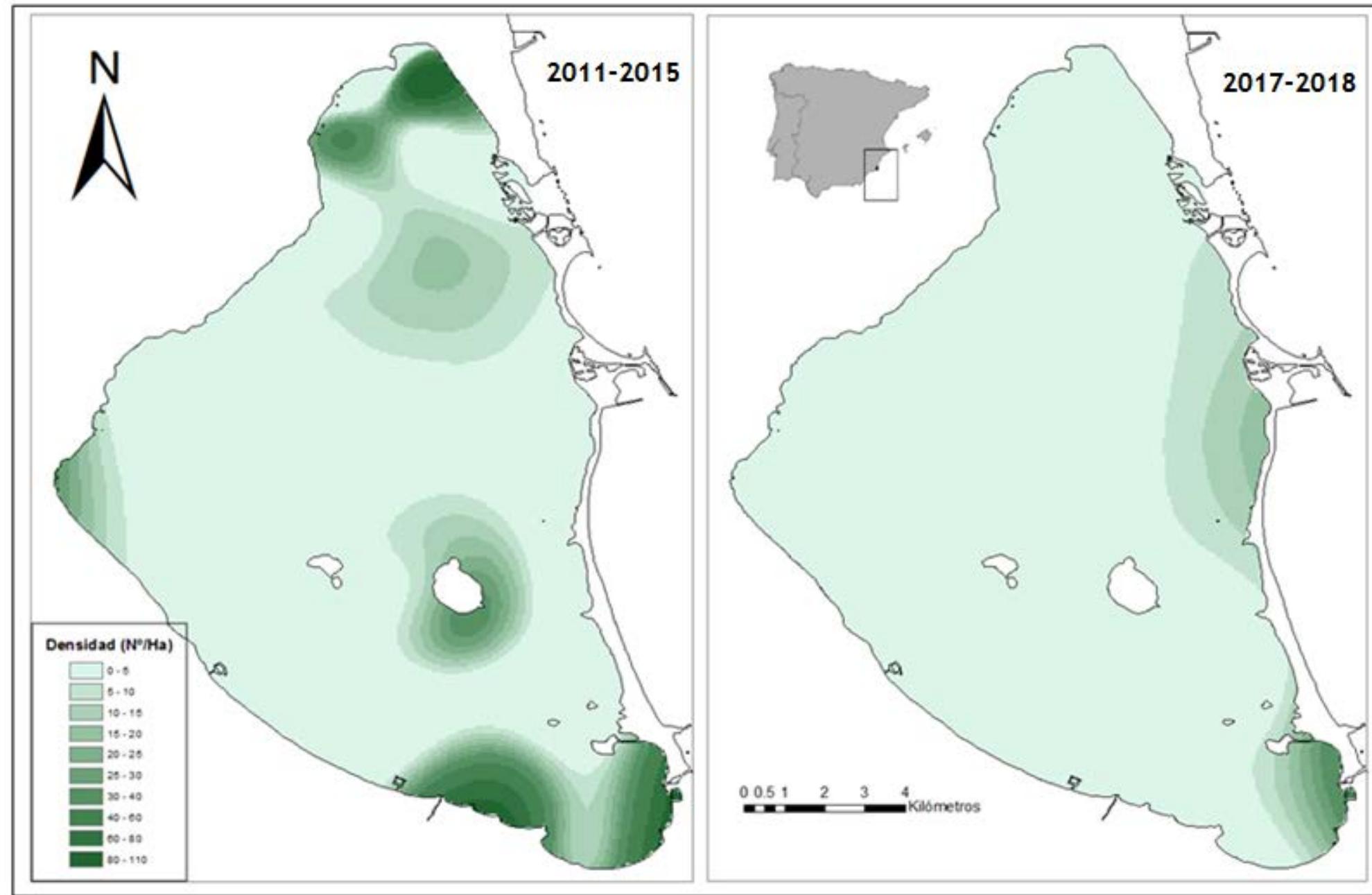
- *Syngnathus typhle*



- *Syngnathus abaster*

# THE RESULTS

Study period	Samples	Divers	Sample area	Density (nº/Ha)	Population size
2011-2012	29	29	79705	14,5	196000
2015	13	25	48111	7,0	94600
2011-2015*	42	34	127816	10,5	141500
2017-2018	29	25	77027	1,27	17130





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