



Seagrass meadows are widely distributed in our waters, and cover depths from 0 to 40 meters according to their ecological needs.

They are of high ecological importance and are very sensitive to pollution and anchoring (damage to species or alteration of the substrate).



The management plan for this protected area (Order ARM/2417/2011 of 30 August) states:



- Anchoring on seagrass meadows is prohibited.



- You will find **authorized anchoring buoy fields** within or near the protected area.



Did you know?



Halophila decipiens

In Spain, it is only found in the Canary Islands, on sandy and muddy bottoms, up to 40 meters deep.

Source: Marine Angiosperm Ecology Group (IEO-CSIC)

Cymodocea nodosa



It grows on sandy and muddy bottoms (6 to 20 meters deep) and can form more or less dense meadows in areas with gentle or moderate waves.

Source: Tamia Brito-TRAGSATEC, and cover photo

Why is it important to protect them?

Halophila decipiens and *Cymodocea nodosa* are species protected by Spanish regulations.



Environmental benefits:



improve water quality



carbon sequestration



protection of beaches from wave action



fixing the substrate



feeding and breeding grounds for numerous marine species

Socioeconomic benefits:



fishery resources



traditional activities



scientific and medical resources



high tourist and recreational interest



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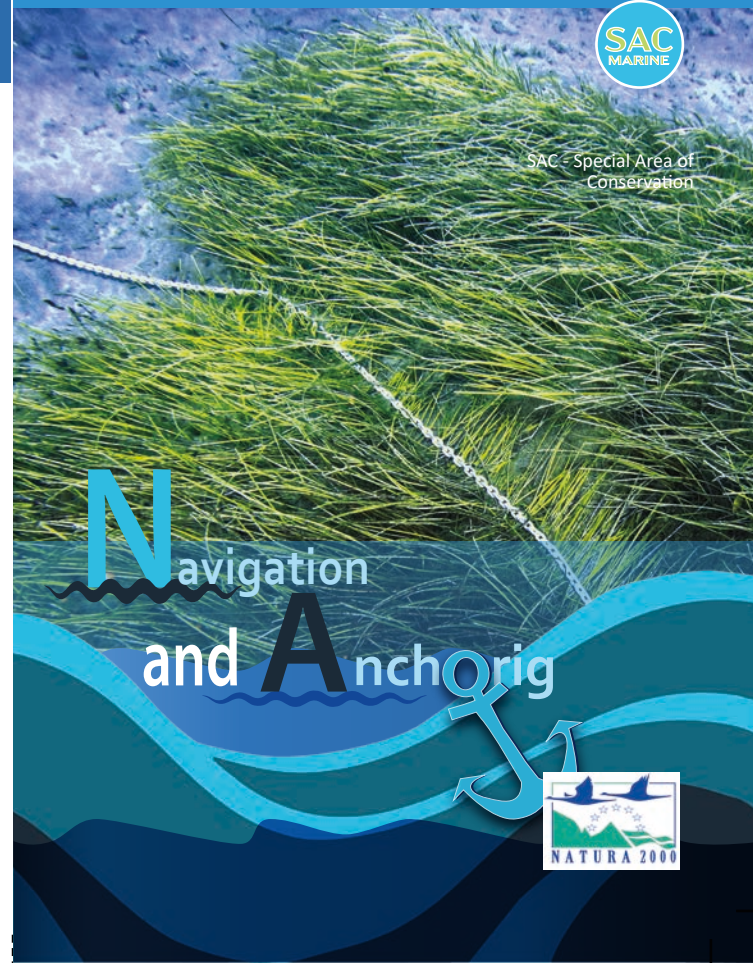
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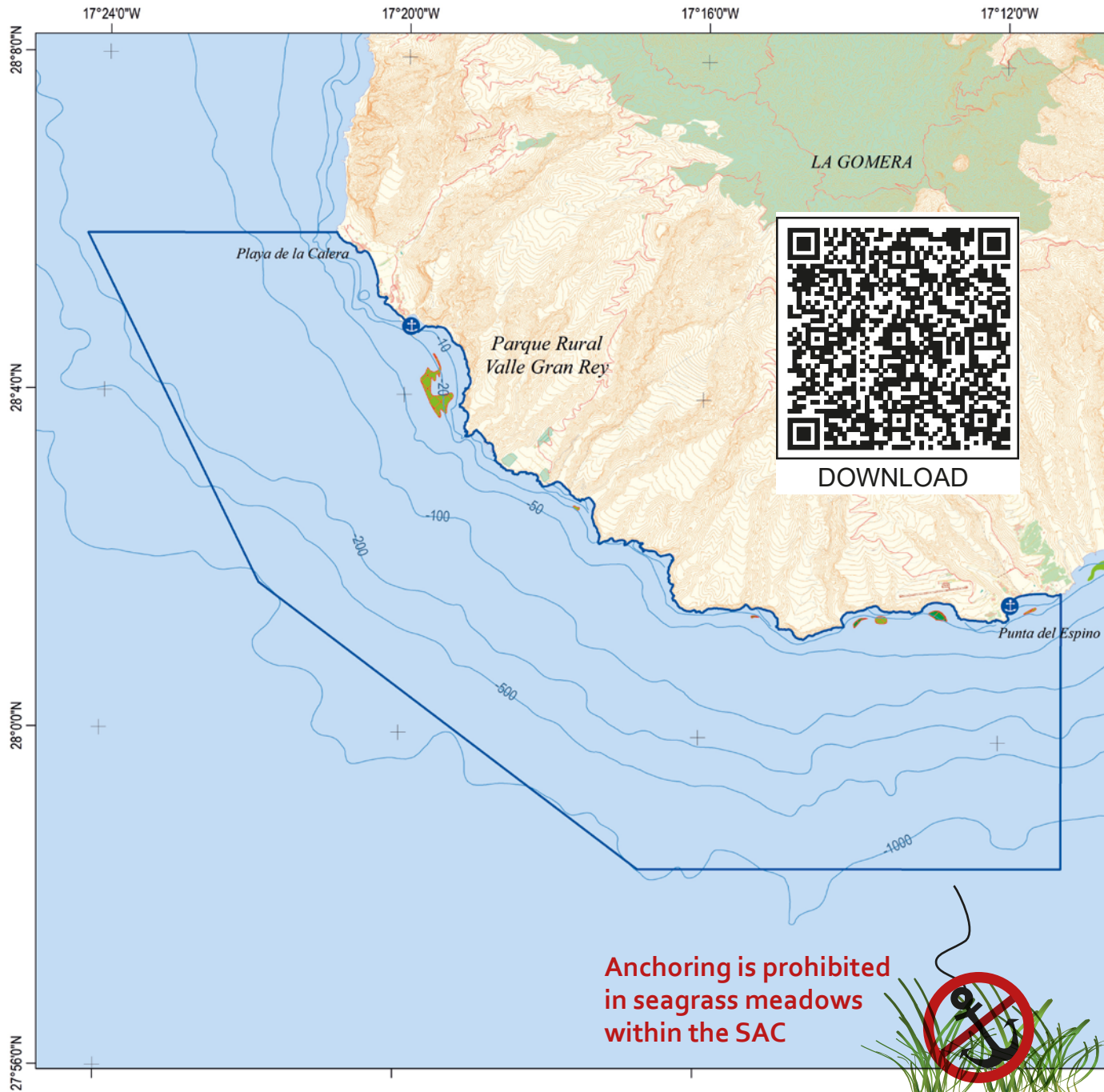


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Navigation and Anchoring





**Anchoring is prohibited
in seagrass meadows
within the SAC**

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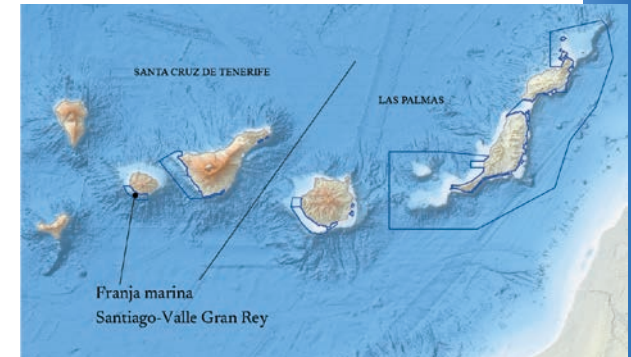
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Prohibited anchorage area
Seagrass meadows within the SAC

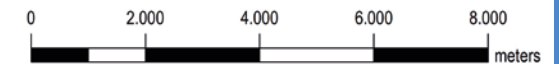
Seagrass meadows

Sebadal (*Cymodocea nodosa*)

Halophila decipiens



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Reference system: REGCAN95, UTM Zone 28
Basemap: Mapa Topográfico Integrado de Canarias