

WP2 – Trans-national studies and innovative strategies on monitoring and conservation of protected transitional waters

A transnational group of scientists and transitional ecosystem researchers was established in TWReferenceNET. Scientists had carried out experimental works to produce innovative eco-technologies to ameliorate monitoring and conservation of river mouth ecosystems, lagoons and coastal wetlands. Field experiments were carried out under common and standard protocols in 18 protected transitional ecosystems throughout the project area focusing on phytoplankton, macrophyte and benthic macroinvertebrate guilds. At this stage, all field experimental activities have been completed and the first results are expected for December 2005, according to the project workplan. The activities will represent a contribution to the implementation of Water Framework Directive (CE 2000/60) both in EU-member and in non member states.