Monaco

1 Ramsar Site(s) covering 23 ha

Réserve sous-marine du Larvotto
Site number: 918  |  Country: Monaco  |  Administrative region: Monaco
Area: 23 ha  |  Coordinates: 43°44'44"N 07°26'15"E  |  Designation dates: 20-08-1997

Réserve sous-marine du Larvotto et zone côtière du Portier. 20/08/97; 10 ha; 43°44'N 007°26'E. Rocky coastal zone with rocky bottom to a depth of 10m in the western part; in the eastern part, beaches and artificial rocky protective works, and important seagrass beds of Posidonia oceanica, cited as one of Ramsar’s “under-represented types”. Qualifies for the List under the fish criterion (criterion 7), as the area shelters numerous species and constitutes a very important spawning ground. Development projects exist near the western part, but the protected beaches are used only for recreational activities; the coastal waters of the Reserve are off-limits to tourism, but serve as a site for limited environmental education and as a base for numerous scientific studies. Ramsar site no. 918. Most recent RIS information: 2000.