

Overview of a joint NGO analysis of EU MPA pledges

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Shadow assessment of marine Protected Areas pledges

- 7 EU Member States: Denmark, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden
- Focused on 30% marine targets and 10% strict protection
- Based available public information on pledges (EEA) as of 31/01/2024



EU 2030 MARINE PROTECTED AREAS TARGET TRACKER



	GERMANY	DENMARK	SPAIN	IRELAND	THE NETHERLANDS	PORTUGAL	SWEDEN
Has the country officially submitted the Protected Area pledge?	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Green
Has it been made public?	Orange 1	Green	Orange 1	Red	Red	Red	Green
Are there any new Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) proposed?	Red	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red
Are there any details about these new MPAs (e.g., surface, location) ?	Red	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red
Will the new MPAs proposed help to meet the 30% protection target?	Orange 2	Green	Orange 3	Red	Orange 4	Red	Red
Are there any new strictly protected areas proposed to meet the 10% strict protection target?	Red	Orange 5	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red

1. Orange due to the pledge submitted to European Commission by Member State, but it has not yet been made public
2. The pledge could not be assessed (not public), yet the country already reached the 30% target
3. The new MPAs proposed in the pledge help the country to meet the 30% target, however the justification for selecting some proposed areas is challenged in the NGO assessment
4. The pledge could not be assessed (not public), yet the country is planning on reaching the 30% target with the implementation of existing agreements/policies
5. The pledge contains new strictly protected areas in the country, however the overall coverage falls short of meeting the 10% target (e.g., 6%). The country is nevertheless committed to gradually increasing strict protection until 10% by 2030, and the pledge will be updated accordingly

NGO Assessment : <https://europe.oceana.org/press-releases/eu-countries-not-on-track-to-meet-international-marine-protection-targets-warn-ngos/>



Thanks for your attention
Any questions?

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