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Protected Area Targets
Discussion topics



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Protected Area Targets - topics

- Complete the existing MPA network
- Improve coherence of the MPA network
- *Break*
- Identify and develop strictly protected areas
- Adequate management of MPAs



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Complete the existing MPA network

AIM: Plan actions that will help identify priority features and areas to be protected.

- *What existing information or methods, especially scientific, can be used to define new areas for designation?*
- *What other information relating to designation of additional areas have you found useful?*



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Improve coherence of the MPA network

AIMS: Identify the tools and actions we need to mobilise to assess and improve coherence and connectivity of the network; define the steps we need to take at regional sea level to achieve this.

- *How are you assessing coherence in your MPA network?*
- *What needs or opportunities are there for co-operation about assessment of MPA networks across national boundaries?*



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Identify and develop strictly protected areas

AIMS: Discuss how principles of strict protection apply in real life: how to identify and increase the number of strictly protected areas examples; show, discuss and expand the range of examples available to all

- *Which species or habitats are likely to benefit most from strict protection?*
- *What are the main benefits of strictly protected areas for different stakeholders ('win-win' opportunities)?*



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Adequate management of protected areas

AIM: Exchange examples of best practice in MPA management

- *How are you going to monitor and ensure effective management of MPAs in your network?*
- *What opportunities exist for co-operation in addressing management challenges, especially for wide-ranging species or where pressures are transboundary?*



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Conservation Status Improvement Targets
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Conservation Status Improvement Targets - topics

- Identify target species and habitats
- Reduce the 'unknowns'

Break

- Plan and harvest the benefits of strictly protected areas for status improvement
- Identify resources and foster synergies with other policy areas
- Identify and organise regional cooperation on non-deterioration and status improvement (*brief wrap-up discussion*)



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Identify the target species and habitats

AIM: Select the shared marine species and habitats for which we want to work jointly to create knowledge and/or status improvement and agree how.

- *Where are the biggest gaps in our understanding of trends in extent and condition of species and habitats?*
- *Should there be coordination between Member States in this selection exercise?*



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Reduce the 'unknowns'

AIM: agree on the cooperation we will put in place to improve monitoring the populations we share

- *What actions would be required to reduce the 'unknowns' in the status and trends of marine habitats and species?*
- *Is there a need for transnational cooperation for reducing the 'unknowns'?*



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Plan and harvest the benefits of strictly protected areas for status improvement

AIM: Identify the potential effect of the planned increase in strict protection on conservation statuses.

- *To what extent could the target for improving the status of marine habitats and species be achieved through strict protection?*
- *Can we identify those habitats and species whose conservation status would benefit from new strictly protected areas?*



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Identify resources and foster synergies with other policy areas

AIM: Identify synergies with other measures (e.g. climate change mitigation and adaptation, river restoration, Common Fisheries Policy) and opportunities to access additional resources.

- *Are there any positive experiences in the Member States in terms of identifying and mobilising resources for marine habitats and species that are worth sharing?*
- *Are there any positive experiences in the Member States in terms of using synergies with other policy areas that are worth sharing?*
- *If not, what would be needed to make use of potential synergies?*



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Identify and organise regional cooperation on non-deterioration and status improvement

AIM: Sum up and extend perspectives for cooperation at regional sea level

- *What do you see as the convenient context for these discussions?*
- *Do you see this work being taken forward by regional sea conventions?*
- *Where else might be appropriate?*