The Town of Bonifacio together with the Mediterranean Maritime Prefecture have settled upon the following mapping of buoys in the sectors of PIANTARELLA and LA RONDINARA (refer to both maps situated on the back):

A Piantarella and La Rondinara:



No-mooring zone : anchoring, dockingand geostatic positions are forbidden.



Forbidden zone to motorized machines



Swimming area: navigation, watercraft mooring and aqualung diving are forbidden.



Access channel to the beach, reserved for the passage of registered boat and watercraft.



The yellow line represents the immersed



Mooring boats strongly impacts onto protected species such as Neptune-grass *Posidonia oceanica* and Noble Pen Shell *Pinna nobilis*.

Neptune-grass, is protected at international level by the Bern Convention, the Barcelona Convention and the European « Habitats » Directive, and, at national level, by both the interdepartmental bylaw dated 19th July 1988 and the Code of Environment (article L.411-1).

The *Posidonia oceanica* meadows represent a precious and fragile resource across the Mediterranean sea. The *Posidonia oceanica*, an underwater flowering plant, generates a remarkable production of oxygen (up to 14 liters per day per m²) thanks to the process of photosynthesis. It is a real lung for the marine ecosystem.

As a source of food for many animals (sea urchins, fishes, etc.), it is the basis of several food chains.

The *Posidonia oceanica* meadows provide shelter and are breeding ground for countless species.

They participate as well in stabilizing the seabed and they constitute an evidence of good water quality.

The *Posidonia oceanica* meadows also protect shorelines from erosion, since during the autumn this seagrass loses some of its leaves, which accumulate into « banquettes » on the beaches.



The Noble Pen Shell

is a threatened species that lives in sandy and soft muddy seabeds, close to seagrasses. For years it was overfished by divers, collectors of souvenirs, and whole populations have been decimated.

Today, it is protected but still remains threatened by pollution and receding seagrass but also by anchors which break the shell, leaving it defenceless to predators.





