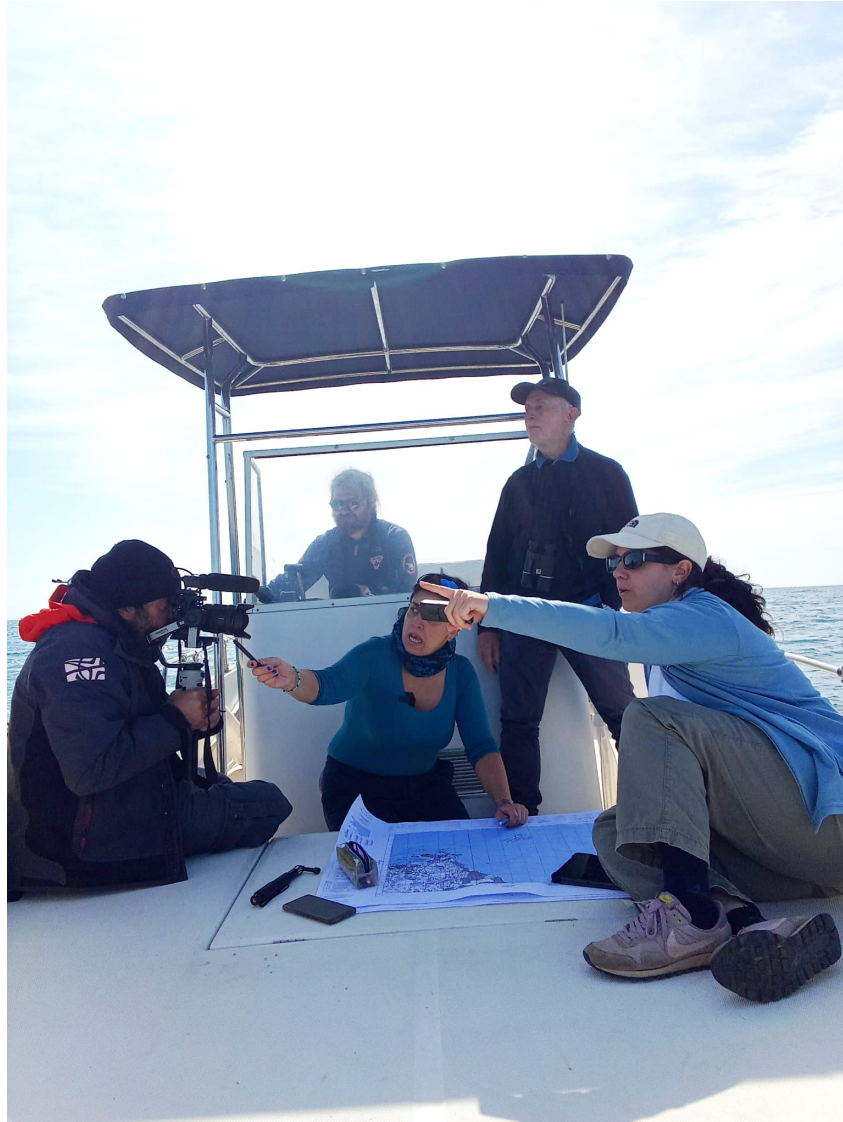




**Socio-geographical explorations in the Anzio sea. Interviews, participatory mapping and bio-chemical data collection on the state of the water.**



**Anzio, 4 April 2025** The research work of the CO>SEA 'Collaborative Laboratory for the Sea and Socio-Environmental Sustainability in the Gulf of Anzio' project continues in the sea of Anzio. The CO>SEA research team of the MEMOTEF Department of the Sapienza University of Rome with the independent visual production agency Raw-News, the support of the Lega Navale Italiana - Anzio section, the collaboration of the Department of Biotechnology, Chemistry and Pharmacy of the University of Siena, and the patronage of the Municipality of Anzio, conducted the first exploration to map and document the state of the sea in Anzio.



The social mapping, accompanied by visual documentation, has seen the CO>SEA team, in collaboration with Legambiente Anzio-Nettuno Circolo 'Le Rondini', engaged in a sea expedition of the Gulf and coastal sampling and monitoring activities, aimed at documenting the state of the coastal sea and the coastline, identifying critical ecological, environmental, and social issues. The objective of the research is to carry out a participatory survey of the critical issues of Anzio's marine and coastal territory reported by citizens and by scientific and institutional research (such as those produced by ARPA, ISPRA, Goletta Verde and the SeaPaCS project), bringing to public attention the main emergencies requiring prompt action. The methodology adopted, based on a combination of participatory action research and visual reporting, aims at experimenting on Anzio and defining a research method to analyse and address socio-environmental issues related to the global ocean that reverberate in local seas.



The mapping work was made possible thanks to the voluntary participation of citizens interviewed - representatives of institutions, civil society, workers and sea-goers - and the results will be made available in summer 2025. So far, fourteen in-depth interviews have been conducted with gate-keepers and stakeholders who agreed to participate, recorded or video-recorded, and now undergoing the process of semantic analysis, geolocalisation and content mapping. Citizens interviewed were asked to highlight the main issues affecting the sea in the Gulf of Anzio. The questions concerned the impact, at a local level, of the critical issues affecting the health of the oceans at a global level, as well as the actions taken, such as the safeguarding and care practices implemented by the inhabitants. The interviews allowed for the collection of crucial information through transect walks and field observations with participants, on which trans-disciplinary processing of the results is currently underway.

Key informant interviews		
participant	kind	place
Seafarer	audio	phone
Public servant	video +audio	Molo Innocenziano
Fishermen	audio	Molo Innocenziano
Fishermen	audio	Molo Innocenziano
Surfer	audio	public space
Sailor	audio	public space
Public servant	video+ audio	Town Hall
Surfer and Volunteer	audio	public space
Diver and Volunteer	audio	public space
Fishermen	audio	Molo Innocenziano
Public servant	audio	Town Hall
Volunteer Environmental Associa	audio	public space
Sailor	audio	on boat
Volunteer Environmental Associa	video+ audio	on boat



In parallel, a process of marine water sampling in the vicinity of sewage treatment plant discharges and discharge points into the sea was initiated. The results of the bio-chemical analyses will contribute to the definition of the criticality of the area and will be set out in the research report under preparation.

## **What is CO>SEA**

CO>SEA is a research team active at the Sapienza University of Rome - MEMOTEF Department in collaboration with the independent visual production agency Raw-News, which promotes interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral and international studies in the field of Marine Social Geography and Visual Research. The aim is to investigate the socio-ecological transformations affecting the global Ocean and reflected in local seas, and the connections between human and non-human society and the Ocean, drawing on Marine Social Science and Critical Ocean Studies. The team adopts participatory action-research, citizen science and visual documentation methodologies, framing the sea as both a conceptual and a physical space to rethink our role within complex and evolving ecological systems.

The creation of the research team was made possible by the European Commission's Citizen Science Award 2024 for the European project SeaPaCS supported the creation of the CO>SEA team, which aims to generate transformative local knowledge in ocean governance.

Among the activities of the research team, Sapienza University of Rome supported the pilot project 'CoSea\_Lab. Collaborative laboratory for the sea and socio-environmental sustainability in the Gulf of Anzio', through the dedicated programme "Bando Terza Missione 2024".

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