SEAWATER QUALITY MONITORING IN AUGUSTA HARBOUR (SIRACUSE, ITALY) TRHOUGHT THE USE OF AN AUV ECOMAPPER

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GENERAL AIMS OF THE RESEARCH

- Verify the suitability of Ecomapper, an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV), in waters where critical contamination condition results in a health hazard
- Develop a new methodology of monitoring systems by using Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs)
- Monitoring seawater in the northern zone of Augusta Harbour (Sicily, Italy), one of the most polluted ports of Mediterranean Sea

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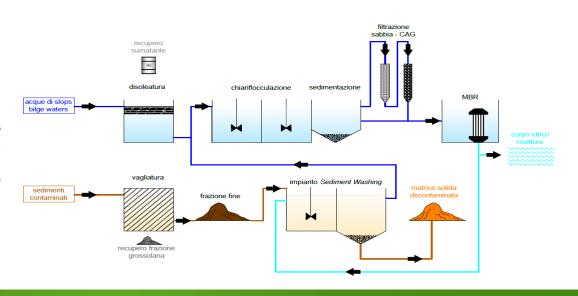


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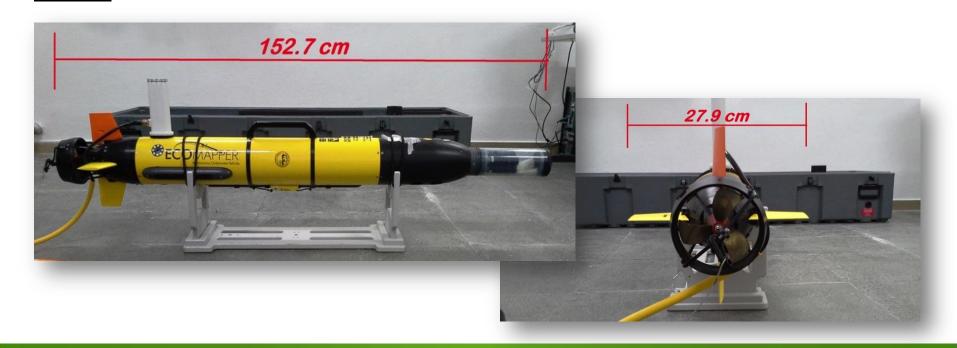
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Probes and Sensors





STUDY AREA



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Augusta Harbour (Siracuse, Italy)





- N-S length: 8 km;
- → E-W: 4 km;
- Mean depth: 15 m;
- ♦ Area: 23.5 km2;
- 2 mouths connect the harbour with open sea
- Several piers are located along the coastline

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1998 Contaminated Site of National Interest



MISSION DESIGN







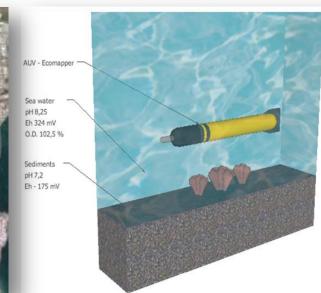


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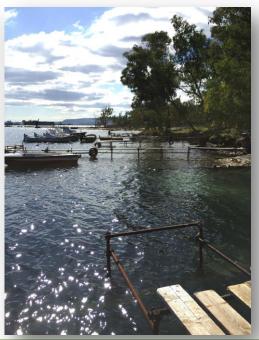


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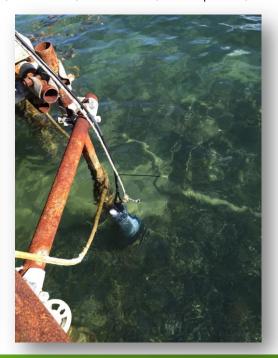
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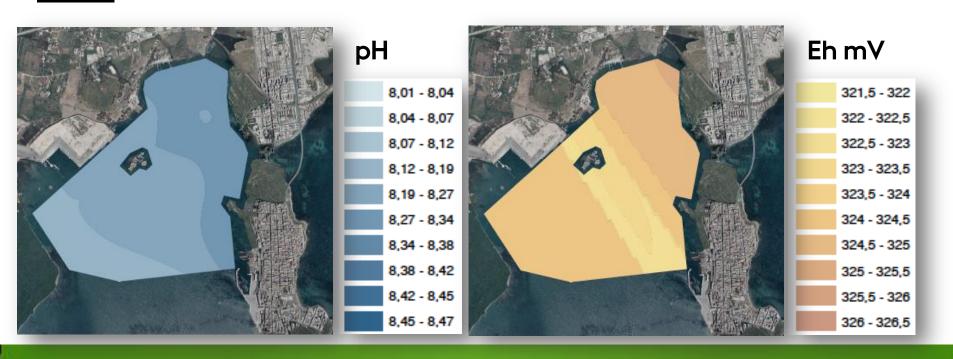
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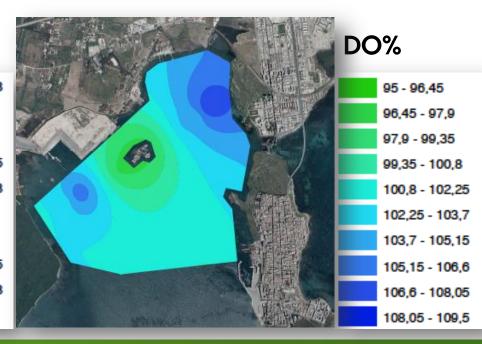


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Cond. mS/cm

57,35 - 57,38 57,38 - 57,4 57,4 - 57,43 57,43 - 57,45 57,45 - 57,48 57,48 - 57,5 57,5 - 57,53 57.53 - 57.55 57,55 - 57,58 57,58 - 57,6



CONCLUSION



- Use of Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs) is an helpful tool in waters where critical contamination condition results in a health hazard
- AUVs are not always exploitable, particularly in the presence of docks and several reefs
- The integration of many tools allow the acquisition of various parameters during a single mission, as well as the significant number of data acquired in a short time
- A good seawater quality condition has been measured in the northern zone of the Augusta Harbour



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