ASINARA (Italy)

Giorgio COSTA

Regione Autonoma della Sardegna
COUNTRY: ITALY - SARDINIA

INHABITANTS: 1

TOURISTS: 100,000 (2018)

SPECIFIC STATUS: NATIONAL PARC and PROTECTED SEA AREA
INITIATIVE/ ACTIVITY:

- Initiatives to recover the vast real estate assets.
- Educational site to illustrate the restoration techniques of some elements of the rural landscape (terraces, hydraulic systems, olive trees)
- Initiatives for energy sustainability (electric car charging stations)

PARTNERS / GOVERNANCE:

- National Park of Asinara Island and Protected sea area
- Ministry of environment
- Ministry of cultural heritage and tourism
- Conservatory of the coasts of Sardinia Region
- Municipality of Porto Torres
- University of Sassari
- Regional Forest Agency (Fo.Re.STAS)
MAJOR RESULTS:

- Transport guarantee by sea
- Environmental protection of places for fauna and flora aspects
- Internal transport with sustainable cars
- Rehabilitation of some architectures of the penal colony
- Wide accessibility to the island for tourists and for scientific studies and research

CHALLENGES:

- Recover local agricultural production
- Protect local germplasm
- Recover the built heritage and traditional infrastructure
- Activate an integrated tourist reception system
- Sustainable management of water and energy resources and waste
LESSONS LEARNED

- NEGATIVE -

• Overlapping and fragmentation of competences
• Administrative structures with little staff
• Lack of an international vision
• Lack of adequate public financial resources
• Little possibility of private investment

+ POSITIVE +

• Activation of the "Ecology and Economics School" (quantification of biophysical and monetary value of natural heritage and ecosystem services)
• Activation of the "Knowledge Laboratory" with educational institutions: environmental education and sustainability program