




The kings of the Mediterranean Sea

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A brief series at the discovery of some of the most known animals living the Mediterranean sea: sea turtles, dolphins and monk seals.



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Monk seal: first approach

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Mediterranean monk seal is one of the animal species that are the most threatened by extinction in the world. Observed by human beings until the antiquity, the monk seal's life habits are still enshrouded by mystery. The documentary recounts the experience by some researchers of the Gruppo Foca Monaca (of the Italian WWF) together with SAD, the Turkish organization for marine researches. Using a closed-circuit camera system, powered by a little photovoltaic power station, this team of biologists has been able to control the inner part of a cave used by seals in a uninhabited island of the western Turkey for a whole month.



Monk seal

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Monk seal is the rarest animal of the european fauna and one among the twelve rarest animal species of the world. Its progressive disappearing from most of the places where it could be observed in the past has brought many researchers to consider this species doomed to extinction. Contrary to these gloomy premonitions some groups of monk seals, followed and protected in Egeo and Ionio Sea, are showing revival signs.



A beach for the sea turtles

Emanuele Coppola

Every summer human masses invade Mediterranean beaches. In similar conditions wild fauna must withdraw or succumb, but it isn't always the same. In Greece, along the southern coast of the Zacinto Island, there is a strange phenomenon. Big marine turtles approach to the crowded beaches showing indifference towards the persons. Tourists are intrigued and attracted by this novelty. In fact in the bay it has just developed an activity with a great success: the Turtle watching, that is the observation of the marine turtles in their natural environment. The reason that brings these animals on the coasts in broad daylight is not yet clear, but meanwhile in the whole bay area strict behaviour rules are in force, such as the absolute prohibition of the engine private navigation, in order to avoid incident and limit the disturb to this precious animals.



Where dolphins dare

Emanuele Coppola

The bottlenose dolphin is a marine mammal very common in our seas but seriously threatened by fishing job, ship traffic and pollution. Del.Ta project – dolphin and turtle protected – is just born with the aim to protect this cetacean and marine turtles of the Caretta caretta species, supported by the European Commission thanks to Life Natura program. The documentary shows different activities of the project, describing the patient and difficult job carried out by biologists in the protected marine area of the Pelage Islands. In the waters surrounding Linosa, Lampione and Lampedusa, the most southern Italian point, the highest density of dolphins of the whole Mediterranean Sea has been found.



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