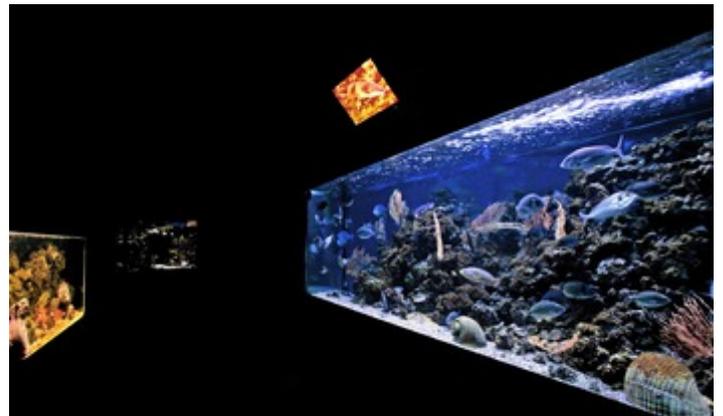
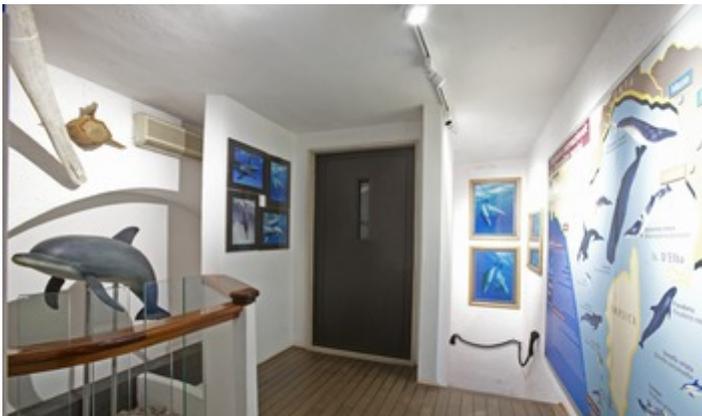

MEDITERRANEAN AQUARIUM OF THE COSTA D'ARGENTO

LA COSTA D'ARGENTO - MONTE ARGENTARIO



Porto Santo Stefano, Lungomare dei Navigatori n. 44 - Monte Argentario

the museum

The Mediterranean Aquarium of the Costa d'Argento, or the Silver Coast, has seventeen tanks, seven of which are panoramic, and houses hundreds of plant and animal species such as groupers, moray eels, sharks, seahorses, octopuses, ocelots, lobsters and sea-grasses, among many others. The aquarium was built with the intention of reproducing as closely as possible the most indicative ecosystems of the Costa d'Argento. To reproduce the coastal strip, which runs from 10 to 50 metres deep, there are specimens from infralittoral and circalittoral environments, as well as from the pelagic environment. Inside the space is also a permanent exhibitions of shells and one of underwater photography. The aquarium is also connected to the Marine Biology Educational Centre, which aims to raise awareness of environmental issues, and to the Cetacean Rescue Centre, which is essential along this portion of the coast where there are frequent beachings of cetaceans and turtles. In 2014, two further permanent exhibitions were established, one of which dedicated to the history of underwater technology. On display are historical items of underwater equipment, including the diving equipment belonging to Gino Tantulli, kindly donated to the association by his family. The other permanent exhibition is dedicated to Cetaceans and to the International Marine Mammal Sanctuary. Here you can see several bones recovered from the Monte Argentario promontory and from the island of Giglio, such as the jaw and a lumbar vertebra of a Finback Whale and the skulls of a Goose-beaked Whale and a Bottlenose Dolphin.

activities

Guided tours - Educational workshops - Outdoor learning on the beach and in the sea

opening times

November - March: Friday 15.00-19.00, Saturday and Sunday 10.30-12.30, 15.00-19.00; October, April and May: Tuesday - Friday 15.00-19.00, Saturday and Sunday 10.30-12.30, 15.00-19.00; June and September: Tuesday - Sunday 10.30-12.30, 16.00-20.00; July-August: 10.30-12.30, 17.00-24.00. During holidays the opening times may vary; visitors are advised to check the website.

price

Full euro 5.00; reduced euro 2.00 (over 65, residents, children 5-12, disabled). Free entry for children under 5.

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