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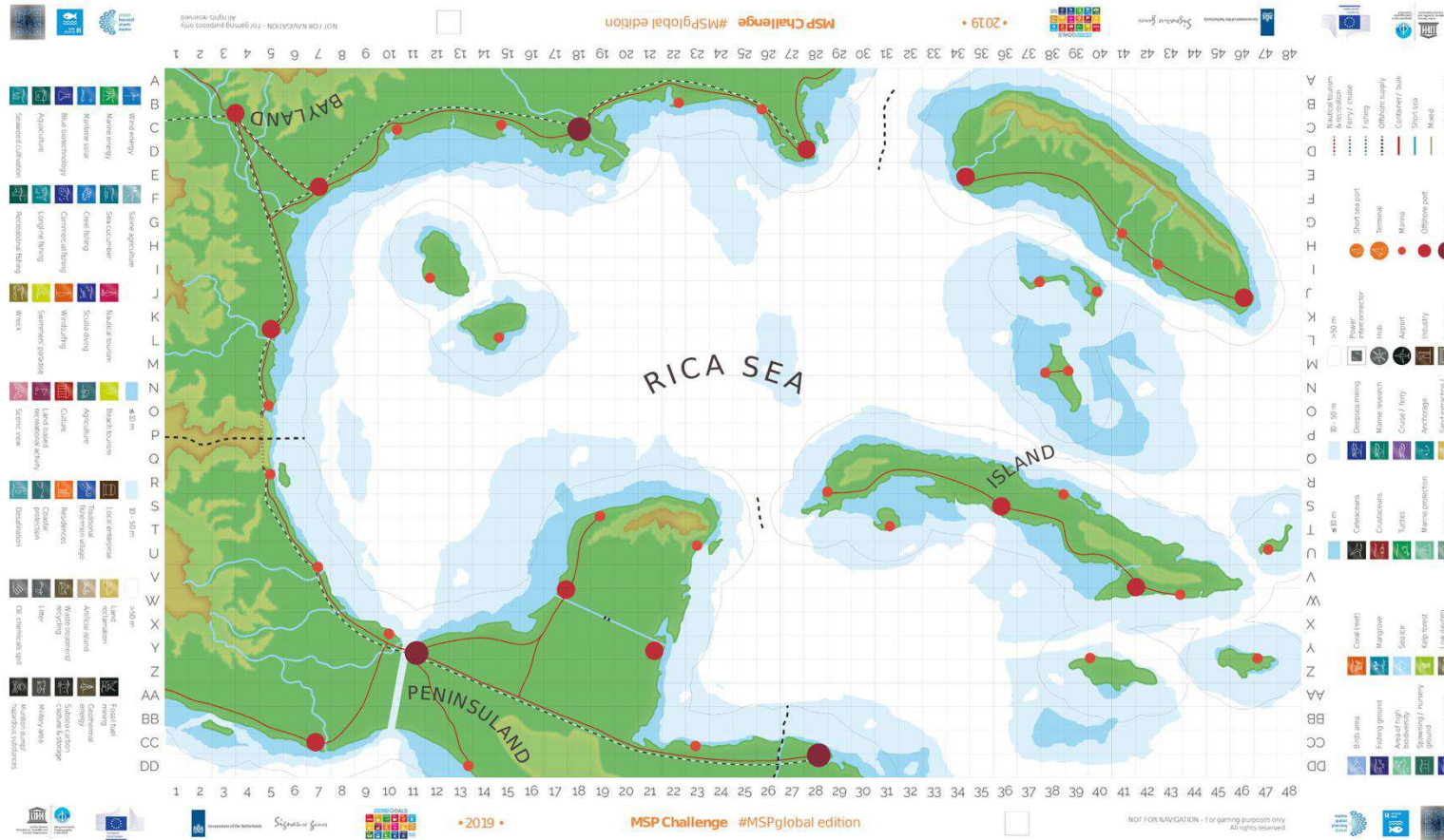
MSP Challenge

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Introduction to MSP Challenge & Rica Sea

#MSPglobal Edition



SEARICA Regional Sea Convention: 'Management of ecosystem services to provide for prosperity of mankind'

Main threats:

- unsustainable fisheries
- pollution
- invasive species
- destruction of marine habitats

3 countries: Bayland | Peninsuland | Island

Common Objectives



- Prevent and significantly reduce **marine pollution**
- Sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems using **ecosystem-based approaches**
- Minimize and address the impacts of **ocean acidification**
- Effectively **regulate harvesting** and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing



**Convention on
Biological Diversity**

- Ensure that all areas are under participatory, integrated and **biodiversity inclusive spatial planning** while respecting the rights of **indigenous peoples and local communities**
- At least **30%** of areas of degraded marine and coastal ecosystems are under effective **restoration**
- At least **30%** of inland water areas, and of marine and coastal areas (...) are effectively conserved and managed through ecologically representative, well-connected by **protected areas** and other effective area-based conservation measures



[Exercise 1] Designing the MSP process

MSP Team

- 1-2 marine spatial planner(s)
- Maritime sectors (e.g. Ports, Fisheries, etc.)
- Nature

OBS:

- *Each sector has different categories (e.g. government, private sector, NGO)*
- *Industry representatives do not necessarily represent national interests*



Rica Sea

Flipchart

Each country has a vague vision without a time frame,
and too broad objectives.
They need to be improved!



MSP Strategy

At least 2 objectives for each pillar

Vision



Environ.

Economic

Social

Objectives
(SMARTIE)



Actions



Stakeholders



Indicators





[Exercise 2]

Existing and Future Conditions

Current Conditions

Paper (individually)

❖ Based on country sheets

- **Maritime sectors** draw on the paper the sectoral current conditions
- **Nature** places the current MPAs on the board game based on ecosystems and biodiversity
- **Planner** start analyzing the coherence with country profiles



Draw as X



Future Conditions

Paper (individually)

❖ Based on national objectives

- **Maritime sectors** draw on the paper the sectoral future conditions
- **Nature** places future MPAs on the board game based on ecosystems and biodiversity
- **Planner** start analyzing the coherence with country profiles



Draw as F





[Exercise 3] Marine Spatial Plan

Rules of the Game

- **Real life logic** (e.g., shipping lanes cannot be planned on land)
- **Land-Sea Interaction**: every economic function should have at least one pin that is connected by at least one thread to at least one port.
- **Multi-uses** can be combined (e.g., wind energy and aquaculture)
- **Treaty of Cari**: protection of underwater cultural heritage
- **International shipping lanes** can be redirected only with IMO permission
- Etc.



Tokens (examples)

- Nature



Birds area



Fish



Cetaceans



Area of high
biodiversity



Marine
Protection



No Take Zone



Tokens (examples)

- **Aquaculture**



Aquaculture



Seaweed
(cultivation)

- **Fisheries**



Commercial
fishing



long line
fishing



Fishing



Tokens (examples)

- Renewable Energy



Wind
energy



Ocean
energy



Cables /
Pipelines

- Tourism



Scenic point



Beach
tourism



Nautical
tourism



Nautical
tourism



Integrated MSP Plan

Game

- Each sector **place on the board**:
 - ✓ current cond.
(colorful tokens)
 - ✓ future cond.
(white tokens)
- During this exercise,
participants negotiate, while
the **planner moderates and**
ensures coherence with
national vision and objectives





[Exercise 4] Transboundary MSP

Regional Vision

Group discussion

- Participants need to reflect about regional challenges and to develop:
 - ✓ a common **regional vision**
 - ✓ at least **3 transboundary objectives**

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Transboundary MSP

Game

- Now that each country developed its own plan, before approving and implementing them, it is necessary to do a **Transboundary Consultation** about:
 - ✓ **Coherence between plans**
 - ✓ Potential **conflicts** about transboundary issues



Thank you for playing!



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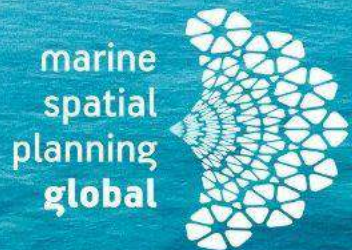


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