

TOOLS TESTED & METHODS - KATIČ NATURE PARK

Tool testing in Marine Protected Area Katič:
Exploring Perceptions and Raising Awareness about Katič Nature Park and Jet Ski Use

PEAR - Perception Elicitation and Awareness Raising



→ **Surveys** with tourists and jet-ski providers



→ **Semi-structured interviews** with hotel managers, tourist agencies and jet ski providers



→ **Poster** dissemination in hotels and tourist agencies

TOOL TESTING

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RECOMMENDATIONS



COMMUNICATION

- More communication on **jet ski speed limits**
- **Awareness raising** among international tourists
- **Trust-building** and collaboration with jet ski providers and hotel managers



VISIBILITY

- Increased visibility of the MPA and the speed limits by:
- Installing **signs** at Katič island
 - Distributing (English) **educational material** for tourists



ENFORCEMENT

- **Consistent enforcement** of speed limit
- Address difficulties in **compliance monitoring** with speed limits
- Link compliance and **economic benefits**



DIVERSIFICATION OF TOURIST OFFERS

Encourage a conservation focus in tourism, by

- **Promoting eco-tours** and low impact activities
- **Training** tourism operators to integrate conservation in their tours



TOURISTS

MPA

- Low awareness of the existence of Katič MPA
- Strong support for marine protection

Jet Skis

- High safety risk perception of jet skis
- Low awareness and insufficient communication of jet ski speed limits

KEY FINDINGS

JET SKI PROVIDERS



MPA

- Moderate MPA awareness
- Moderate support for marine protection

Jet Skis

- Low awareness of jet ski impacts
- High awareness of speed limits
- Low openness to more regulations



HOTELS & TOURIST AGENCIES

MPA

- Moderate awareness of MPA existence
- Awareness mostly focused on cultural instead of natural value
- Strong support for marine protection

Jet Skis

- High safety risk perception
- Mixed awareness of the jet ski speed limit, but supportive
- Concerns about effectiveness of speed limit



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