

Update on Gap Analysis

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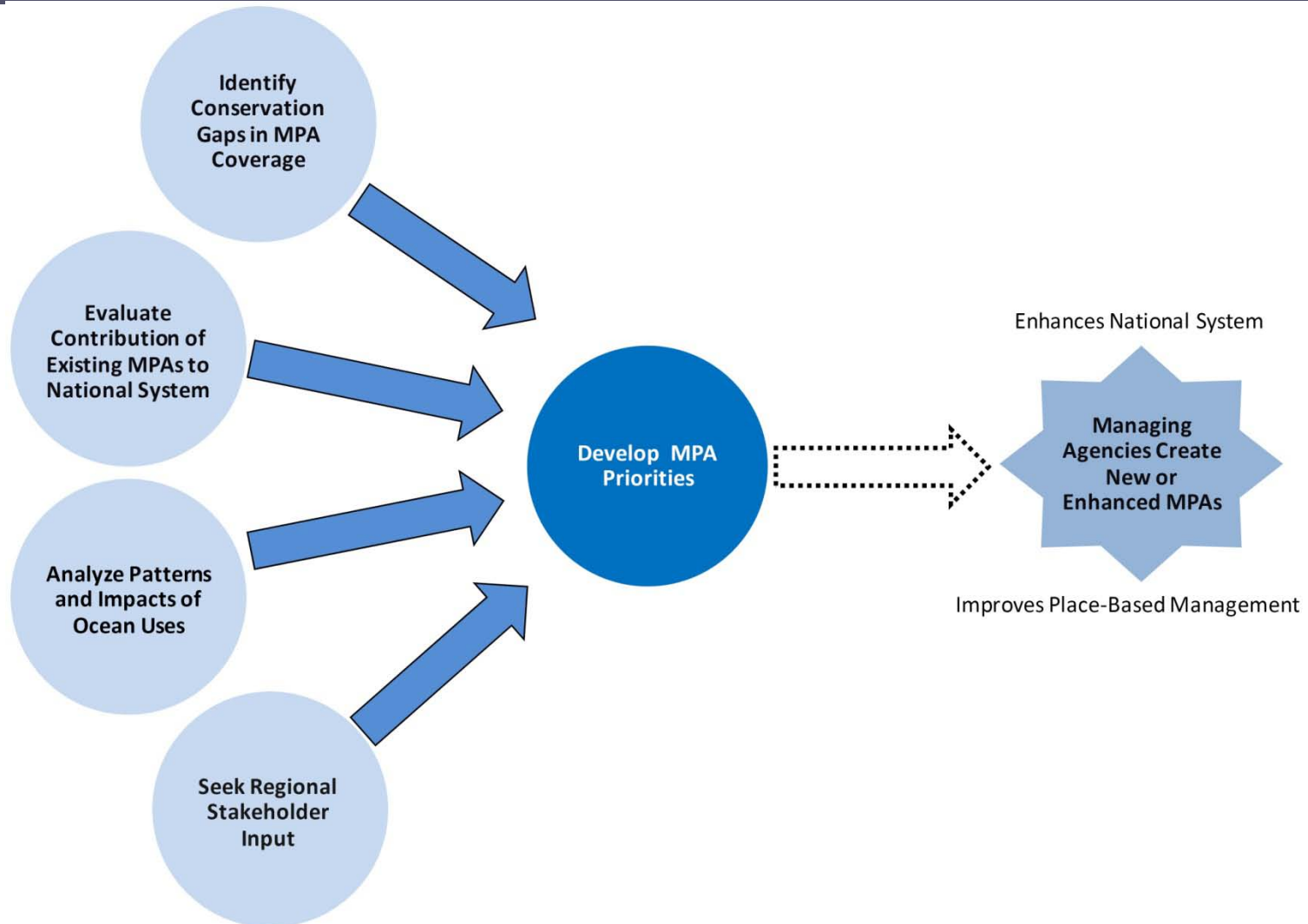
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MPA Gap Analysis



Gap Analysis General Principles

Work **collaboratively** with managing agencies at the regional scale

Recognize that primary **authority** lies with existing entities

Use the best readily available **science** and information

Provide opportunities for meaningful **stakeholder** engagement

Consider the **broader context** of ocean management

Design the national system for ecological **resilience**

Ensure **lasting** protection

Consider various **types** of gaps

Adaptively manage gap analysis process

Phase 1: Analysis of Existing MPAs

- A. Identify conservation gaps in MPA coverage
 - Map PCO areas
 - Compare MPAs to PCOs

- B. Analyze patterns and impacts of ocean uses
 - Ocean Uses Atlas
 - Assess use conflicts and PCO impacts

- C. Evaluate (*potential*) contributions of existing MPAs to National System Priority Conservation Objectives

Phase 2: Comprehensive Regional Assessments and Priorities for Place-Based Management

- A. Seek regional stakeholder input (*throughout*)
- B. Develop MPA priorities
- C. Managing agencies create new or enhanced MPAs, as needed

Status and Plans

Gap analysis design workshop held – Feb 2009

Partnership initiated with NCCOS – Apr 2009

Geographic range focused initially on California – Jul 2009

CA Ocean Uses Atlas synthesis completed – Sep 2009

Draft gap guidelines reviewed by FAC, IAWG and public by Dec 2009 (tbd)

PCO regional expert workshop(s) – Spring 2010

Phase 1 analysis of existing CA MPAs – target = Sep 2010