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for

SUSTAINABLE MULTITROPHIC MARICULTURE and  
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

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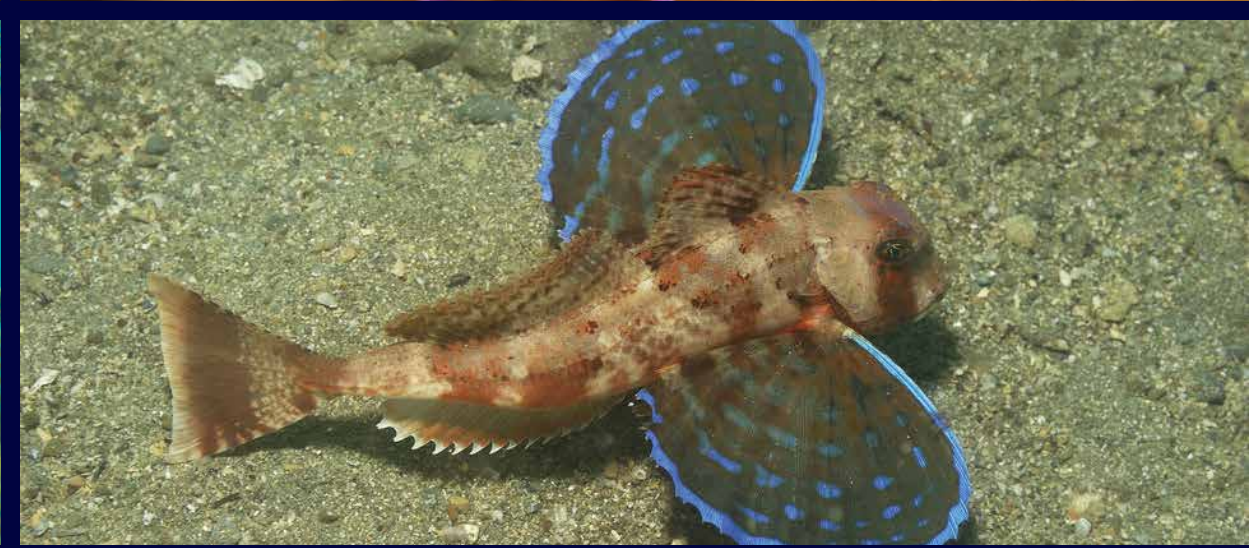
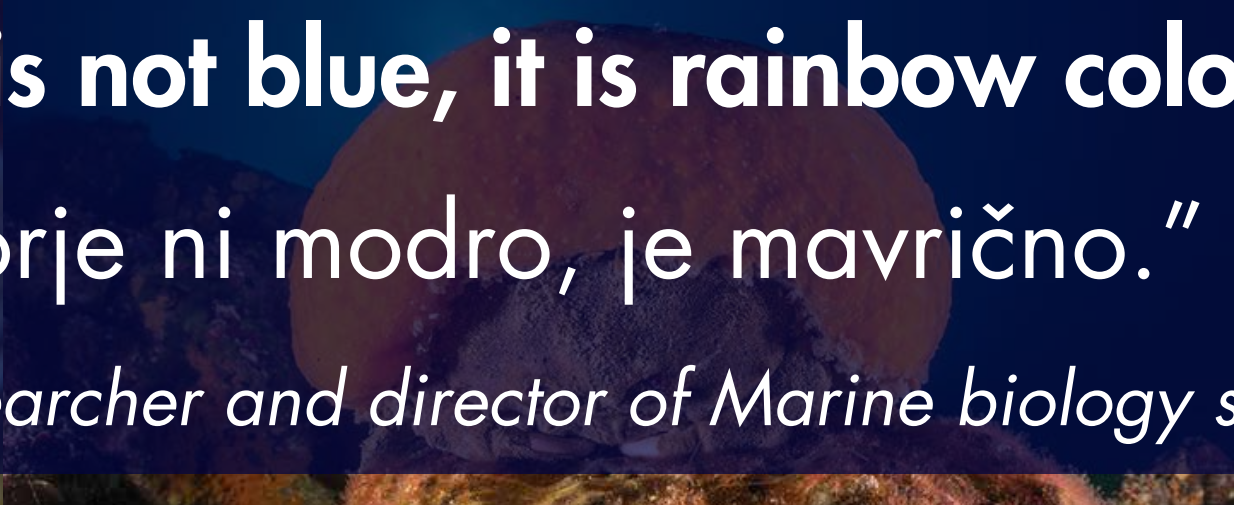


**"The sea is not blue, it is rainbow colours."**

**"Morje ni modro, je mavrično."**

*Borut Mavrič, researcher and director of Marine biology station Piran*

*Borut Furlan*

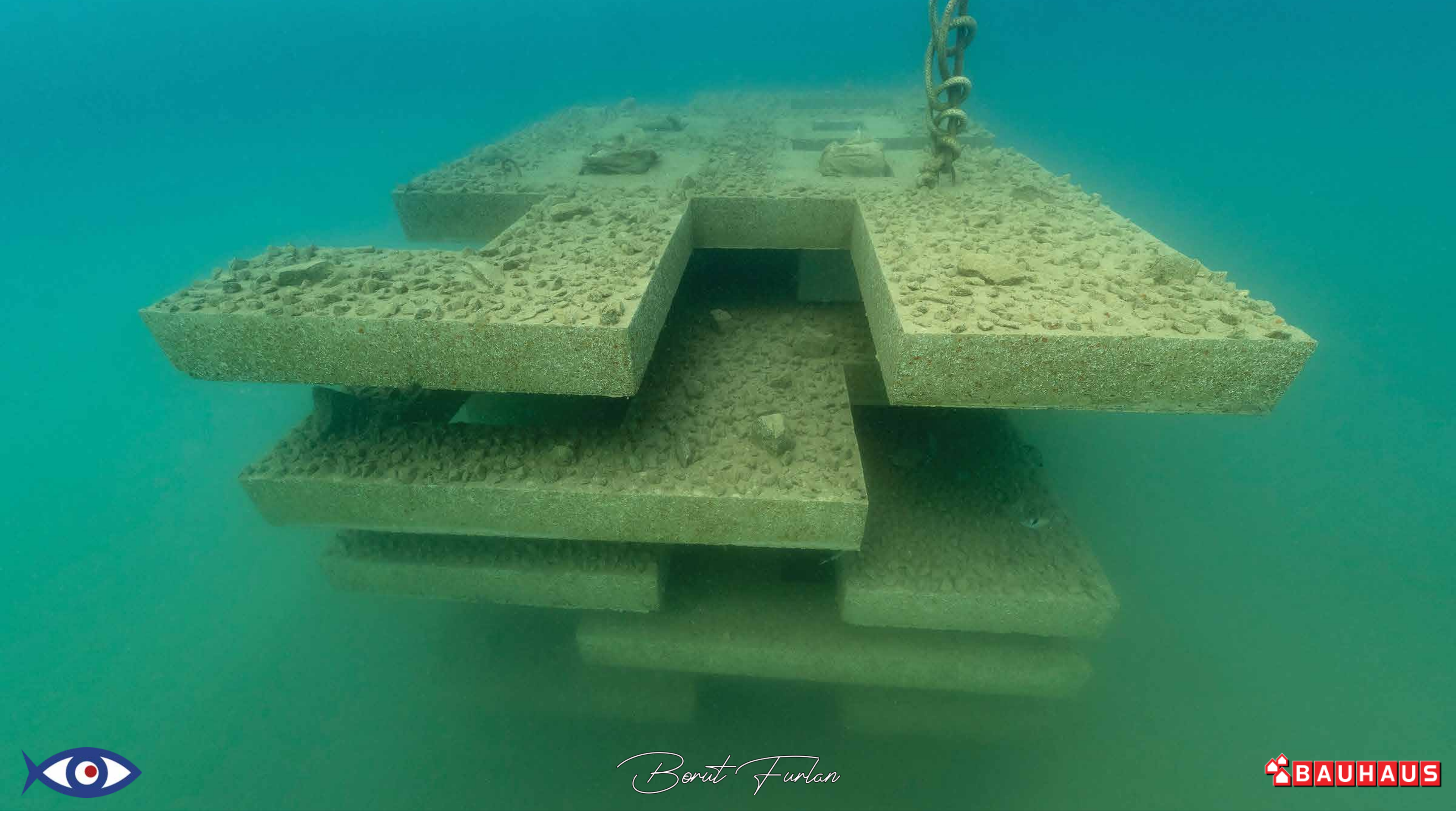


# THREATS TO MARINE BIODIVERSITY

- **INDUSTRIALISATION**
  - **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT**
  - **POLLUTION** (organic, plastic, oil spills, toxic elements...)
  - **MARITIME TRAFFIC** (noise, vessel strikes, sediment suspension...)
  - **MASS TOURISM**
  - **UNSUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**
  - **INVASIVE SPECIES**
  - **CLIMATE CHANGE** (SST warming, sea level rise, acidification...)
- etc.**



Leading to loss of biodiversity and ecosystem degradation.



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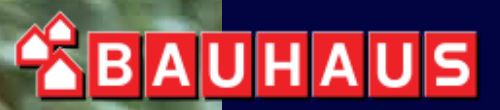
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# OBJECTIVE 1: Sustainable multitrophic mariculture

Colonisation and harvesting of edible or otherwise consumable organisms.  
(mussels, oysters, sea urchins...)



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# OBJECTIVE 2: Research

Monitoring of colonisation of organisms:

What? Where? When? How much?



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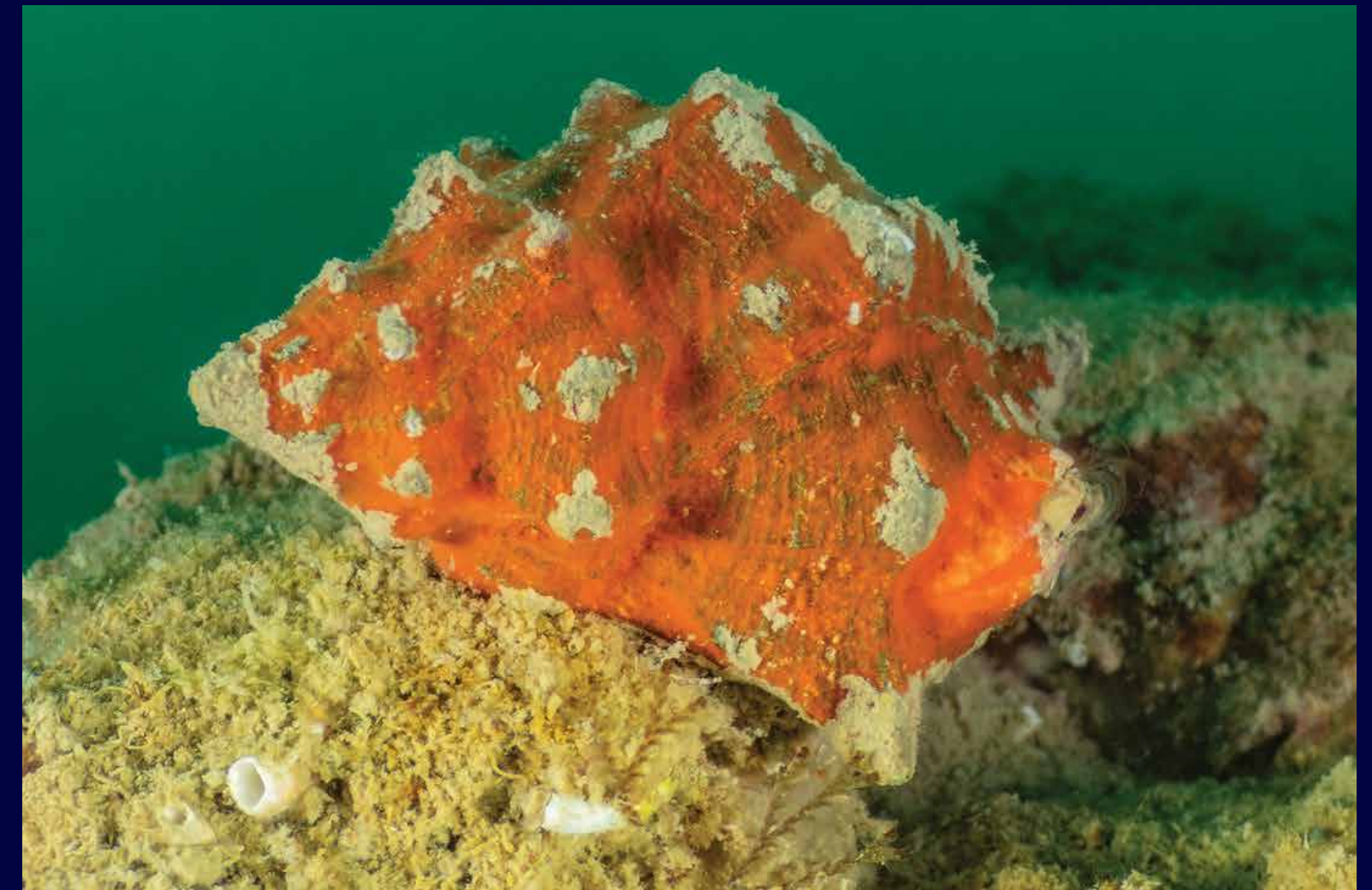
# OBJECTIVE 3: Organic matter filtration

Colonisation of bivalve species, which are great filtrators and consume organic matter from the water column. - Wastewater management potential.



# OBJECTIVE 4: Biodiversity conservation and fisheries support

Repopulation center for economically important fish and other species.



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# OBJECTIVE 5: Carbon sequestration

Some organisms (shells, snails, polychaetes) fix carbon dioxide in the process of shell formation (calcium carbonate -  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ).



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