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Monitoring and evaluation of spatially managed marine areas



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Monitoring and Evaluation of Spatially Managed Areas

Part 1: Background MSP

Part 2. MESMA project and results

Part 3. Demo MSP evaluation tool

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Part 1: Background

Marine Spatial Planning

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Driver #1: human use

- shipping
- fisheries
- gas / oil industry
- aquaculture
- **off shore wind farms**
- mining
- sand extraction
- recreation





Offshore wind farms

This map shows the European offshore wind farms (existing, under construction and projects).

Click on a wind farm for more general information on it.

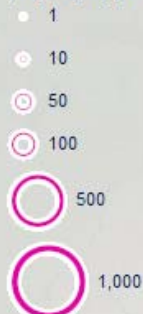
Unit: Mega Watt

Year: 2013

Source: [EWEA](#), [Offshore Center Denmark](#).

Legend

Wind farms (under construction or project), by power



Wind farms, by power



Unit: Mega Watt

Offshore wind energy

Driver # 2. Nature conservation



EU Birds directive (1979)

- Birds

- **EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008)**

- Biodiversity
- Seabed integrity
- Foodwebs
- Commercial fish stocks
- Pollution, noise, plastic
- Eutrophication

Aim: Good Environmental Status
(2020)

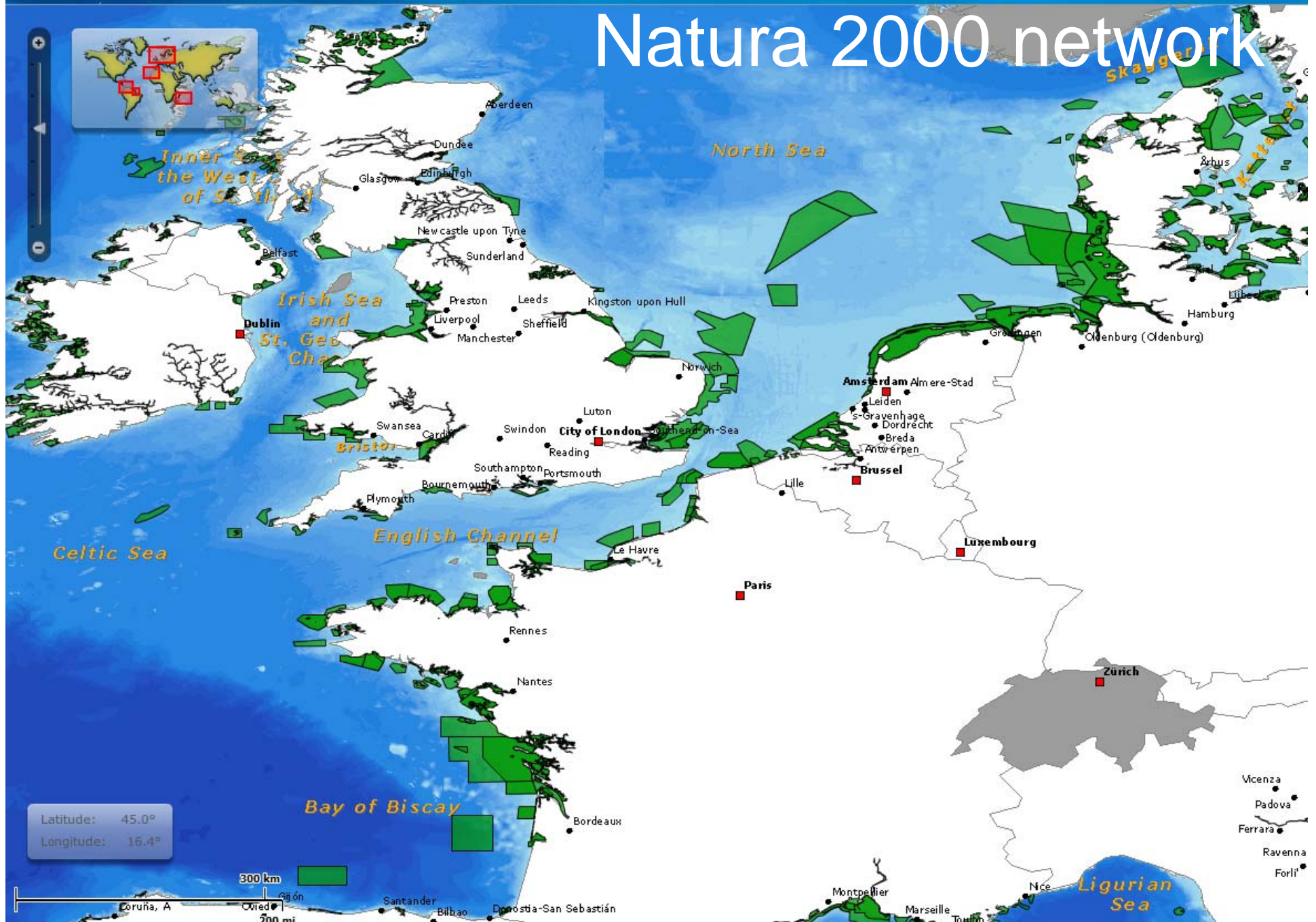
EU Habitat directive (1992)

- Habitats
 - Sandbanks
 - Seagrass beds
 - Reefs
 - Deep sea habitats
- Species
 - Marine mammals
 - Migratory fish





Natura 2000 network



Latitude: 45.0°
Longitude: 16.4°

300 km
200 mi

What is Marine Spatial Planning?

Marine spatial planning is also called:

- Maritime spatial planning (EU)
- Marine planning (England)
- Integrated management (Norway)
- Bioregional planning (Australia)
- Ocean management (Massachusetts, USA)
- Special area management planning (Rhode Island, USA)
- Schemas de mise en valeur de la mer (France)
- Marine functional zoning (China)
- Marine zoning (Great Barrier Reef Marine Park)

(source: Charles Ehler / UNESCO)

Characteristics of Marine Spatial Planning

Continuing and adaptive, with an **emphasis on performance monitoring and evaluation of the plan**

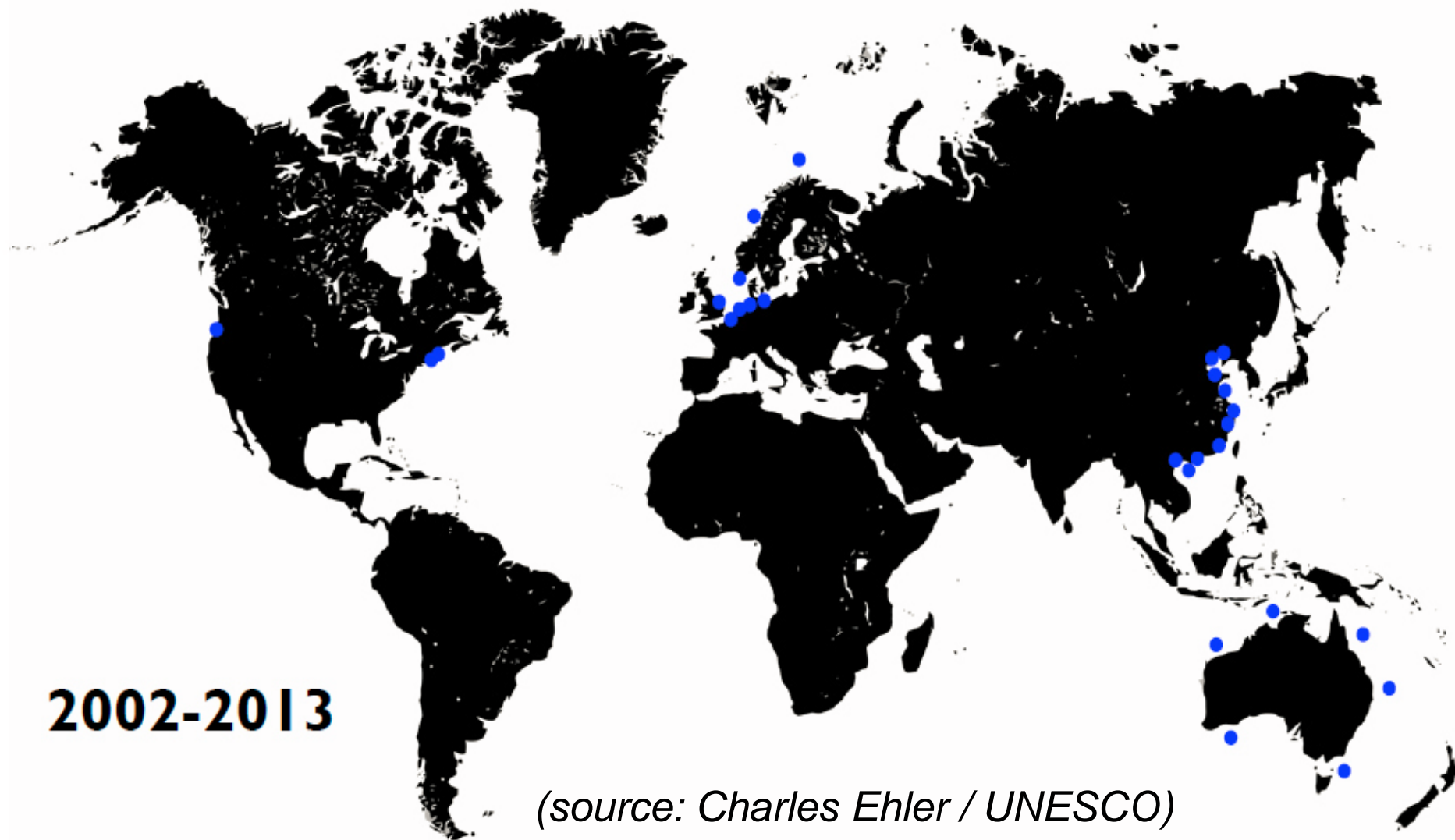
Strategic
and future-
oriented

Integrated and
multi-objective setting
(economy+society+ecology)

Participatory
process
(stakeholders)

Ecosystem-based

Countries with Approved Marine Spatial Plans



Lessons learnt in MSP

1. MSP works
2. No best approach
3. Political will required
4. Authority needed
5. Adequate financing
6. Involve stakeholders
7. Don't try everything at once
8. Clear objectives essential
9. Develop Spatial Planning Capacity
10. Use best available information
11. Focus on future
12. Implementation, Enforcement, & Compliance
- 13. Monitor and Evaluate Performance**
14. Adapt the plan (learn by doing)
15. Integrate MSP with other spatial plans
16. Encourage international cooperation

JUST DO IT

(source: Charles Ehler / UNESCO)



Part 2. MESMA project

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How can we evaluate the effectiveness of spatially managed areas in Europe? (2009-2013)



21 partners
8.5 million Euros

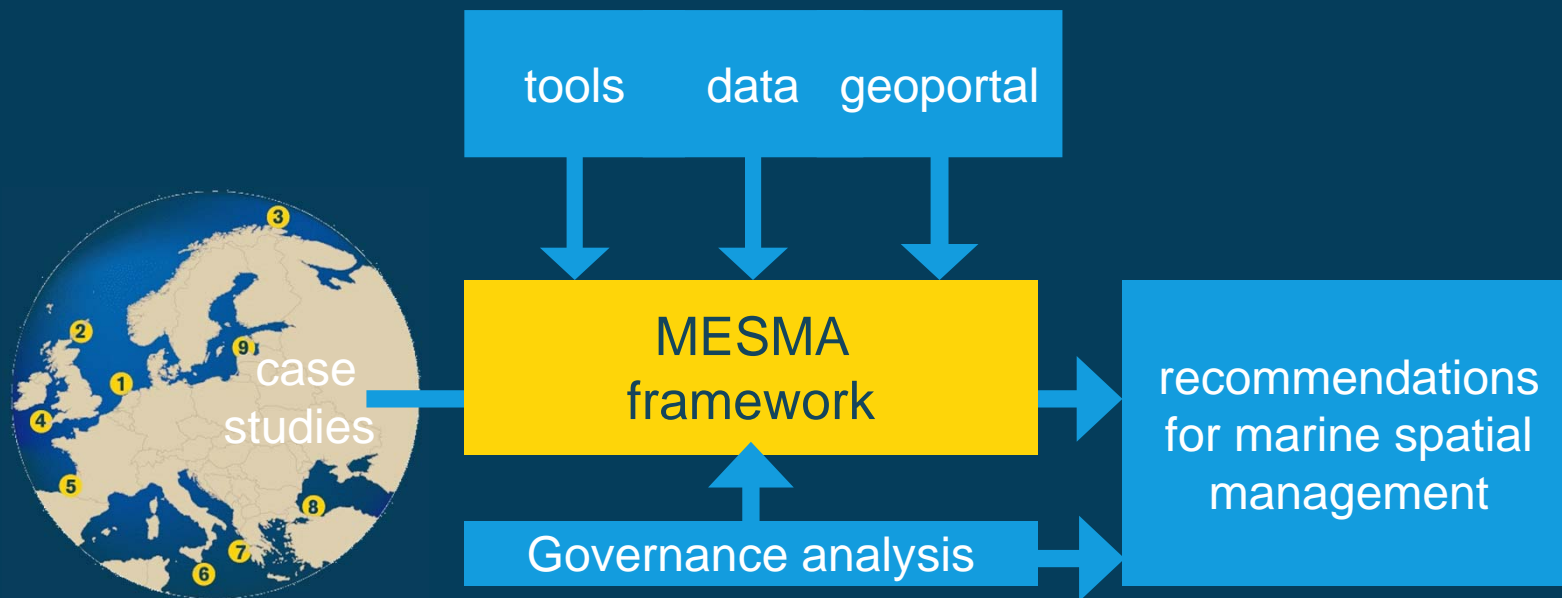


Aim of MESMA:

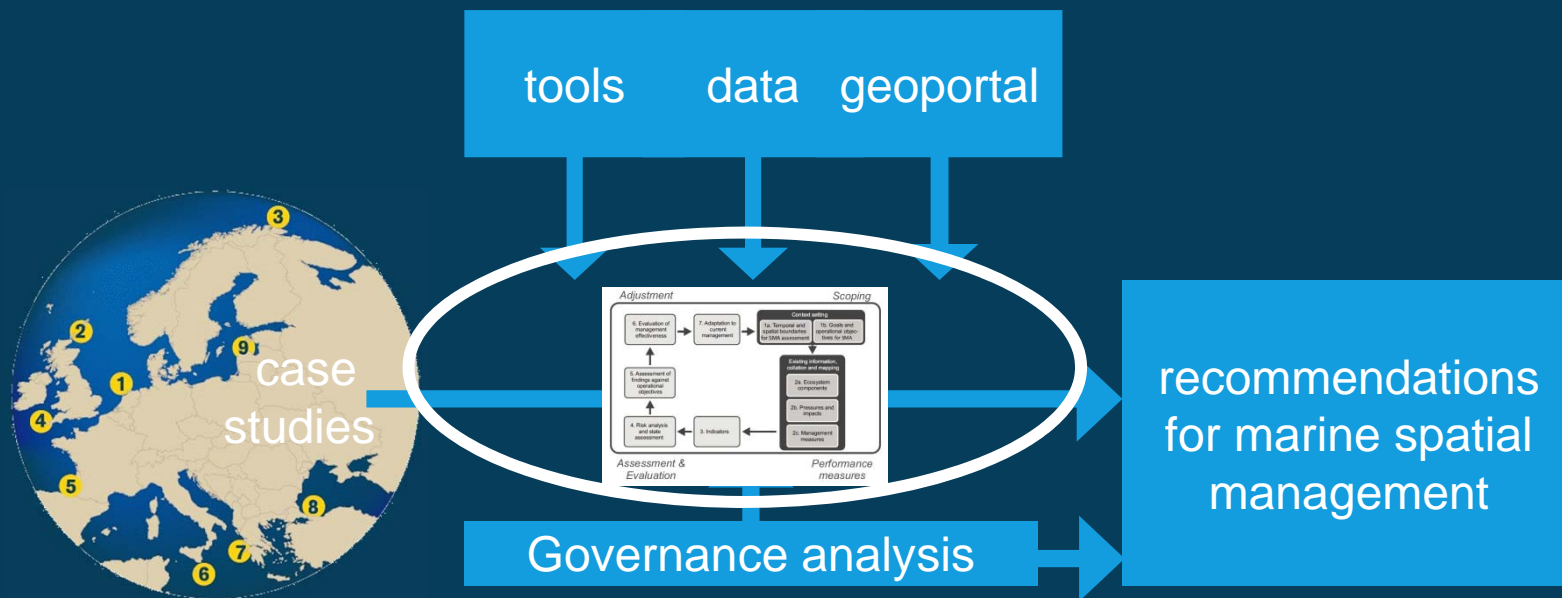
Produce an integrated and flexible management tool box
(concepts, models and guidelines) for monitoring and evaluation of spatially managed marine areas at different scales
(local, national, regional)



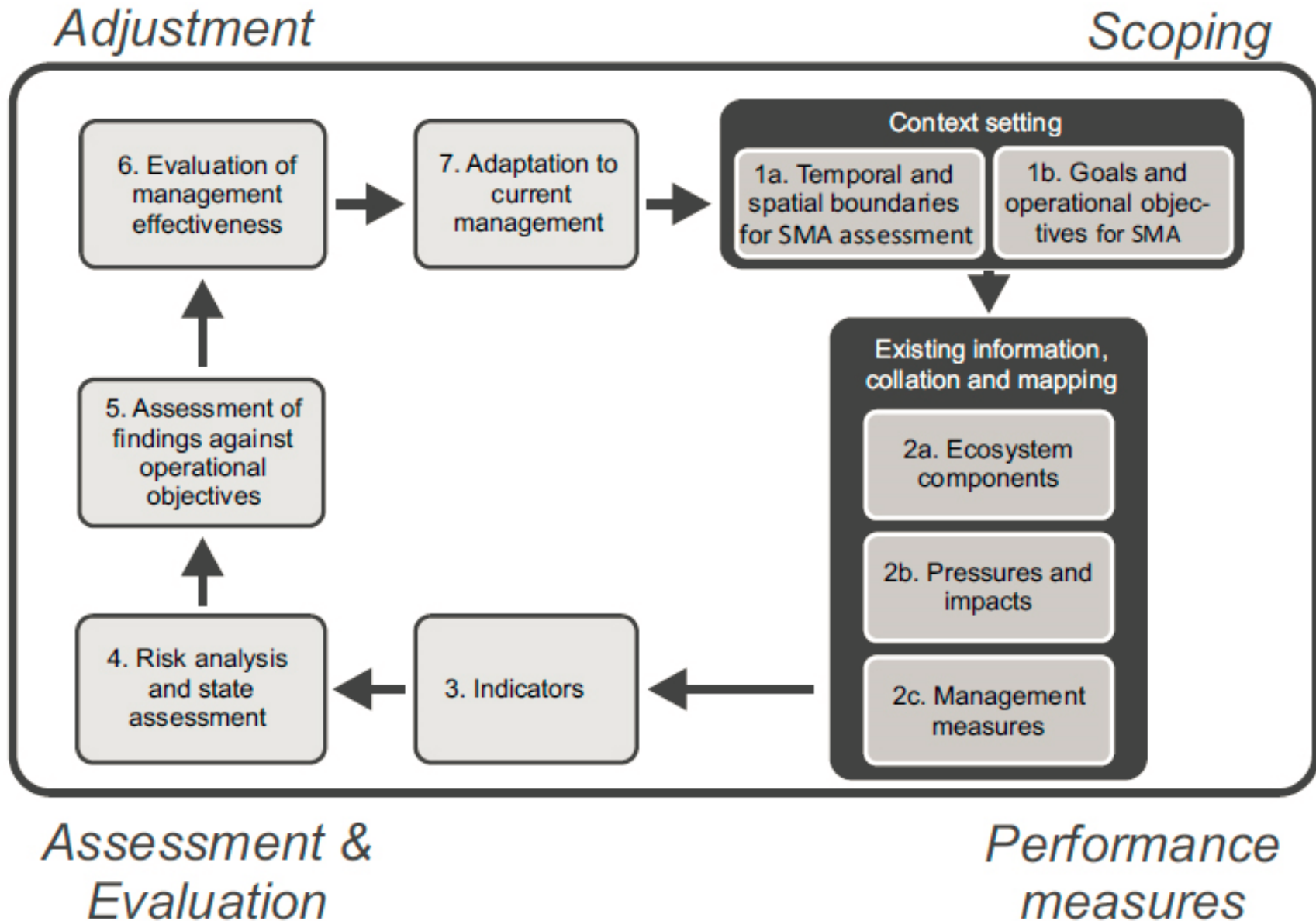
MESMA framework at the heart of the project



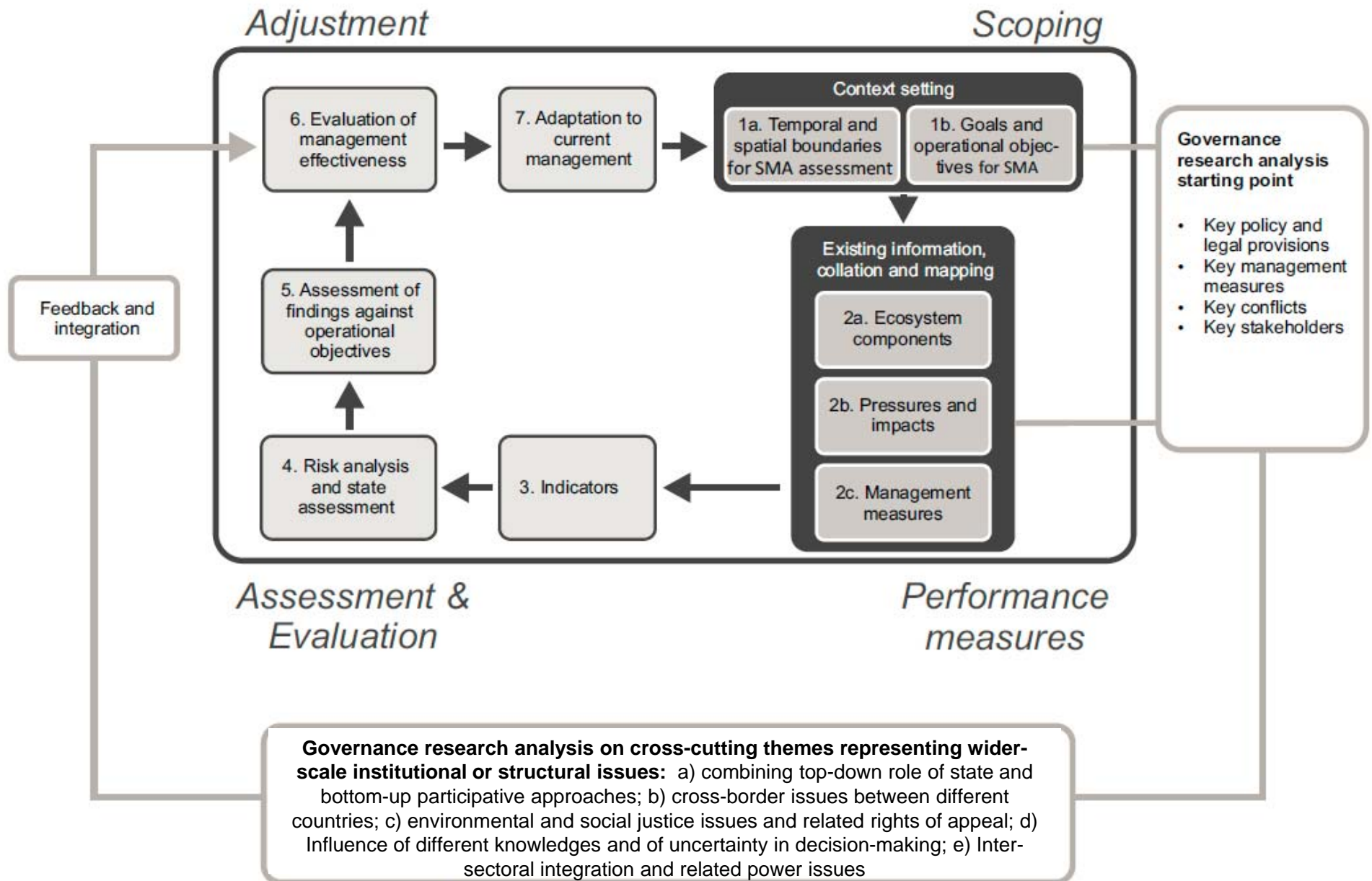
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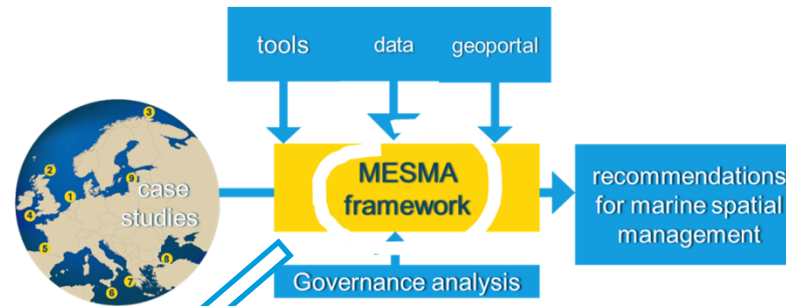
MESMA Framework



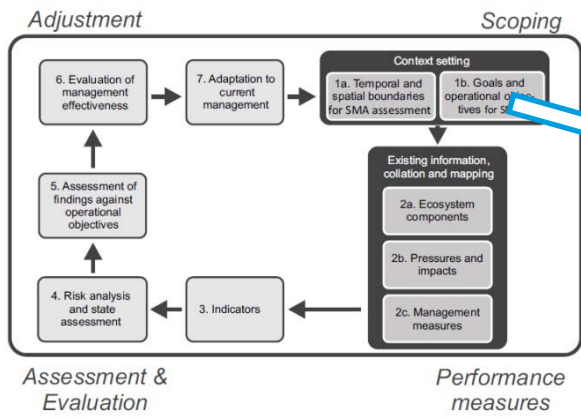
Parallel governance analysis



Framework with detailed manual



framework



Deliverable 2.2
Protocol for application of generic framework

Due date of deliverable: month 12 (October 2020)
Actual submission date: month 13 (November 2020)

Coordinator: Dr Patricia Breen
The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
(Partner 13, CEPA, Great Britain)

Assessment of Spatially Managed Areas

Detailed instructions, tables, etc (manual)

Framework literature

Stelzenmüller et al (2013) Monitoring and evaluation of spatially managed areas: A generic framework for implementation of ecosystem based marine management and its application. Marine Policy 37: [149-164](#)

Stelzenmüller et al (in prep). Assessing uncertainty associated with the monitoring and evaluation of spatially managed areas.

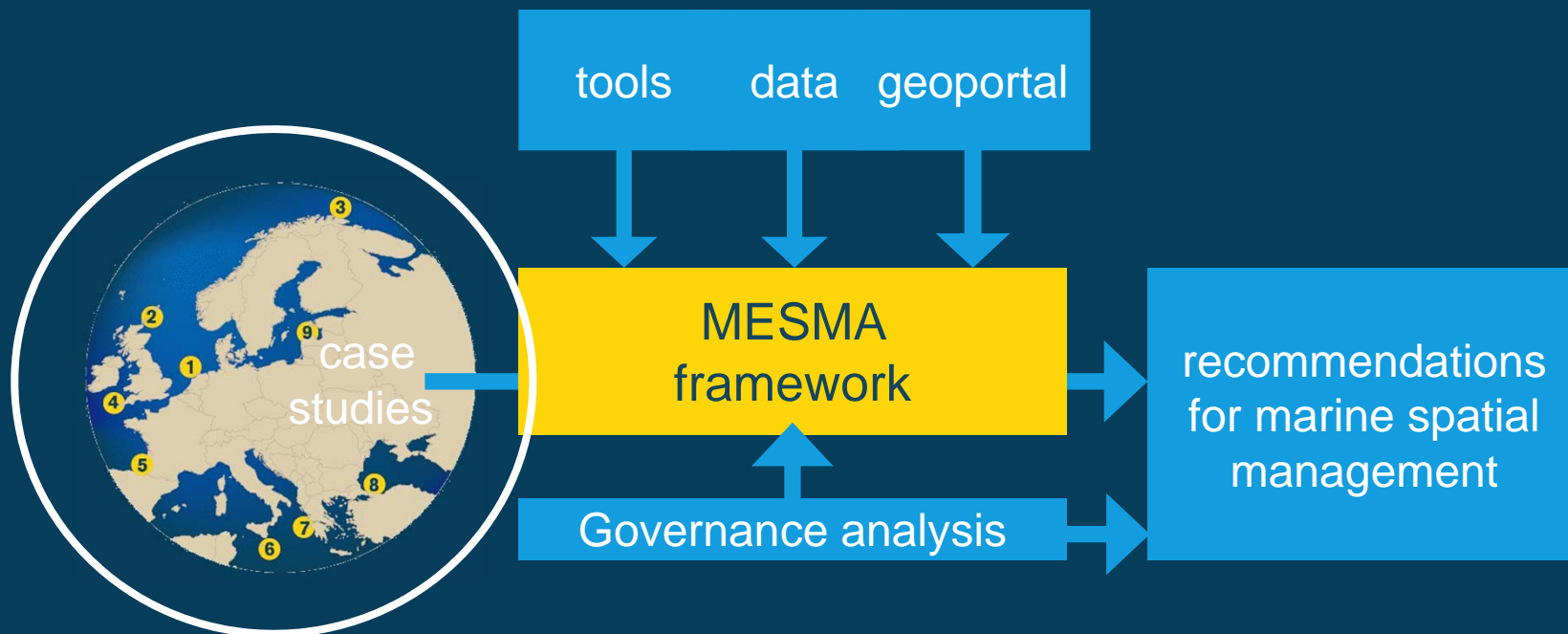
Manual and detailed descriptions:

- D 2.1 Generic framework for monitoring and evaluation of Spatially Managed Areas (SMAs) (PDF)
- D2.2 Generic framework manual (PDF)
- D2.3 Protocol for Application of Generic Framework (PDF)
- D6.2 Approaches for addressing conflicts in the MESMA case studies (PDF)

- Case study reports

Available at <http://www.mesma.org/default.asp?ZNT=S0T1O733>

Case studies to test framework



MESMA Case studies



1. Southern North Sea
2. Pentland Firth & Orkney Waters
3. Barents Sea and Lofoten
4. Celtic Sea
5. Basque country Continental Shelf
6. Strait of Sicily
7. Inner Ionian Archipelago
8. Black Sea
9. Baltic Sea

MSP in place?



yes

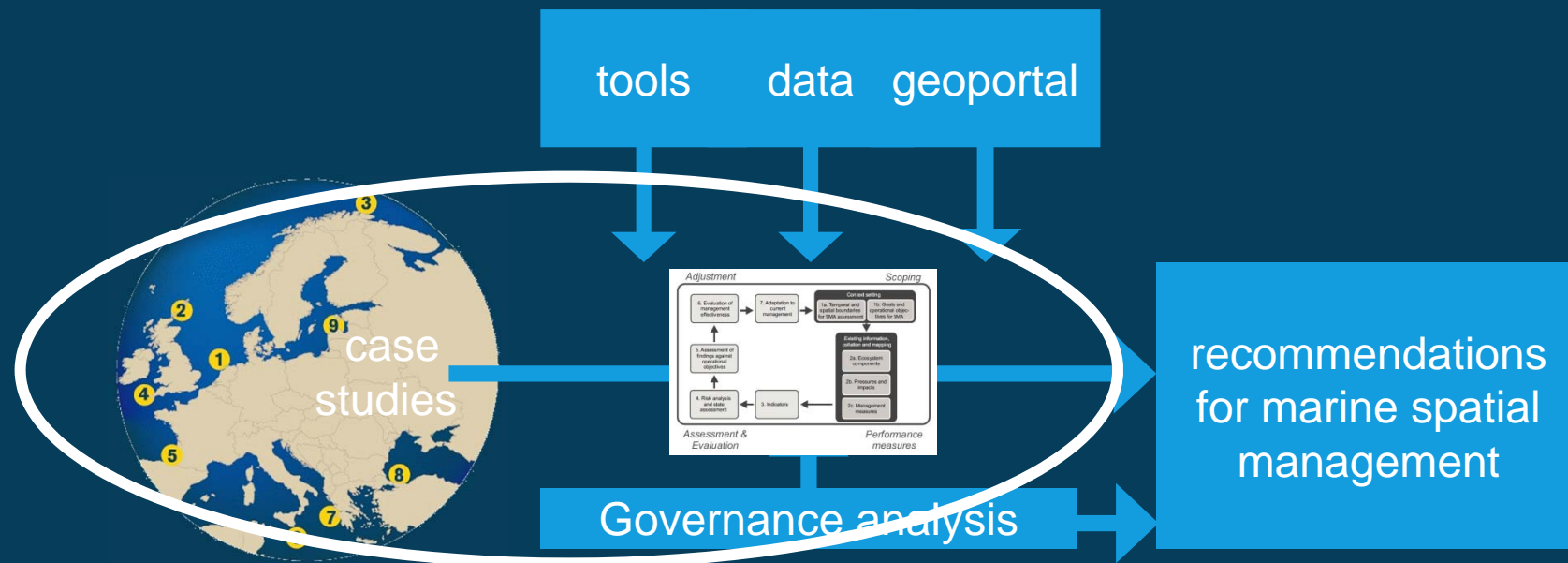


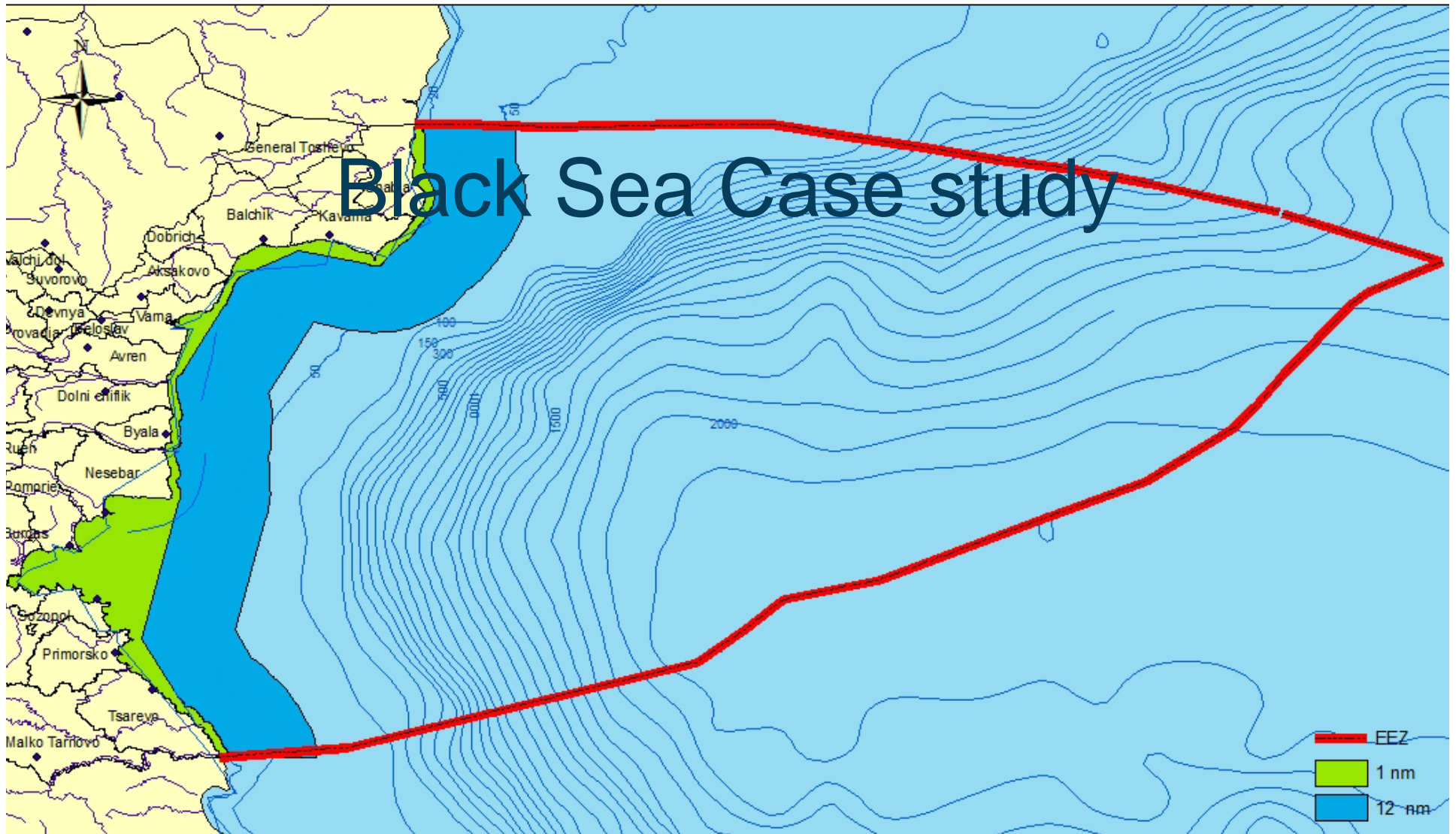
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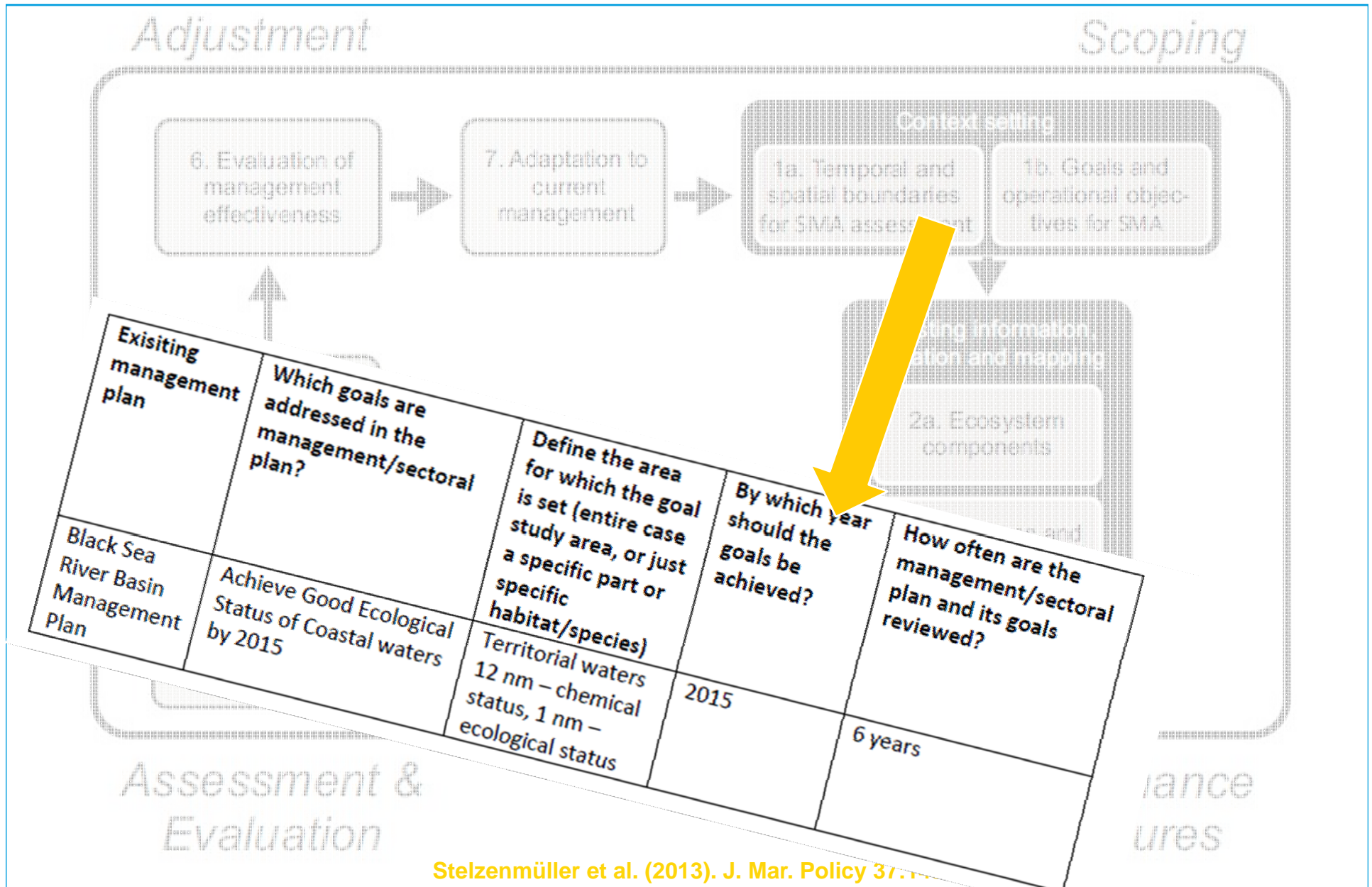
Application of the MESMA framework to case studies





- Evaluation of The Black Sea River Basin Management Plan.
- Boundaries: national territory Bulgaria + 12 nm offshore
- 6-years duration (2010-2015)

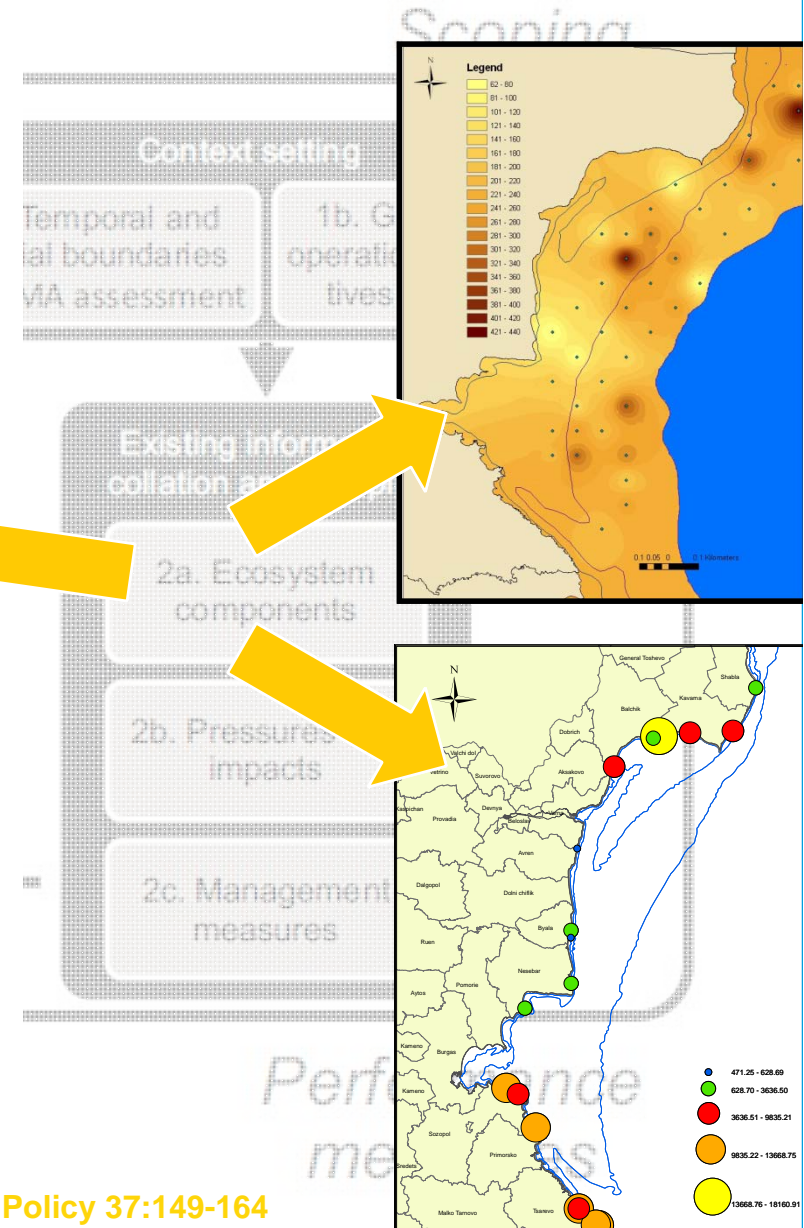
Step 1 context setting



Step 2 existing information, pressures, impacts

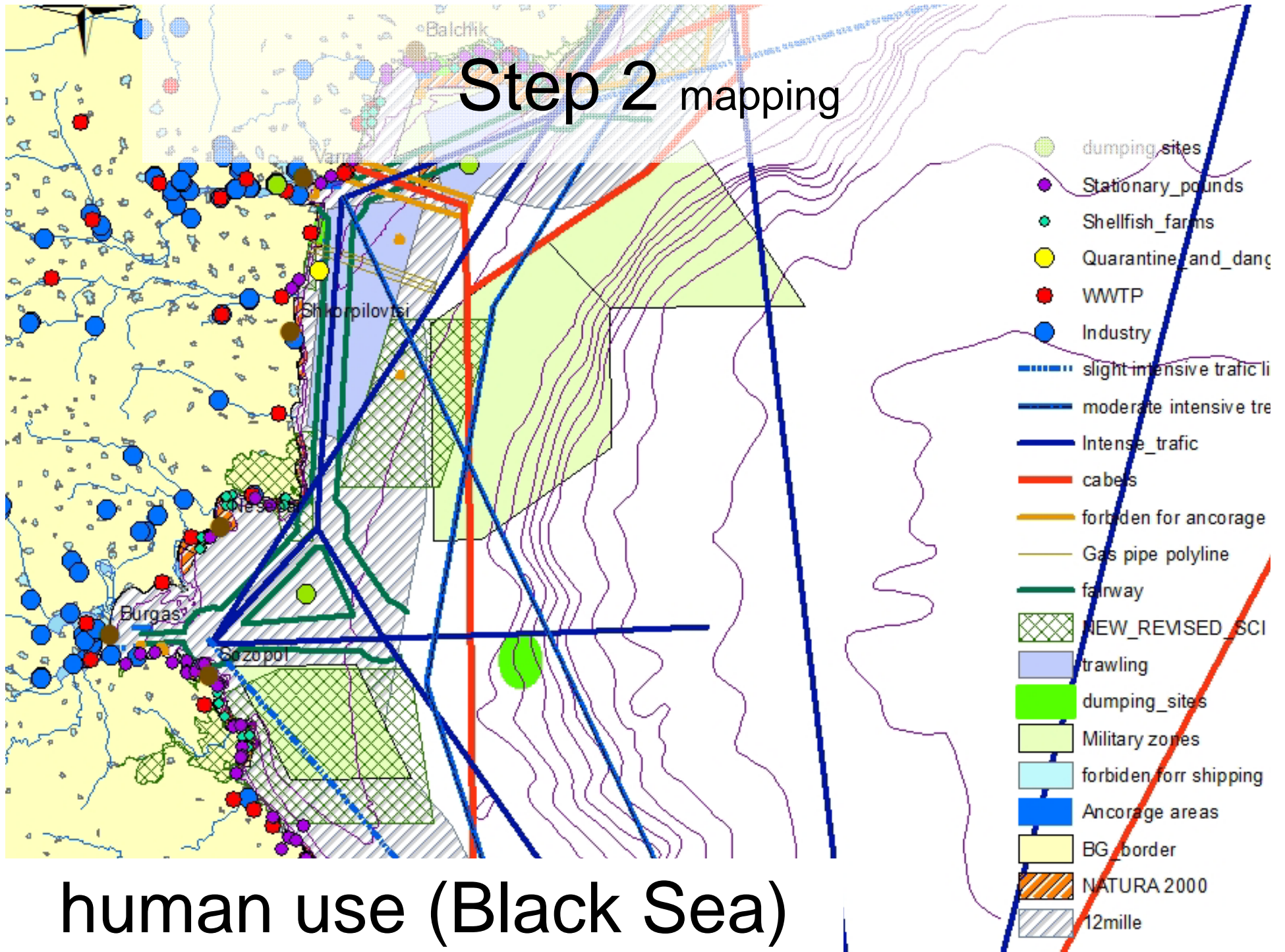
Adjustment

Type	Ecosystem component	Reference (e.g. MSFD or other)	Relevant objective
Physical and chemical	Topography and bathymetry of the seabed	MSFD, WFD	1-7
	Annual and seasonal temperature regime	MSFD	1-7
	Turbidity	MSFD	1-2
	Wave exposure	MSFD, WFD	1-2
	Salinity	MSFD, WFD	1-6
	Nutrients	MSFD, WFD	1-2
	Oxygen	MSFD, WFD	3-5, 7
	Hazardous substances	MSFD, WFD	1-5, 7
Habitat types	Structure and substrata composition of the seabed	MSFD, WFD	1-5
	Special habitat types (Habitats Directive)	MSFD, HD	1-5
	Areas which merit a specific protection regime - biogenic habitats	MSFD	4
Biological features	Angiosperms	MSFD, HD	2
	Macro-algae	MSFD, WFD	1
	Invertebrate bottom fauna	MSFD, WFD	3,4,5
	Exotic species (<i>Rapana venosa</i>)	MSFD	6
	Fish populations (turbot, <i>Alosa</i> spp.)	MSFD	7



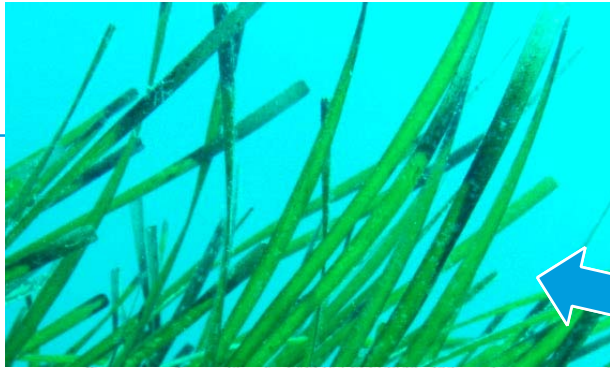
Evaluation

Step 2 mapping

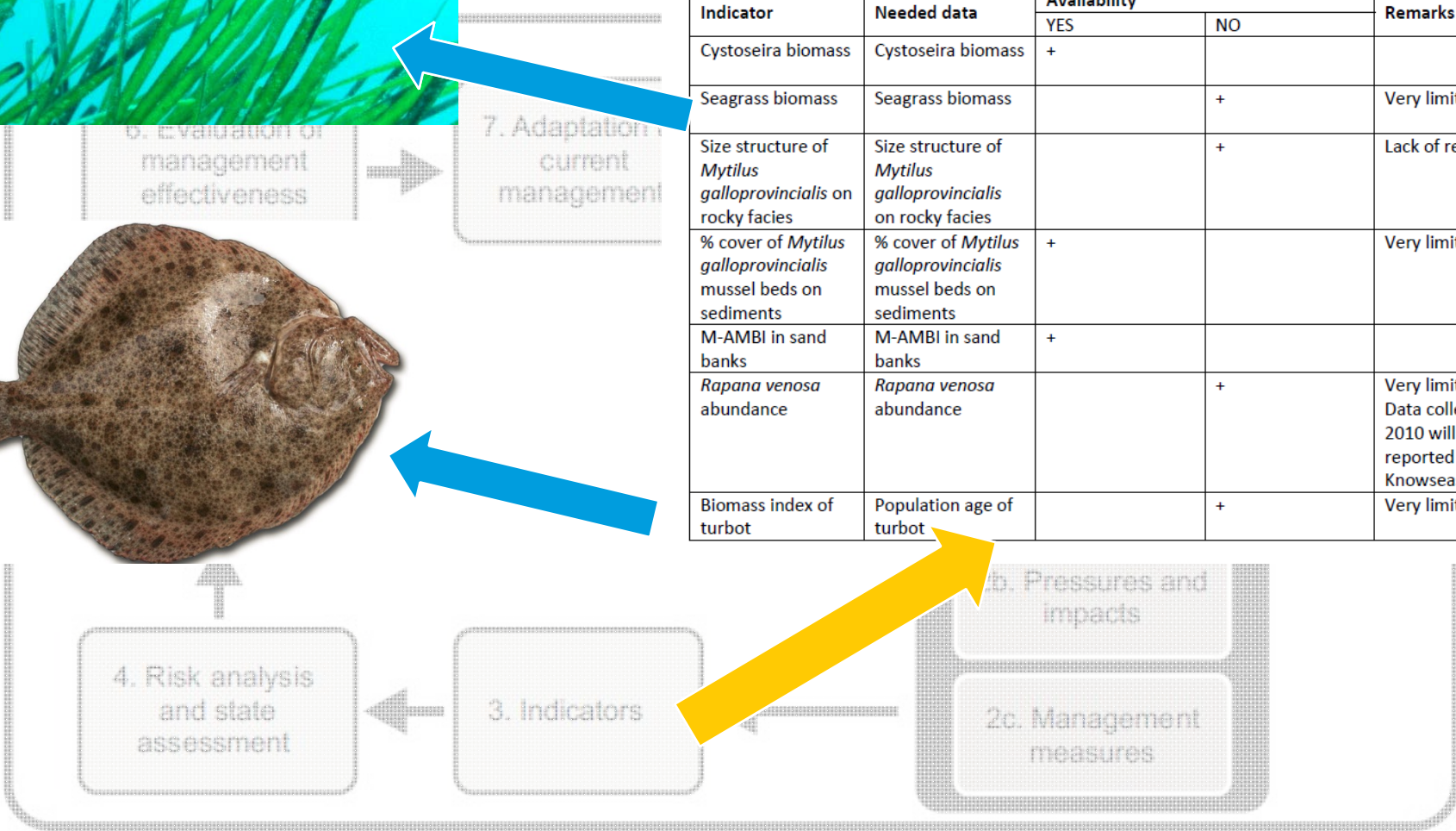


human use (Black Sea)

Step 3 indicators



Indicator	Needed data	Availability		Remarks
		YES	NO	
Cystoseira biomass	Cystoseira biomass	+		
Seagrass biomass	Seagrass biomass		+	Very limited data
Size structure of <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> on rocky facies	Size structure of <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> on rocky facies		+	Lack of research
% cover of <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> mussel beds on sediments	% cover of <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> mussel beds on sediments	+		Very limited data
M-AMBI in sand banks	M-AMBI in sand banks	+		
<i>Rapana venosa</i> abundance	<i>Rapana venosa</i> abundance		+	Very limited data Data collected in 2010 will be reported through Knowseas 7FP EC
Biomass index of turbot	Population age of turbot		+	Very limited data



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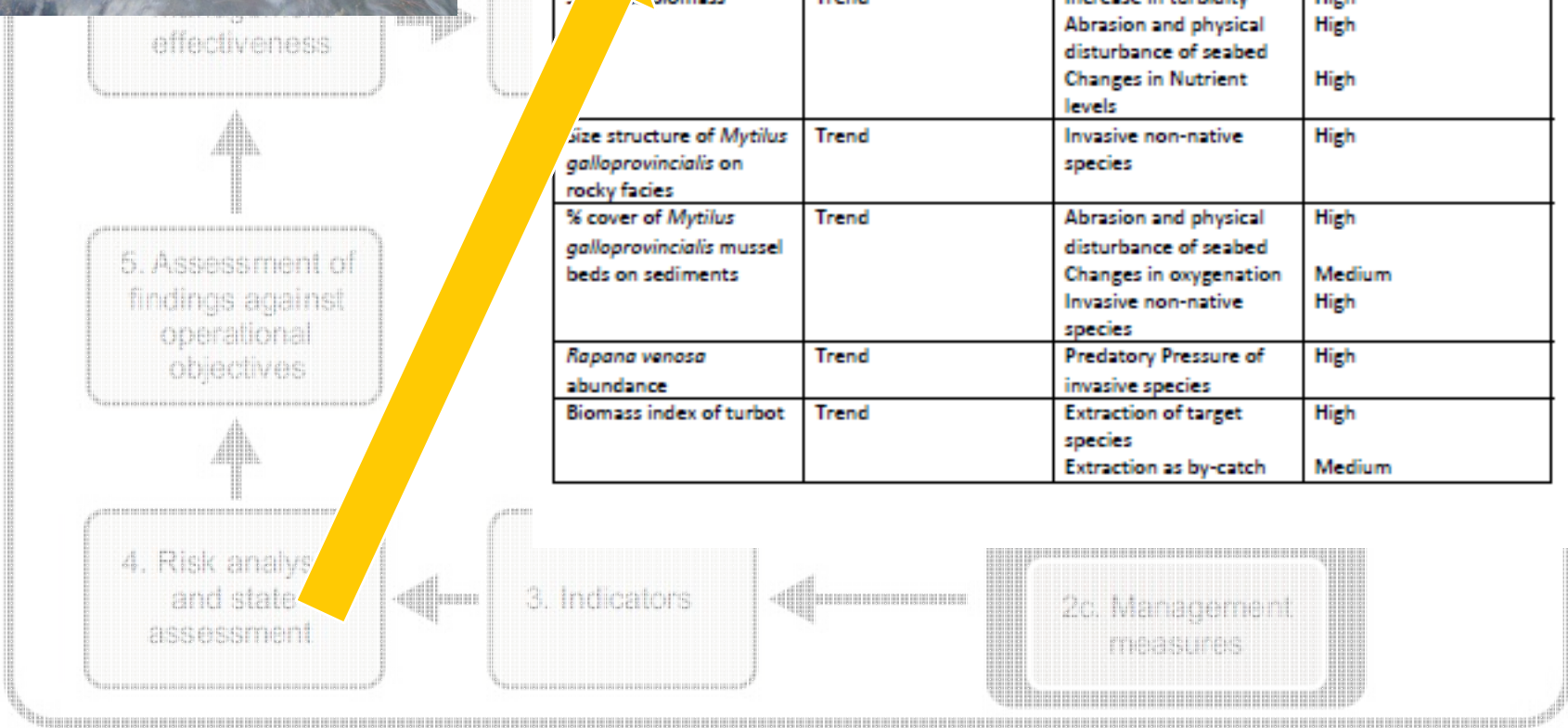
Performance measures

Step 4 risk analysis



Table 4a.2

Indicator	Threshold / Trend	Pressure	Magnitude of Impact (high, medium or low)
Cystoseira biomass	Trend	Increase in turbidity Changes in Nutrient levels	High High
S... biomass	Trend	Increase in turbidity Abrasion and physical disturbance of seabed Changes in Nutrient levels	High High High
Size structure of <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> on rocky facies	Trend	Invasive non-native species	High
% cover of <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> mussel beds on sediments	Trend	Abrasion and physical disturbance of seabed Changes in oxygenation Invasive non-native species	High Medium High
<i>Rapana venosa</i> abundance	Trend	Predatory Pressure of invasive species	High
Biomass index of turbot	Trend	Extraction of target species Extraction as by-catch	High Medium

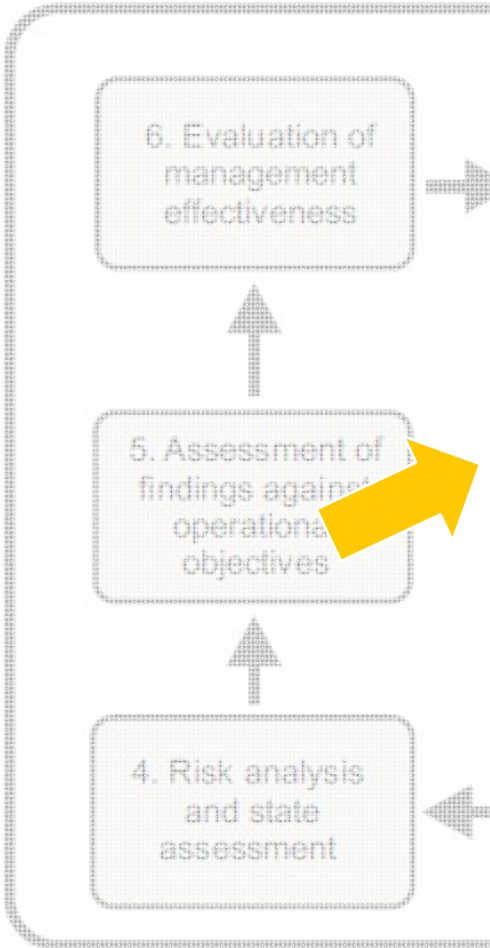


Assessment & Evaluation

Performance measures

Step 5 assessment findings vs objectives

Adjustment



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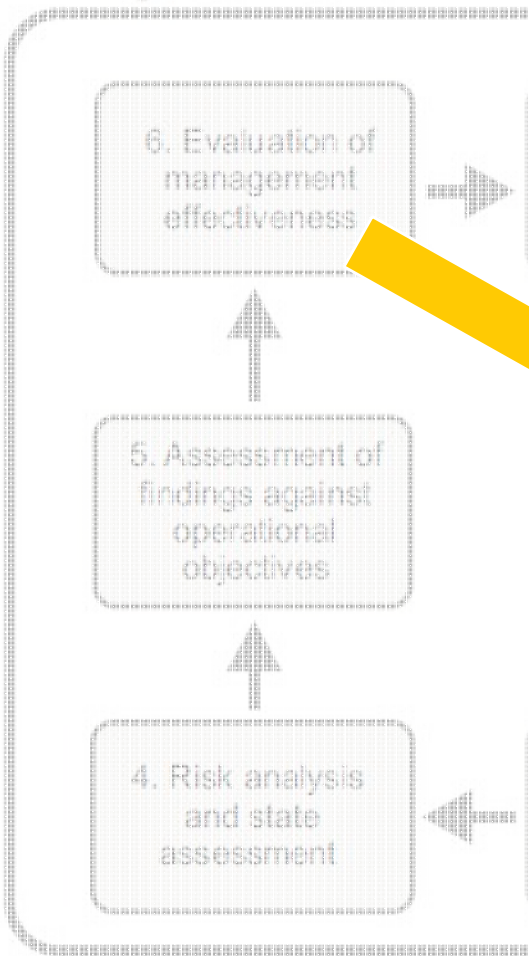
Table 5.3 M-AMBI (Sandbanks)

Evaluation question	Score (good=3; medium=2; poor=1)
Did the indicator provide a response directly related to the intended objective?	3
Were the indicators and thresholds easily to communicate (especially to stakeholders)?	2
Was there sufficient data available to measure the indicator?	3
Was the indicator sensitive enough to change over the relevant temporal scale defined in step 1a?	3
Was the indicator cost effective?	1
Sum	12
Viability score from step 3	25

Performance measures

Step 6 evaluation management effectiveness

Adjustment



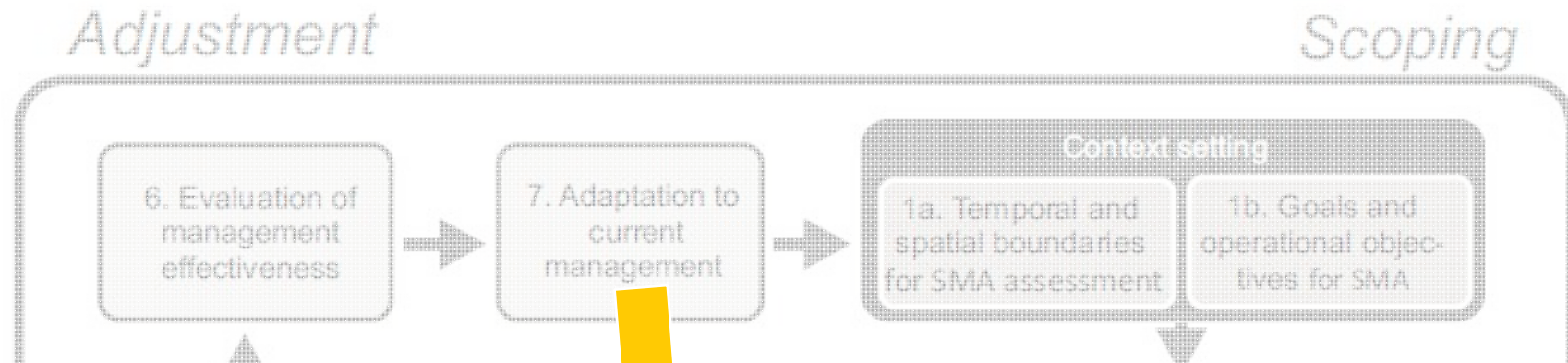
Assessment & Evaluation

Table 6.1:

Operational objective	Management measure	Useful? yes/no/partly	Achieved yes/no/partly
1. Cystoseira association	Construction/reconstruction and modernization of WWTP	Yes	?
	Construction/reconstruction of sewerage system and collectors	Yes	?
	Construction of deep sea outfalls for waste water	Partly	?
	Removal of outfalls from sea waters, which have prospects as bathing waters	Yes	?
	Control on fertilisers and herbicides use	Yes	?
	Good practices in agriculture	Yes	?
	Development and implementation of plans, programmes and measures for the conservation and restoration of rare and threatened fish species, aquatic species and habitats	Yes	Not developed at the present
	Monitoring on the coastal waters ecological status	Yes	Yes
	Research, development and demonstration projects	Yes	Partly
	Education and information programs	Yes	Partly
2. Seagrass meadows	As above	Yes	As above
	Coastal defence from land slides	Yes	?
3. Rocky facies with <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i>	Invasive species ecological and socio-economic impact assessment (research)	Yes	Not made until now

Ste

Step 7 adaptation management



Objective 6. The invasive non-indigenous species *Rapana venosa* demonstrates decreasing trends in its population size and impact.

Recommended measures:

- Research on stock and population parameters and dynamics of *Rapana venosa*
- Research on the *Rapana* predatory pressure magnitude and impact
- Subsidize catch of small-sized *Rapana*
- Evaluate the environmental harm-benefit of bottom trawling for rapana and reconsider trawling ban for this particular target species

Objective 7. The population of turbot (*Psetta maxima*) demonstrates increasing trend.

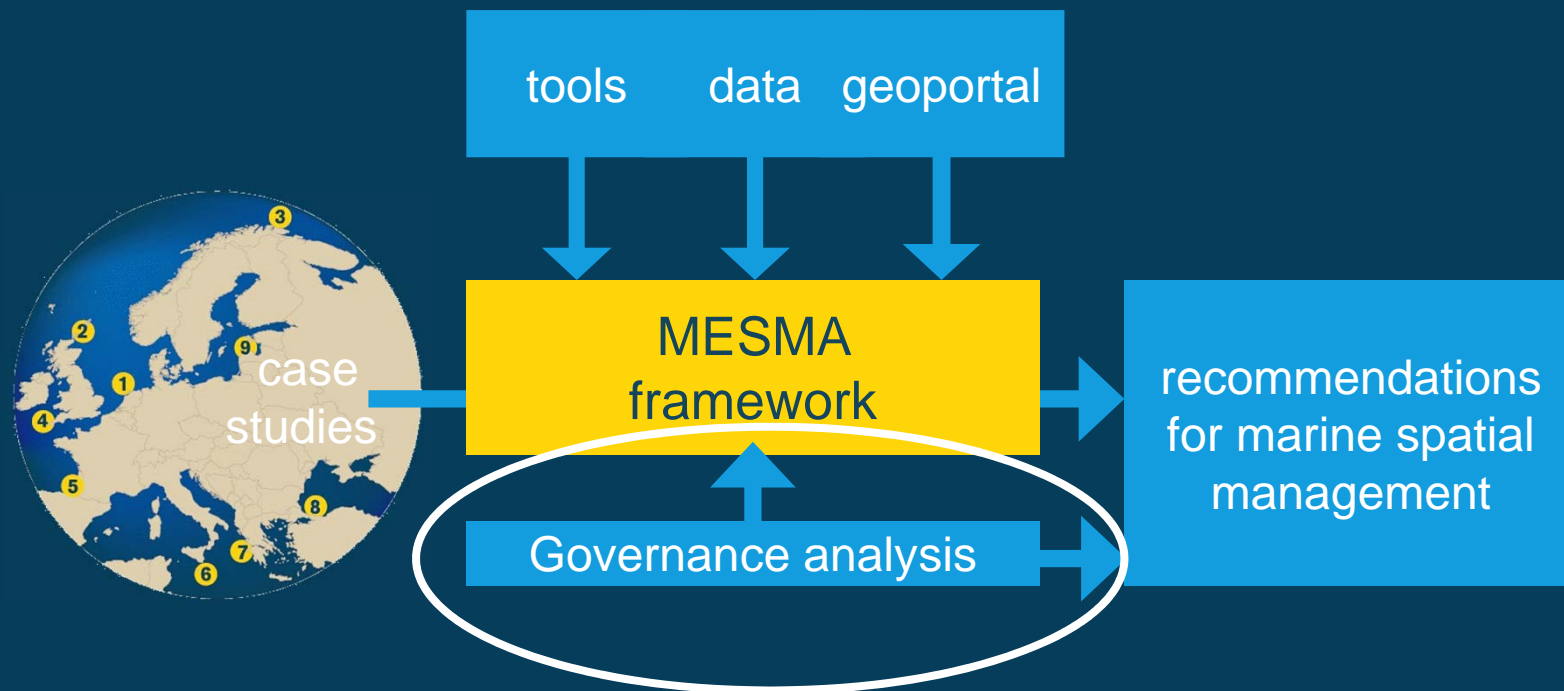
Recommended measures:

- Increase the control on illegal fishing

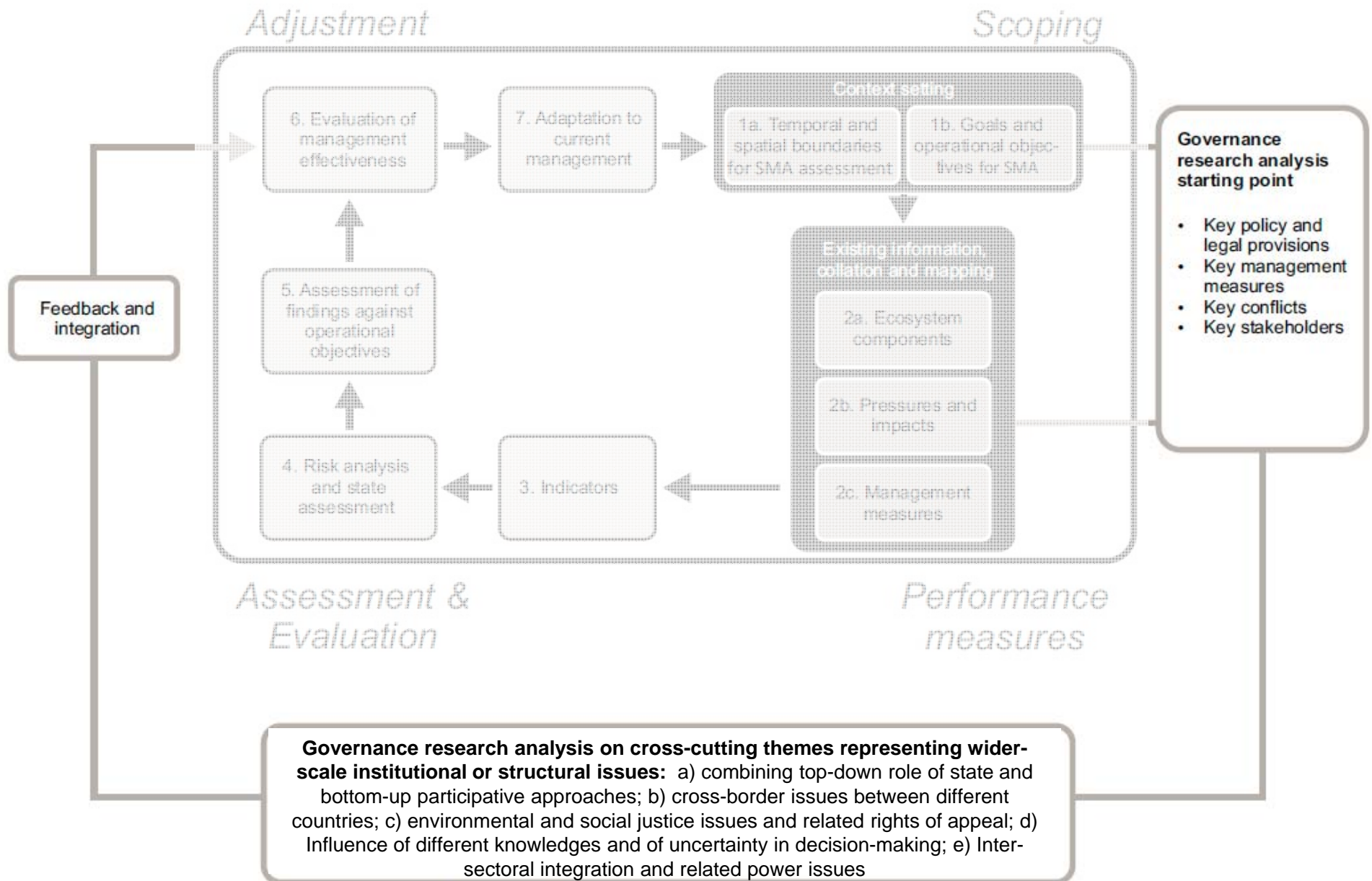
EVALUATION

MEASURES

Governance analysis



Parallel governance analysis

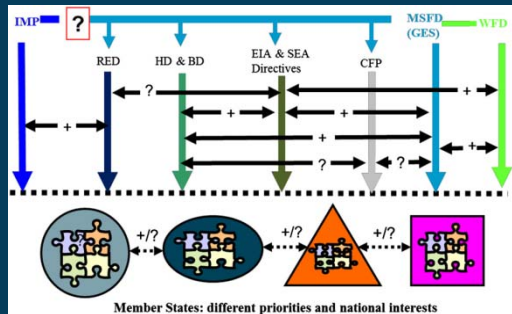


Governance analysis

- 1) **Context** –The socio-economic and political context of the initiative being analysed, as well as some basic information about the initiative itself (who is involved, its location & scale, its history).
- 2) **Objectives and management measures** – The key priority objective which the analysis is focused on, which should be the - or one of the - key objective(s) of the initiative itself, as well as existing policies, laws, plans or regulations that facilitate the achievement of the priority objective.
- 3) **Conflicts** –The conflicts generated by the implementation of the above measures, and the driving forces behind those conflicts.
- 4) **Governance approach and effectiveness** – The overall governance approach adopted in the initiative (top-down, bottom-up, or market-led), and its effectiveness in achieving the priority objective.
- 5) **Incentives** – A description of economic, legal, knowledge, interpretative, and participative incentives employed within the initiative in order to achieve the priority objective (a list of possible incentives is supplied within the framework, derived from previous empirical work carried out on MPA initiatives).
- 6) **Cross-cutting themes** – A discussion of the combination of top-down and bottom-up approaches, inter-sectoral integration, cross-border issues, environmental and social justice issues, and the influence of uncertainty in decision-making.

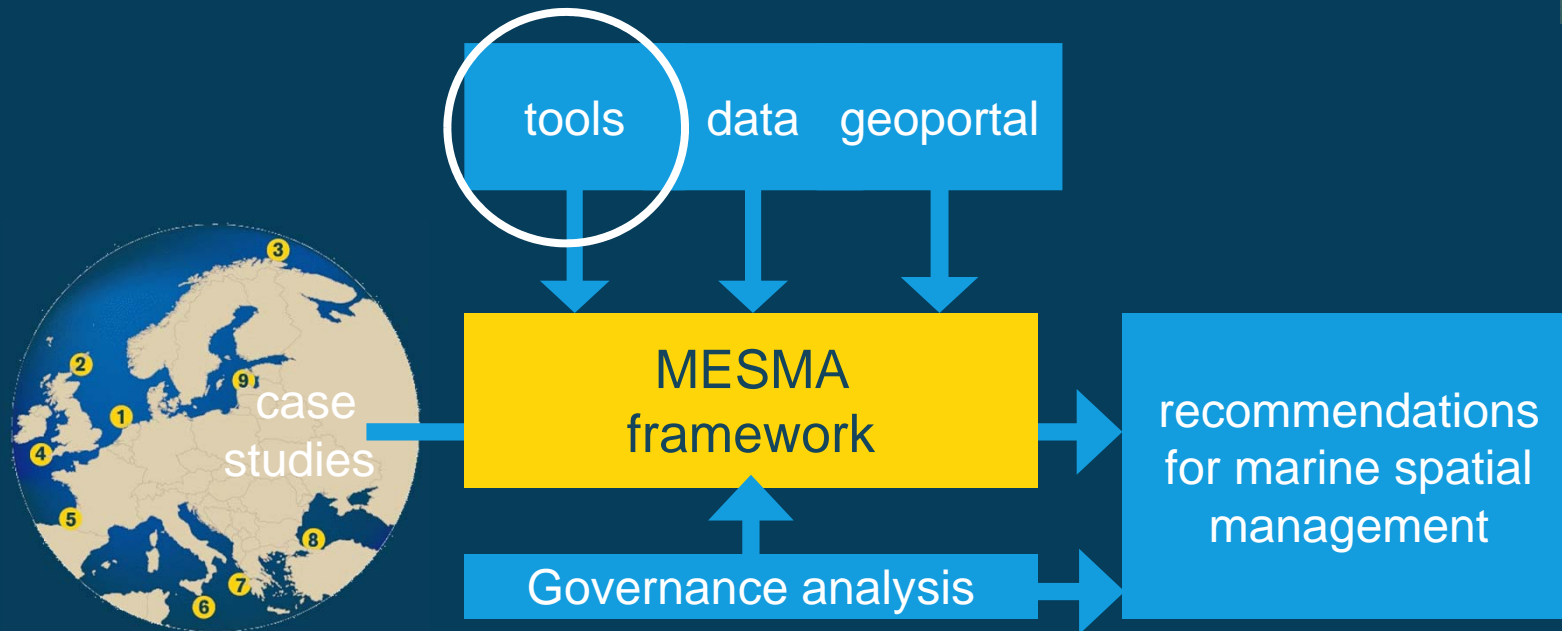
Results

- Introduction to MESMA governance analysis framework (<http://www.mesma.org/default.asp?ZNT=S0T1O-1P111>)
- Qiu W, Jones PJS (2013) The emerging policy landscape for marine spatial planning in Europe. *Marine Policy* 39: [182-190](#)



- Governance reports per case study: D6.1 Typology of Conflicts in MESMA case studies (PDF)

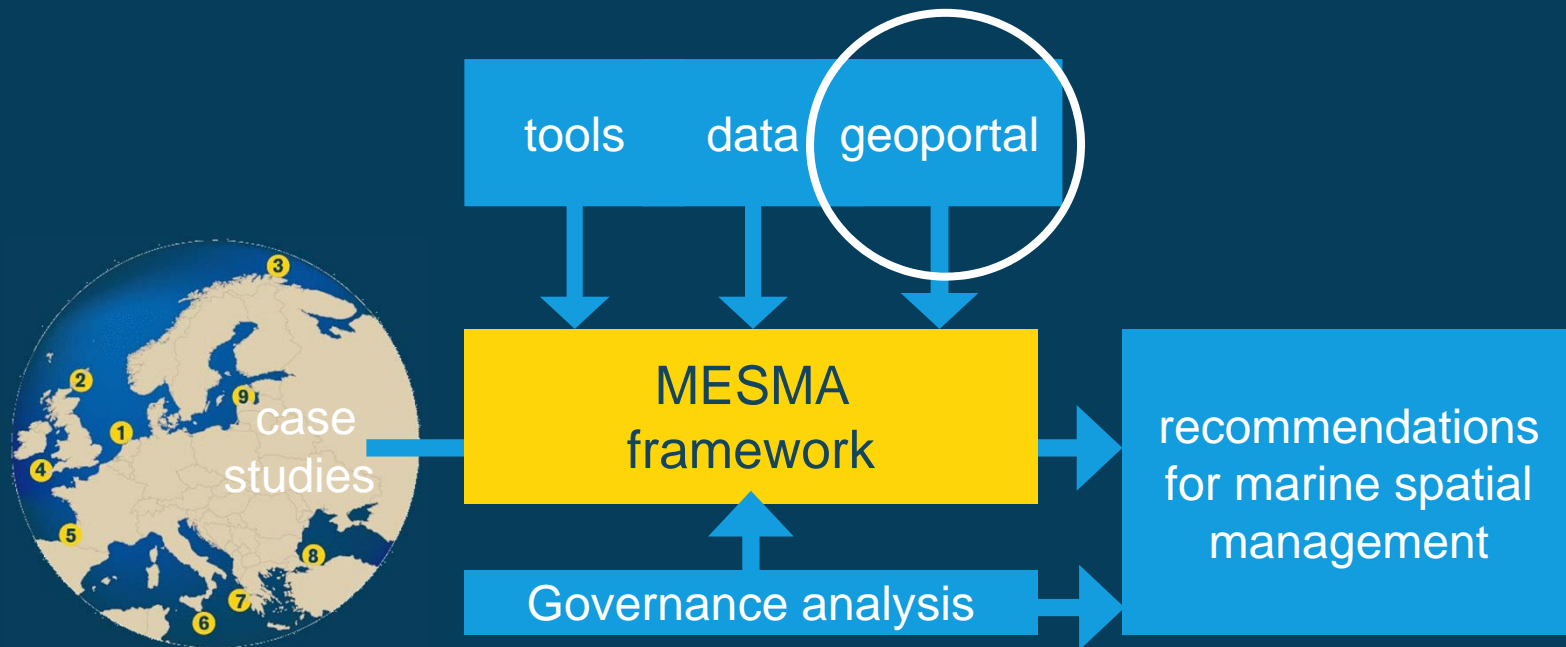
Tools



MESMA tools collection: >70 tools that can be used in combination with the MESMA framework.

Tool Name	Category	Step(s) in Framework
Zonation	Spatial Analysis Mapping Spatial Planning	1a. Temporal and Spatial Boundaries for SMA Assessment 2a. Ecosystem Components 2b. Pressures and Impacts
Spatial Data Modeler (SDM)	Mapping Data Processing	2a. Ecosystem Components 2b. Pressures and Impacts
SimLab	Decision support	2b. Pressures and Impacts 4. Risk Analysis and State Assessment
SimCoast	Decision support Governance	6. Evaluation of Management Effectiveness 7. Adaptation to Current Management
RAMAS GIS	Decision support Spatial Analysis Visualization Mapping Numerical Model	2a. Ecosystem Components
POLCOMS	Spatial Analysis Visualization Numerical Model	2a. Ecosystem Components
PATHMATRIX	Mapping Data Processing	1a. Temporal and Spatial Boundaries for SMA Assessment 2a. Ecosystem Components
PAT	Spatial Analysis Mapping Spatial Planning	1a. Temporal and Spatial Boundaries for SMA Assessment 2a. Ecosystem Components 2b. Pressures and Impacts
PANDA	Mapping Spatial Planning	1a. Temporal and Spatial Boundaries for SMA Assessment 2b. Pressures and Impacts
Netica	Decision support	2a. Ecosystem Components 2b. Pressures and Impacts 2c. Management Measures
Open OceanMap	Data Management or Collection	2b. Pressures and Impacts 5. Assessment of Findings against Operational Objectives

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- Geographical names
- Geology
- Habitats and biotopes
- Human health and safety
- Hydrography**
- Land cover
- Land use
- Meteorological geographical features
- Mineral resources
- Natural risk zones
- Oceanographic geographical features
- Orthoimagery
- Population distribution - demography
- Production and industrial facilities
- Protected sites
- Sea regions
- Soil
- Species distribution
- Statistical units

MESMA case studies

500 km
500 mi

44.40234, 54.45079

Information Simple Search Advanced Search

Geoportal results

- standardized warehousing of metadata and geodata
 - 900 metadata records (MESMA case studies)
 - INSPIRE compliant (i.e. new EU standard)
 - Interconnected web services



3. Integrated tool box for monitoring and evaluation of spatially managed areas

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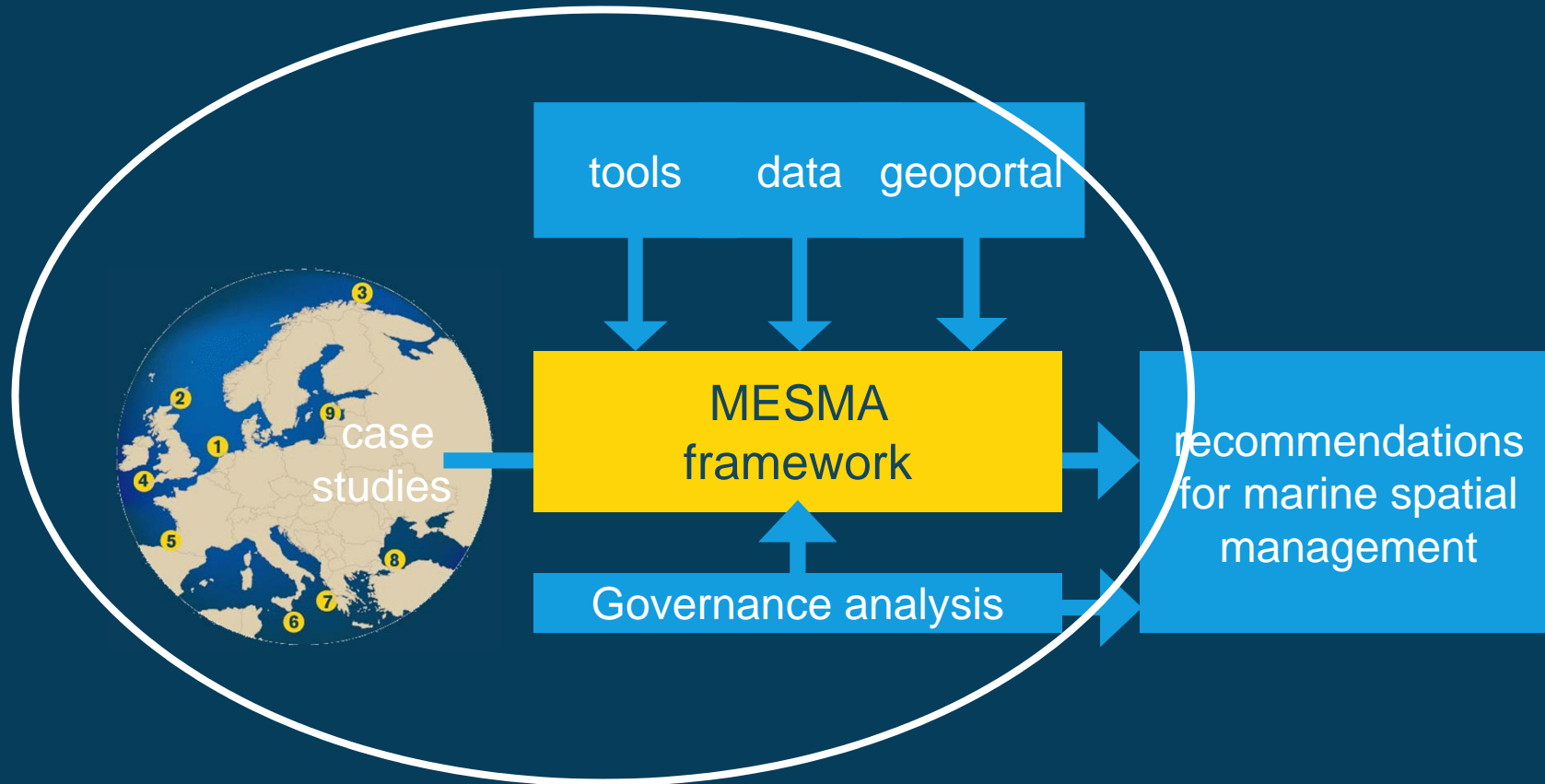
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Welcome to the MESMA Central Exchange application. This website has been developed as part of the EU-FP7 funded MESMA project (2009-2013). During our project, we developed a framework to evaluate and monitor the management of spatially managed marine areas. That is, if you want to know if the management of a certain marine area is effective, you can use the MESMA method to evaluate this. We tested this framework in a number of case studies and considered it good enough for you.

You can explore the analysis methods on this website. In addition, a number of tools, and a geodatabase with example datasets are available. If you want to perform a professional analysis, we recommend to carefully read instructions in the Help section, read examples and the read the available literature. You can find the MESMA folks on [Linked-In](#) and [Facebook](#), if you need help on this.



MESMA Analyses

The MESMA framework is a step-wise



Tools

Over 60 tools that can be used in



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The MESMA team has developed the



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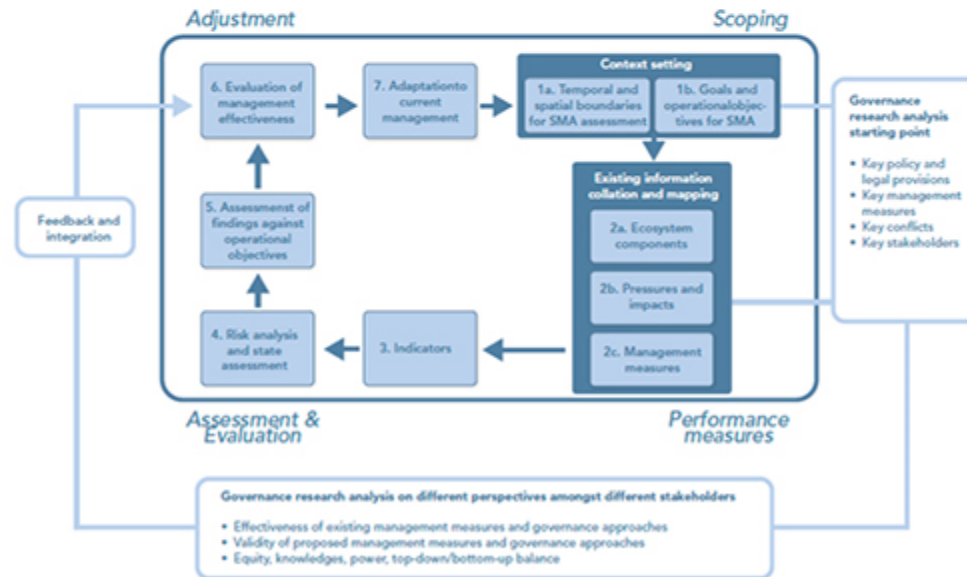
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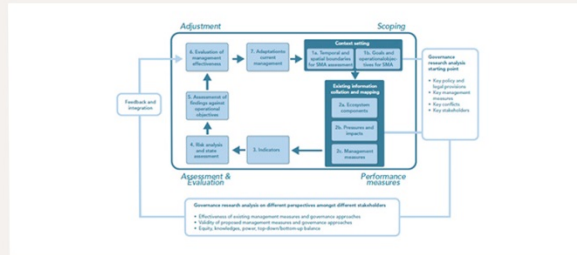
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FRAMEWORK ANALYSIS

GOVERNANCE ANALYSIS

Step 1a Context setting: temporal and spatial boundaries for SMA assessment ▲

The first step of the MESMA framework focuses on context setting. For the spatially managed area (SMA) that you want to analyse, you need to define spatial and temporal boundaries (step 1a).

Such boundaries are defined in management plans. Alternatively, if no spatial management plan is in place or in preparation, potential administrative, ecological, economic or social boundaries should be considered.

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Step 1b Context setting: goals and operational objectives for SMA ▼

Step 2a Existing information, collation and mapping: ecosystem components ▼

Step 2b Existing information, collation and mapping: pressures and impacts ▼

Step 2c Existing information, collation and mapping: management measures ▼

Step 3 Indicators ▼

Step 4 Risk analysis and state assessment ▼

Step 5 Assessment of findings against operational objectives ▼

Step 6 Evaluation of management effectiveness ▼

Step 7 Adaptation to current management ▼

- Validity of proposed management measures and governance approaches
- Equity, knowledges, power, top-down/bottom-up balance

FRAMEWORK ANALYSIS

GOVERNANCE ANALYSIS

Step 1a Context setting: temporal and spatial boundaries for SMA assessment ▼

Step 1b Context setting: goals and operational objectives for SMA ▼

Step 2a Existing information, collation and mapping: ecosystem components ▲

The second step is concerned with the collation and mapping of existing information. In step 2a you define and map the ecosystem components (natural and socio-economic) relevant to the set of objectives for your spatially managed area (SMA).



START ANALYSIS



TOOLS



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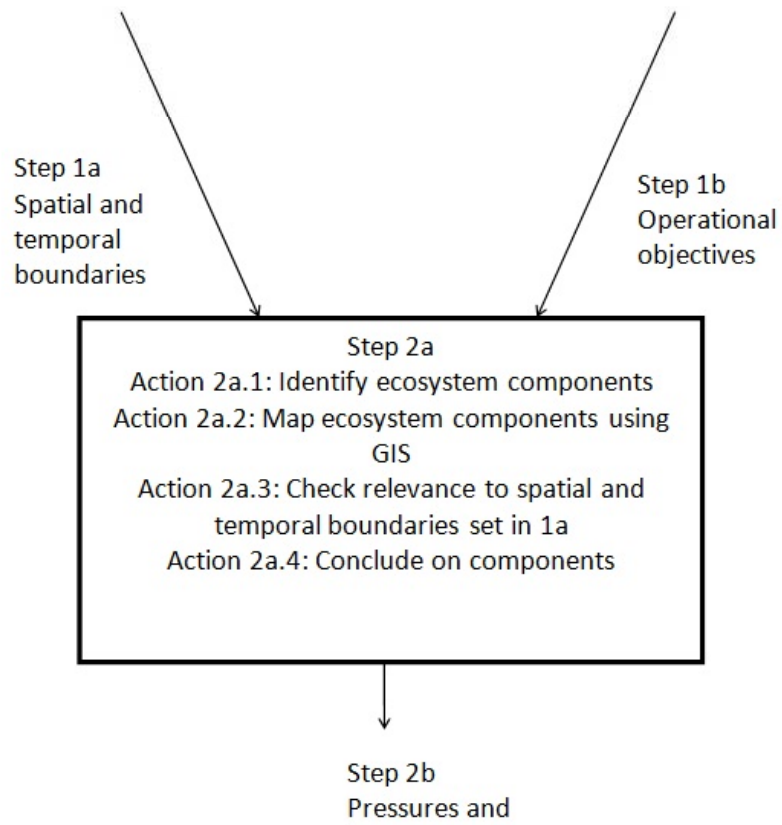
Step 2b Existing information, collation and mapping: pressures and impacts ▼

Select Case Study:
CefasTest_Barents Sea

- E-manual Steps:**
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Step 2a: Identify ecosystem components

The aim of step 2a is to identify the ecosystem components in the SMA which are relevant to the objectives that have been set in step 1b. Ecosystem components can be divided into natural (biophysical) (e.g. marine mammals) and socio-economic components (e.g. a wind farm). A list of natural ecosystem components taken from the MSFD Annex iii has been provided to give guidance on identifying the relevant ones. This is not an exhaustive list and it can be amended or expanded depending on the SMA that is being evaluated. Once ecosystem components are identified for the area, they should be mapped using GIS tools. Mapping should be done using the appropriate scale for each component (e.g. larger scales for marine mammals which are distributed over wide areas) and the GIS maps should aim to cover the entire SMA. The output from step 2a should be a list of relevant ecosystem components along with GIS maps of their coverage (where possible).





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Ecosystem Components in SMA

Table 2a.1.1 provides a list of ecosystem components taken from the MSFD Annex iii. This list can be amended to reflect the SMA under evaluation.

Type	Ecosystem Component
Physical and chemical	Topography and bathymetry of the seabed
Physical and chemical	Temperature regime, current velocity, upwelling, wave exposure, mixing characteristics, turbidity and residence time
Physical and chemical	Salinity
Physical and chemical	Nutrients
Physical and chemical	Marine acidification
Habitat types	Predominant habitat types
Habitat types	Special habitat types
Habitat types	Identification of habitats in special areas
Biological features	Biological communities including phytoplankton and zooplankton communities
Biological features	Angiosperms, macro-algae and invertebrate bottom fauna
Biological features	Fish populations
Biological features	Marine mammals and reptiles
Biological features	Seabirds
Biological features	Protected species
Biological features	Exotic species
Other features	Chemicals
Other features	Any other features or characteristics typical of or specific to the SMA

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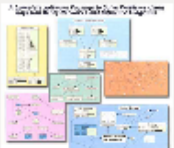
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This simulation-based exercise is an educational tool that allows users to explore various factors that influence fish population viability and fishery sustainability, and experiment with the use of marine reserves as tools in fisheries management...

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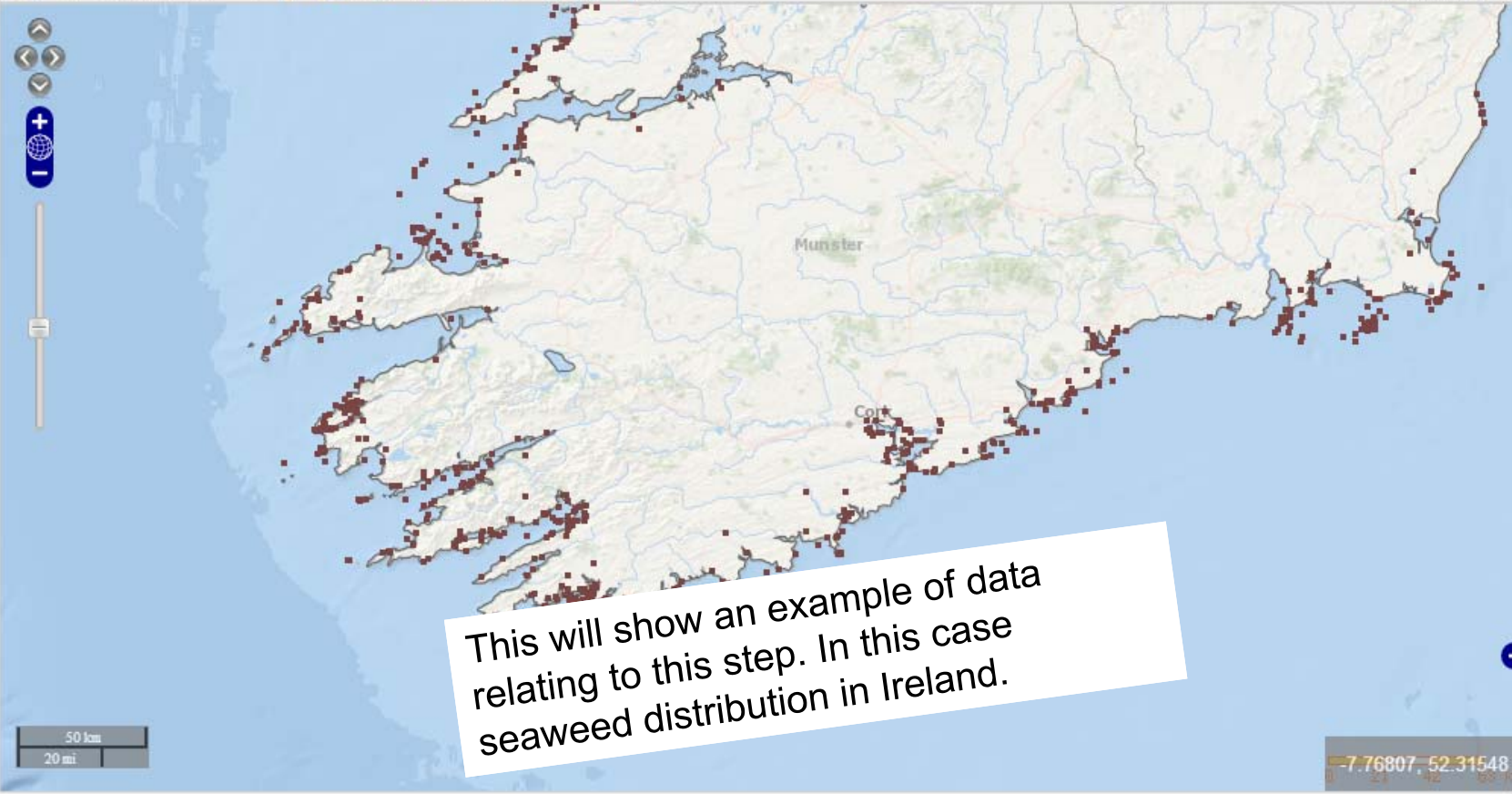
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seaweed

- Seaweed



50 km
20 mi

-7.76807, 52.31548

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This will show an example of data relating to this step. In this case seaweed distribution in Ireland.



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- Effectiveness of existing management measures and governance approaches
- Validity of proposed management measures and governance approaches
- Equity, knowledges, power, top-down/bottom-up balance

FRAMEWORK ANALYSIS

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Step 1 Context ▲

In this section, you will outline the 'story' of the initiative you are analysing, including its geographical context, the socio-economic and political context of the host country, and the regional policy framework (e.g. regional sea action plans).

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List of tools relating to habitats

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The EcoGIS project is developing a set of GIS tools to better enable both fisheries scientists and managers to adopt ecosystem approaches to fisheries management. Prototype GIS tools are being developed to address fishing effort and catch analysis...

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This tool aids in making decisions about conservation, restoration, and planning. The Habitat Priority Planner takes away much of the subjective nature of the process by providing a means of obtaining critical habitat analyses that are consistent,...

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BVMTOOL



BVMtool (Tool for marine biological valuation mapping) is a set of R scripts automating marine biological valuation calculations based on the biological valuation concept as developed by Derous et al. 2007 and described by Deneudt et al. 2013. Bas...

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HABITAT MODELING TOOL BOX



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TOOL NAME *	SPAM
DESCRIPTION	<p>SPAM (Sandeel Population Analysis Model) is a spatial explicit process-oriented scenario simulation tool to study the influence of various environmental, climate and anthropogenic factors on sandeel stocks. Sandeel stocks, being mid-trophic in the ecosystem, are sensitive ecosystem indicators. Evaluate spatially resolved effects of fishing on sandeel stocks; Explore ecological consequences of management policy options on sandeel stocks; Analyze impact and consequences of marine protected areas Model the effect of anthropogenic/environmental/climate change on sandeel stocks. Model the effect of environmental/climate changes. Scientific basis for the model: high resolution map of potential sandeel habitats and recruitment processes based on a sandeel life cycle model using the map of spatially resolved recruitment processes, based on operational hydrodynamical data and individual-based models of sandeel eggs/larvae The model includes adult migration and demographic density effects on growth, survival and fecundity flexible input of spatially resolved impact factors on local population and recruitment processes. The model has previously been used for analyzing the ecological impact of marine protected areas as well as socio-economical effects, by coupling SPAM to the socio-economical model BENCOM. and has also been coupled to a socio-economical model. To analyze the link between regional hydrographical variability and recruitment process, SPAM has been coupled to various operational physical circulation models using the individual-based model SLAM for sandeel eggs/larvae. The model is currently set up to describe the sandeel stocks in the North Sea, but with little effort it can also be reparameterized to describe other sedentary species, e.g. flatfish and nephrops, in an arbitrary habitat network.</p>
CATEGORY	All, Fisheries Analysis, Spatial Analysis
WHAT STEP(S) IN	3, 4

Per tool, there is a description. We have also indicated in which steps of the MESMA framework the tool can be used.

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The website header features the "MESMA Geoport" logo and the "CMRC" logo. A navigation menu includes "Base", "Categories", "Layers", and "Legend".

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The main map area displays a geographical view of the Black Sea region, showing Bulgaria and Turkey. Key features include the Danube river, the Kure Escarpment, and the Sea of Marmara. A large orange rectangular area is highlighted on the map, covering a significant portion of the Bulgarian coast and extending into the Black Sea. The map includes a scale bar (100 km / 50 mi) and a coordinate display (24.08750, 44.97064). The browser window also shows a search bar and a "MESMA case studies" dropdown menu.

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BULGARIA TURKEY

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+	Macrozoobenthos abundance in habit...	Habitats and biotopes		Point data of abundance (wet weight) of some dominant habitat defining species for the natural habitat type 1110 Sandban
+	Location of WWTP along Bulgarian Bl...	Utility and government services		Location of WWTP along Bulgarian Black Sea
+	Bulgaria territory	Geographical names		Bulgaria territory polygon map.
+	Trawling zones in Bulgarian (Western)...	Land use		Beam trawling areas for Rapana venosa in the Bulgarian Black Sea area

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You can search for MESMA data and project them on the map. However, not all MESMA metadata records have data to show on maps. In the metadata text you can find the source of the datasets.

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Lessons learned

- Framework suitable for
 - Data poor / data rich cases
 - Complex governance / simple governance
 - MSP in place/not in place
- Standard process was useful in all case studies
 - Restricted to rationale of the methodology
 - Possible to include other methodology

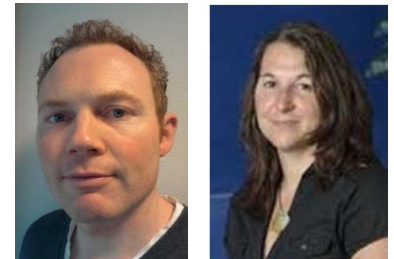
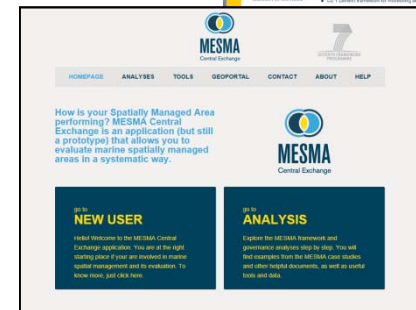
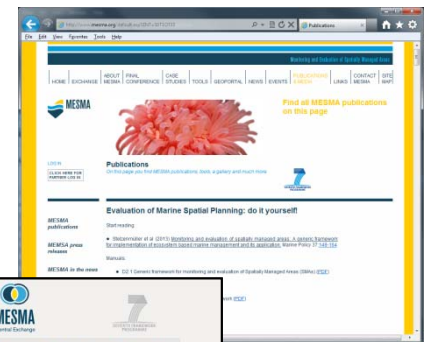
Strong/weak points

- Data retrieval can be difficult
 - Especially for cross boundary cases
- Definition of objectives can be hard
 - Especially when no clear management boundaries are present
- Framework thoroughly tested
 - Based on practical experience and improved by user feedback
 - Integrated tool (=MESMA Central Exchange website) still a prototype

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