

Protected areas pledges

Preliminary analysis – Atlantic and Macaronesian regions



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Pledges for the 30% protected areas target

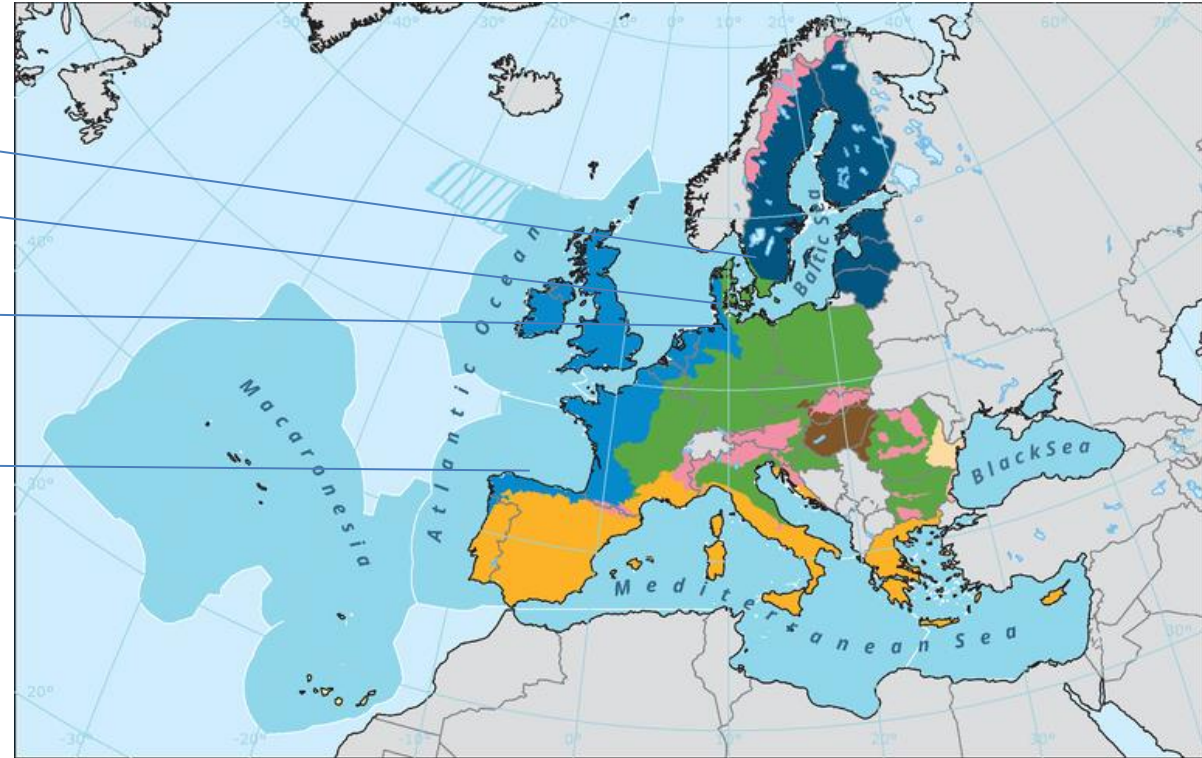
Atlantic region and Macaronesian regions – pledges received from

Sweden

Denmark

Germany

Spain



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Biogeographical and marine regions in the EU

Biogeographical regions

Alpine	Macaronesia
Atlantic	Mediterranean
Black Sea	Pannonian
Boreal	Steppic
Continental	

Marine regions

Marine region names are given in the map
Overlapping submissions to UNCLOS

0 500 1 000 1 500 km

Outside coverage

- No information provided yet by Spain for the Macaronesian region
- No pledge has been submitted by Portugal
- Analysis of MATL protected areas only



Methodology for assessing the 30% / 10% protected area targets

Parameter	Atlantic	Baltic
Area of regional marine waters	A	
MPA Area Current	MAC	
New MPA Area Pledged	MAP	
MPA % current region	$MAC / A * 100$	
MPA % region with pledge	$(MAC + MAP) / A * 100 = MAT$	
Distance to target for region	30% - MAT (across all MS)	30% - MAT (across all MS)
Strict Protection Current	SPC	
Strict Protection Pledged	SPP	
Strict protection % current	$SPC / A * 100$	
Strict protection % with pledge	$(SPC + SPP) / A * 100 = SPT$	
Distance to target for region	10% - SPT (across all MS)	10% - SPT (across all MS)

Note that the 30%/10% targets are not MS level targets but to be achieved in the marine biogeographical region. Thus there will be some burden sharing involved between MS. Moreover, MS with more than one regional sea may decide to share their contribution between those basins

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Analysis at a regional level is not yet possible...

...more pledges needed

But can be carried out for each MS submitting a pledge

Analysis will consider

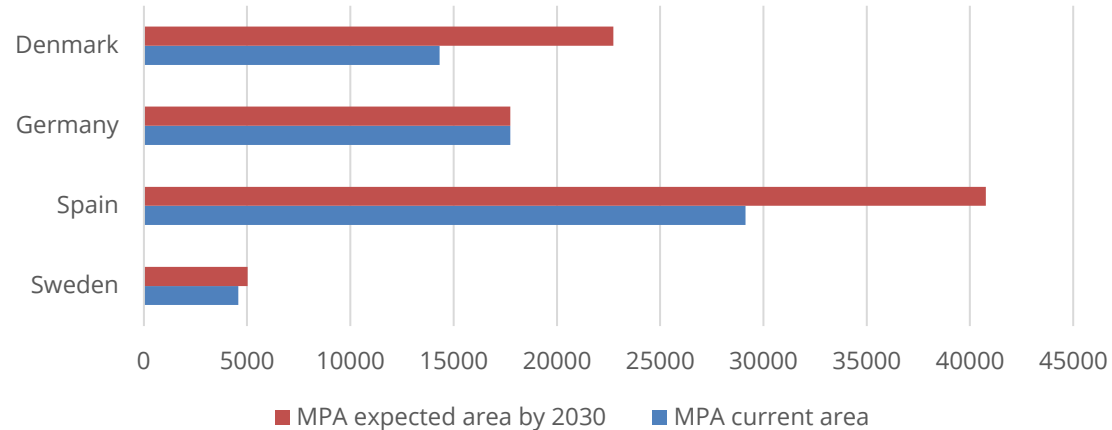
- Total current and future expected area covered by protected areas
- Total current and future area covered by OECMs
- Total current and expected area under strict protection
- Pledged future protected areas

Information submitted in the pledges - total

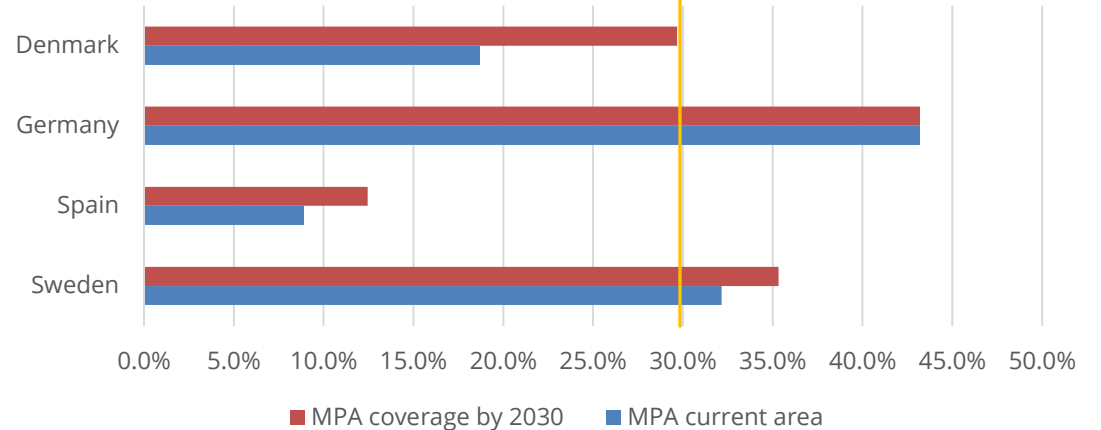
Total current and future expected area covered by protected areas – Atlantic region

** Should be considered as preliminary estimates only, as the MS are still updating their pledges*

Current and expected total MPAs area (in km²) in the Atlantic marine region



Current and expected total MPAs area (in %) in the Atlantic marine region



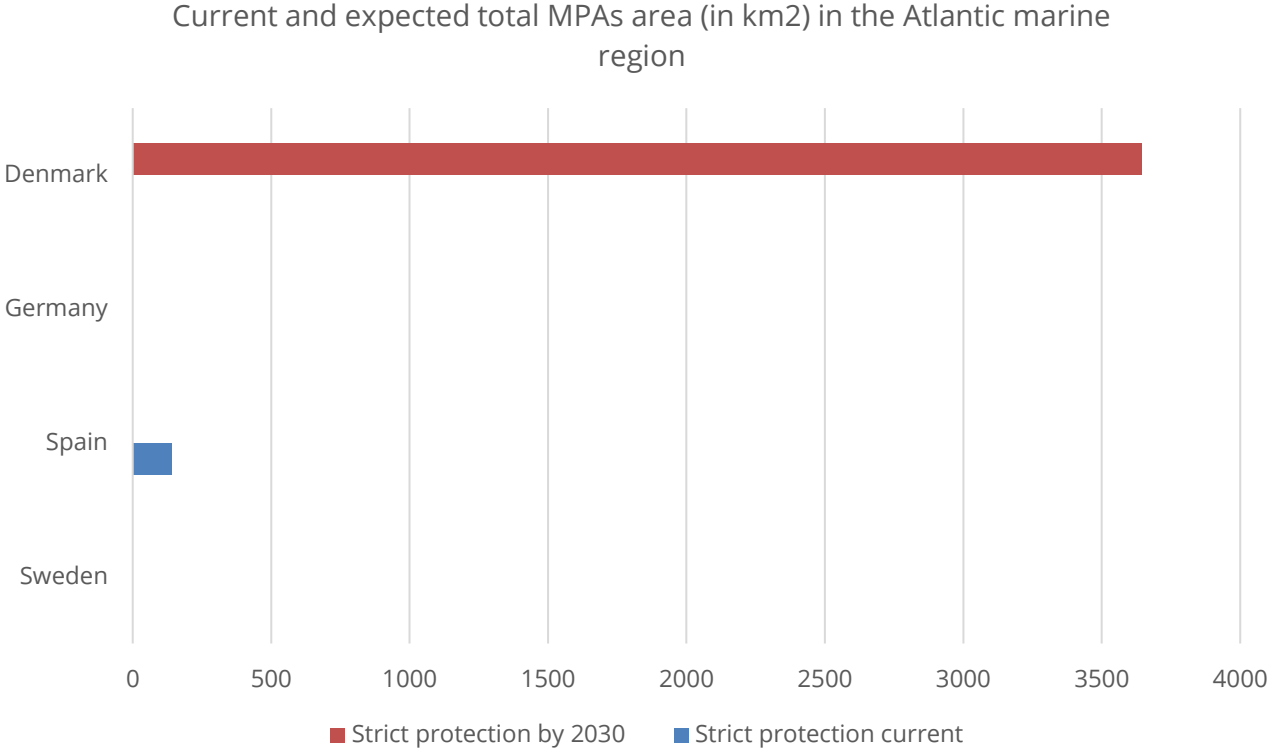
Information submitted in the pledges - OECMs

Total current and future area covered by OECMs

- None reported by DK, DE, ES or SE in the marine Atlantic region so far

Information submitted in the pledges – strict protection

Total current and expected area under strict protection – only partial information submitted so far



Member State	Strict protection current (km ²)	Strict protection by 2030 (km ²)
Denmark	0	3644.79
Germany	0	not reported
Spain	141.04	not reported
Sweden	0	0

Denmark

Designation type in DK	Category	Name	Legal reference	Currently used in CDDA (number of sites)	Confirmed in the pledge
DK01	A	Protected by conservation order, excl. Church surroundings	Naturbeskyttelsesloven, § 33-50	381	yes
DK03	A	§3 protected habitats (all lakes, bogs, streams, heaths and meadows etc.)	Naturbeskyttelsesloven, § 3	194	yes
DK10	A	Marine Strategy Area	Havstrategiloven	9	no

All DK10 included individually

555690820 - Havstrategiområde B

555690821 - Havstrategiområde C1

555690822 - Havstrategiområde C2

555690823 - Havstrategiområde D1

555690824 - Havstrategiområde D2

555690825 - Havstrategiområde D3

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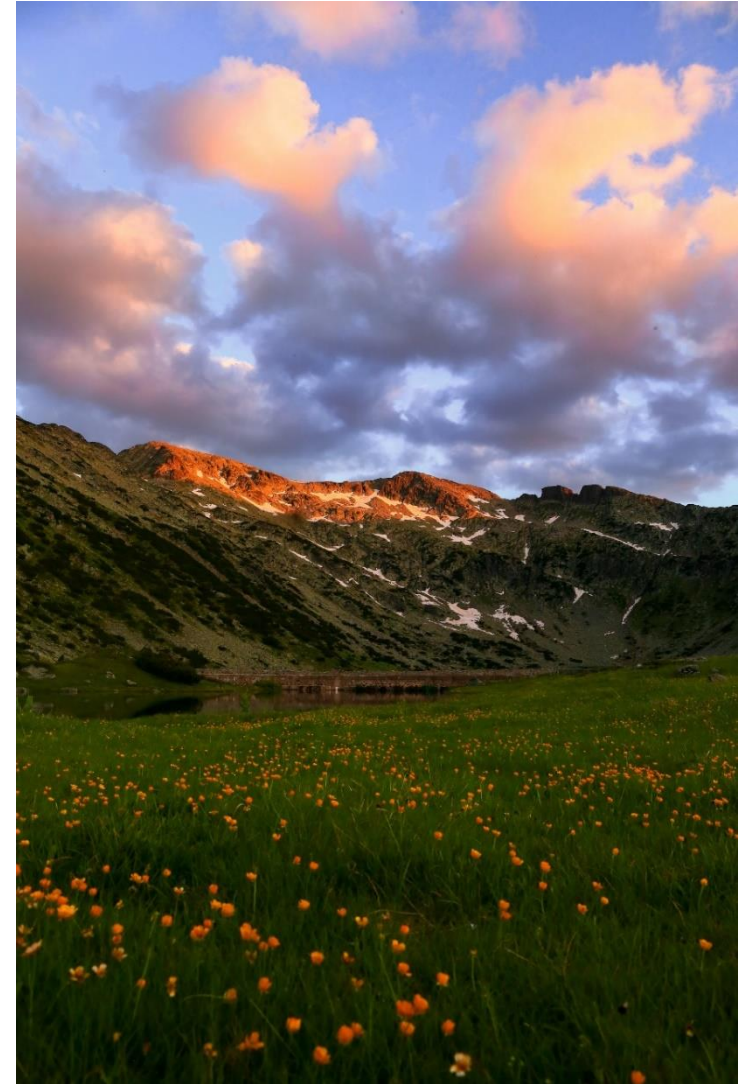
555690827 - Havstrategiområde F

555641546 - Havstrategiområde A

- Denmark proposes 24 new designations, either additional protection for existing sites, extension of current sites or new protected areas.
- Six are new Natura 2000 sites, while the remaining 18 are designated under national legislation.
- It is reported that the Natura 2000 sites will have management plans, with a timeline of introducing measures by 2027.
- While all sites have a responsible management body identified, only the Natura 2000 sites are regarded as being sufficiently resourced

Overview

- Analysis only preliminary as MS continue to develop pledges
- Analysis methods will develop as more pledges received...
- ...including biogeographical summary



Thank you

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