

**Petition to the Government of Spain
to establish a mandatory speed limit for vessels
in the Management Plan for the Marine Protected Area and SPAMI
"Mediterranean Cetacean Migration Corridor"**

The undersigned, respectfully request that the Spanish Government, acting through the Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge (and in consultation, where appropriate, other competent sectoral administrations), incorporates a mandatory speed reduction measure for vessels within the entire Marine Protected Area (MPA) and Specially Protected Area of Importance for the Mediterranean (SPAMI) "Cetacean Migration Corridor of the Mediterranean" into the Management Plan presently under development for this area.

Specifically, the following measures are requested:

1. The enforcement of a general speed limit of 10 knots for all types of vessels, including recreational ones, that travel within the Cetacean Migration Corridor's boundaries.
2. Exceptions to this 10-knot speed limit would be:
 - a. The development of a Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) based on relevant scientific research. Merchant vessels will be obliged to navigate within the TSS at a reduced speed compared to their usual operational speed. The specific percentage reduction for each category of ships will be determined on the basis of the relevant scientific and technical studies.
 - b. The establishment of a mandatory speed reduction for ferries operating in public service and already adhering to predetermined routes. This reduction should be determined by thorough scientific studies, with the objective of minimising the risk of collisions as much as possible, while ensuring that the quality of their service is not affected.

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