Regional MSPforum - Latin America and the Caribbean



Setting the scene: MSProadmap

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Going back to 2017 (2nd Intl Conf on MSP)



Source: Ehler, 2017



n = ≈60 countries





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Status of MSP around the world



State of the Ocean Report 2022





Challenge 4. Develop a sustainable and equitable ocean economy



Material: 2020 IOC survey + other sources such as European MSP Platform

Results (by April 2022):

- ~ 300 MSP initiatives from 102 countries/territories, including both government-led processes and pilot exercises
- **38** countries have approved plans (national, sub-national and/or local scale)
- The initiatives ranged from integrated coastal zone and marine plans, strategic or comprehensive plans



Updated Joint MSProadmap (2022-2027)



Cross-cutting pillars:

- 1. Knowledge support
- 2. Capacity development & awareness
- 3. Transboundary cooperation



Thematic pillars:

- 4. Climate-smart MSP
- 5. Marine protection and restoration
- 6. Sustainable blue economy



Knowledge support





This priority area aims to contribute to the development of new knowledge, tools and analyses towards a robust <u>knowledge-based MSP</u>, where comprehensive and integrated data and information is available and used by decision-makers.

- Action I: Data for MSP
- Action II: Co-develop new MSP tools
- Action III: Promote MSP-related projects within the framework of the Ocean Decade



Capacity development and awareness





This priority area aims to keep accelerating MSP implementation around the world, contributing to **knowledge exchange and transfer**, while **enhancing awareness of MSP**.

- Action IV: Assess the needs and strengthen capacity of decision-makers and stakeholders around the world
- Action V: Sustain the International MSPforum
- Action VI: Build a network of Regional MSPforums and Platforms
- Action VII: Develop resources to communicate and build societal awareness on MSP



Transboundary cooperation





This priority area aims to enlarge the support to regional mechanisms that are or could address the development of transboundary MSP, i.e., <u>encouraging national MSP</u> <u>processes to tackle transboundary challenges and</u> <u>opportunities.</u>

- Action VIII: Co-design transboundary projects
- Action IX: Integrate MSP into Large Marine Ecosystems' approach and mechanisms
- Action X: Promote cross-border and transboundary cooperation in stakeholder involvement, including in a sea basin context



Climate-smart MSP





This priority area aims to promote and support the development of climate-smart MSP.

- Action XI: Gauge the impact of climate change on activities in the marine environment and the maritime domain
- Action XII: Co-develop guidance about how to embark on climate-smart MSP



Marine protection and restoration





This priority area aims to enhance the development of marine spatial plans that include measures to contribute to marine protection and restoration and to reverse the global biodiversity crisis, thus **promoting a sustainable development within the planetary boundaries**.

Action XIII: Co-produce recommendations on the inclusion of nature protection and restoration in MSP



Sustainable blue economy





This priority area aims to develop specific tools about MSP for maritime sectors, thus enhancing their engagement in MSP and strengthening the link between MSP and the sustainable development of the ocean economy.

- Action XIV: Co-produce sectoral-specific recommendations on MSP
- Action XV: Co-develop guidance to integrate MSP into sustainable blue economy strategies



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IOC-UNESCO and DG MARE invite interested organisations to join forces as key partners or collaborators to help delivering the key actions of the updated MSProadmap.





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