### **MSP in the Mediterranean**

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#### MSP-related Initiatives in the Mediterranean



Developped and agreed between Cyprus, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, and Spain (2014), endorsed by all the countries of the European Union, adopted by all the member countries of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) (2017)



Second UfM <u>Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy</u> (2021) with <u>Roadmap for the implementation of the 2021</u> <u>Ministerial</u>

> EU communication on a new approach for a sustainable blue economy in the EU Transforming the EU's Blue Economy for a Sustainable Future



WESTMED blue economy initiative







MSP Community of Practice (CoP) in the Mediterranean

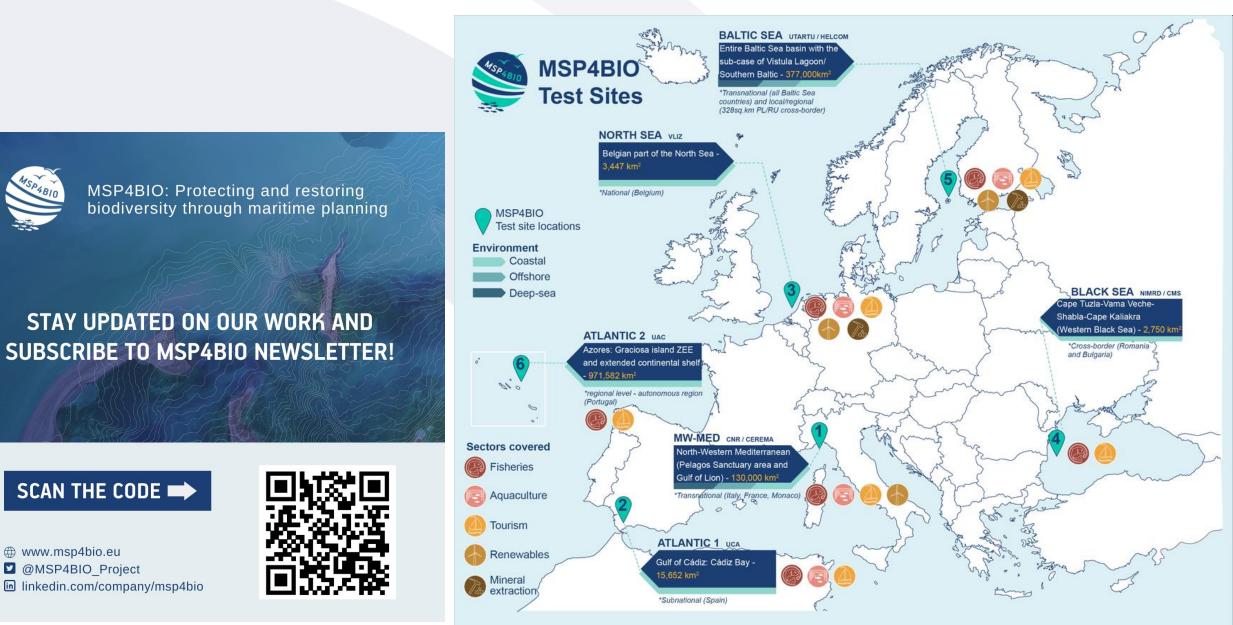
MSP roadmap



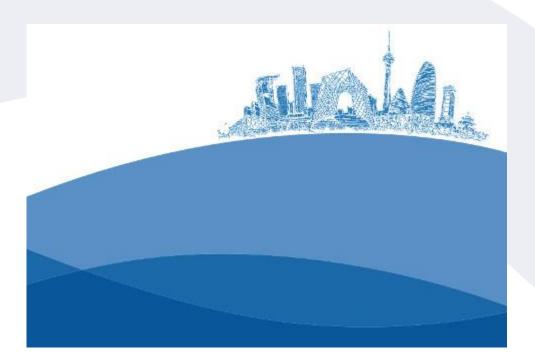
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# PLAN SMART FROM THE START

#### Need for environmental guidance in MSP: Barcelona Convention



#### Need for MSP within Barcelona Convention



COP21 - Napoli 2-5 December 2019

**UNEP/MAP** - Barcelona Convention

Common Regional Framework for ICZM adopted

Conceptual Framework for MSP – took note

















#### Ecosystem approach

Ecosystem Approach (also used \_interchangeably with **Ecosystem-Based Management**) goes beyond examining single species, habitats, ecosystems or related functions in isolation. It can be used as an interdisciplinary and integrated approach to planning and management that recognises the richness and complexity of ecological systems and the continuous interactions among their components.

In line with Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP).



#### Climate action

Too few marine spatial plans include climate change or consider adaptation and mitigation in planning objectives. We urgently need to include climate action in all plans and promote viable longterm actions that will contribute to mitigation goals and carbon in trality. It is a

face together.



### LSI and ICZM

The term "Land-Sea Interactions" (LSI) is usually used in the context of planning and management of marine and coastal areas, setting out processes linking terrestrial and marine domains.

MSP to be implemented within broader ICZM framework.

PROTOCOL ON INTEGRATED COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

PROTOCOLE RELATIF À LA GESTION INTÉGRÉE DES ZONES CÔTIÈRES DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE

PRC/TOCOLO RFLATIVO A LA GESTIÓN INTEGRADA DE LAS ZONAS **COSTERAS DEL MEDITERPÁNEO** 

















## There are seven interrelated stages in the MSP process.

Agree the Destination

Design the Plan Get Results

Prepare

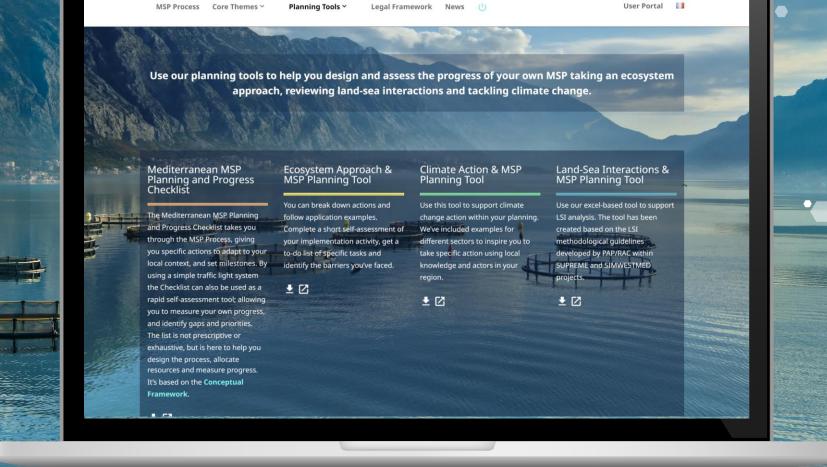
Map the Present



Set the Parameters Map the Future



The planning tools can be used for assessing and strengthening governance, climate action, ecosystem approach and Land-Sea Interactions.









#### **COP** Decision

"*Conceptual Framework for Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean: Enhancing Sustainability, Building Resilience and Strengthening Cooperation for Sustainable Management of Marine Areas*"

"*Marine Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean: Conceptual Framework for Strengthening (Enhancing, Facilitating...) Regional Cooperation*"

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