



NEPTUNE blue trails

Ilot du Crocodile underwater trail



Warning
FRAGILE



Snorkelling



Cultural and
natural



High
frequentation

Geographic location

France, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, Var, La Croix Valmer

Name of the conservation area (or protected area)

Marine area adjacent to Port-Cros National Park

Level of environmental protection

Natura 2000 Var coast

Name of the dive site

Ilot du Crocodile underwater trail

Geographic coordinates (reference system)

LAT E 06°36'16.199"

LONG N 43°10'35.515"

Reference system WGS 84



Access to the dive site

By land: car park at Gigaro beach (pay parking during the summer season).
Access via the Cap Lardier natural protected site coastal footpath (20 min on foot).

Site characteristics

Maximum depth **3 m**
Difficulty **Low**



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Information about the managing body

In 2017, the Golfe de St-Tropez District Community Council began to develop a network of 3 underwater trails in the Jovat cove in La Croix Valmer, including the Ilot du Crocodile trail, to enable the public to discover the wealth of coastal natural life.

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INFORMATION



Authorisation not required



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More information:

The underwater trails booklet (trail No.7, page 20)

<https://fr.calameo.com/read/000318363320c568f95e>



TRAIL MAP



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**To preserve biodiversity
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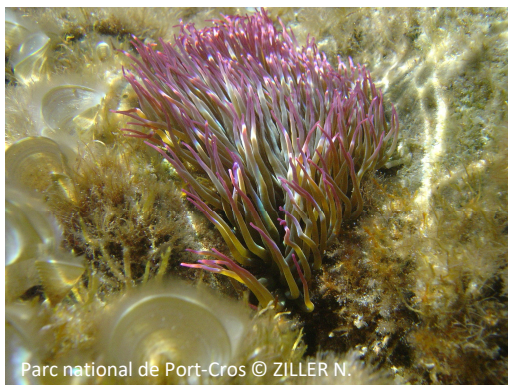
- to gather sea urchins from 16 April to 30 November in the department of Var
- to capture or hunt octopus from 1 June to 30 September
- to fish or hunt in the zones reserved for swimming, including the underwater trails

Description of the site of natural interest

An exceptional natural panorama on the unspoilt coast of Cap Lardier, which includes the Jovat cove, offers a wide diversity of marine habitats that are home to a varied and typically Mediterranean fauna. Numerous biotopes are present: anemone gardens, sandy seabeds, seagrass meadows and Ilot du Crocodile, all at depths of less than 3 metres.

Snakelocks anemone

Anemonia viridis

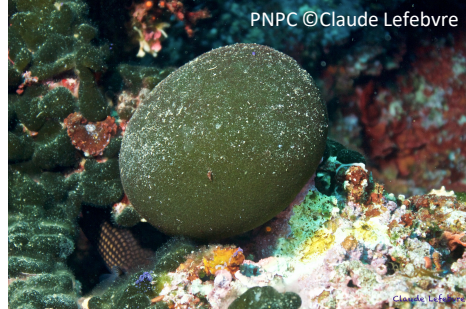


Striped red mullet

Mullus surmuletus

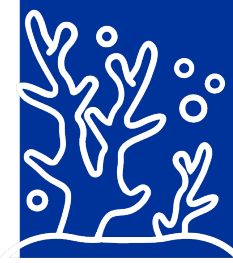


Peacock wrasse
Symphodus tinca



Green sponge ball

Codium bursa



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List of main species

- Snakelocks anemone *Anemonia viridis*
- Damselfish *Chromis chromis*
- Green sponge ball *Codium bursa*
- Red sea star *Echinaster sepositus*
- Rainbow wrasse *Coris julis*
- Ornate wrasse *Thalassoma pavo*
- Green wrasse *Labrus viridis*
- Neptune grass *Posidonia oceanica*
- Striped red mullet *Mullus surmuletus*
- Salema porgy *Sarpa salpa*
- Common two-banded sea bream *Diplodus vulgaris*
- Painted comber *Serranus scriba*

Description of the site of cultural interest

The Îlot du Crocodile underwater trail is located near the wreck of the cement barge, a vessel that transported bags of cement. It is visible to good swimmers from the surface.



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Cement bags



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Photos of cultural heritage