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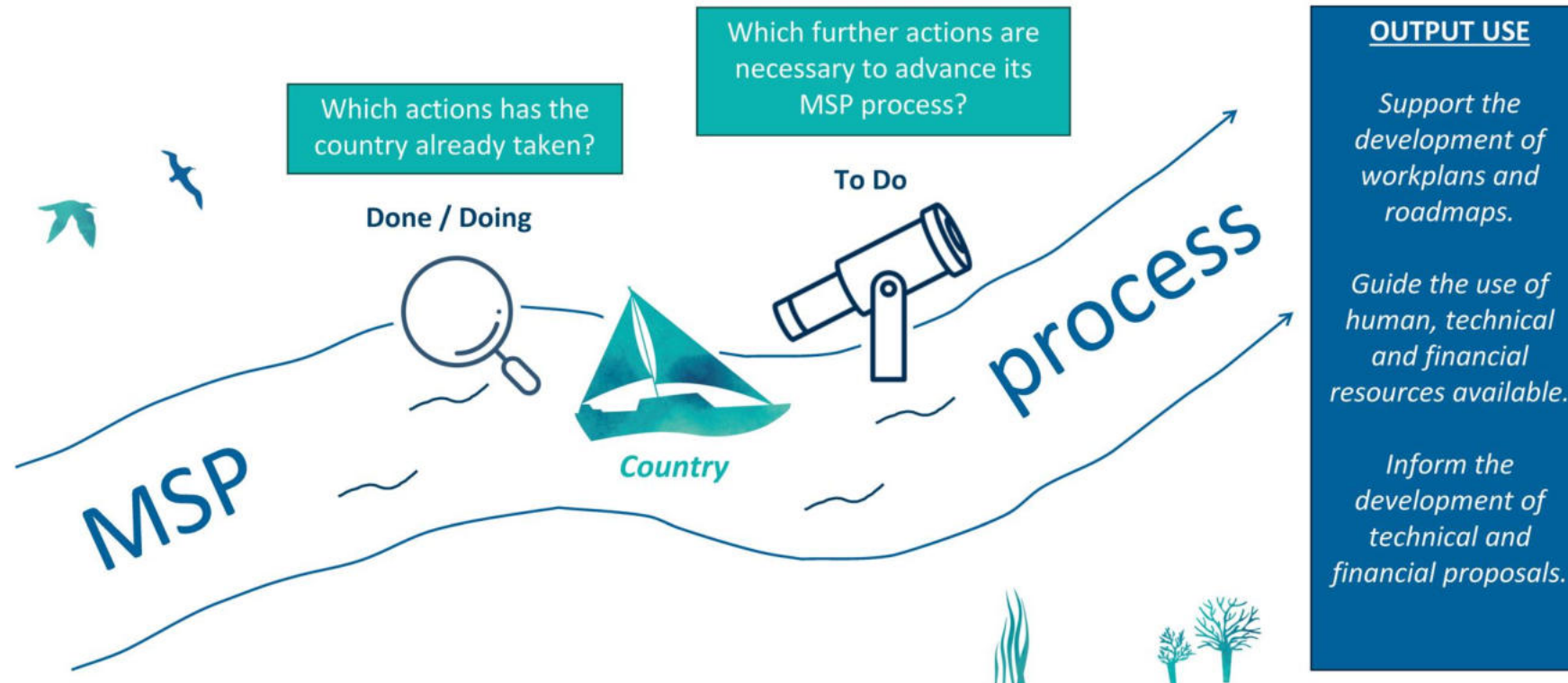
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MSPglobal Rapid Assessment Methodology (MSPglobal RAM)

Why a Rapid Assessment Methodology (RAM)?

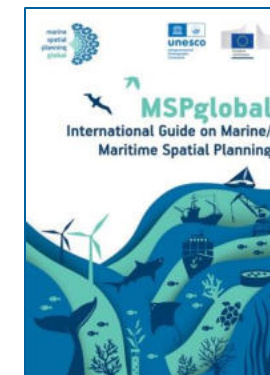
Supporting Member States to navigate through the phases of MSP towards the identification of concrete actions to advance their processes.

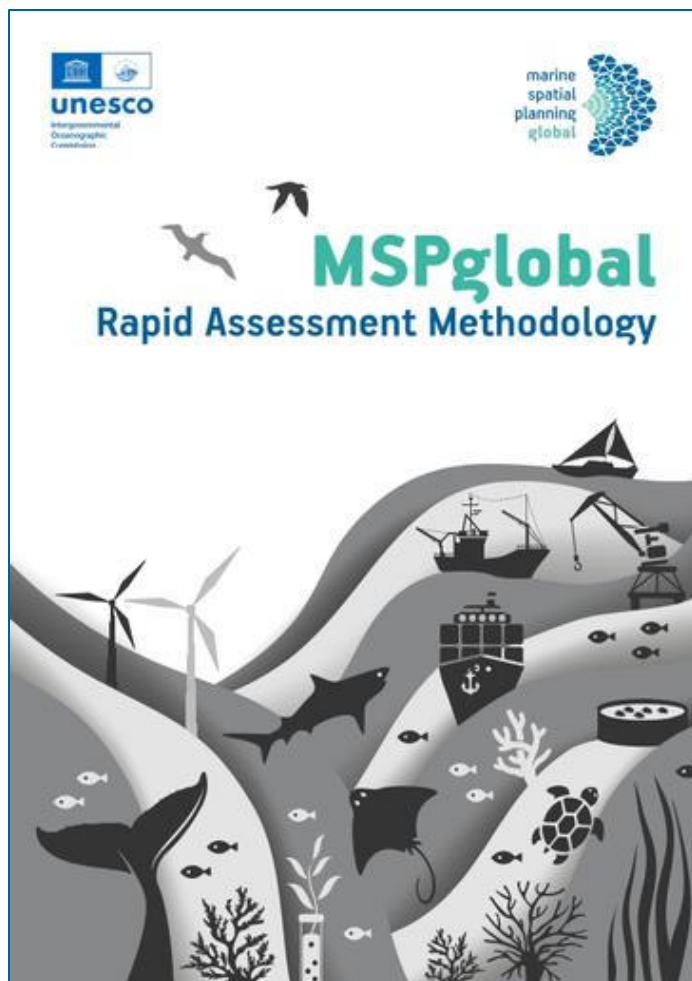


Aligning MSP steps and phases

The MSPglobal Guide on MSP builds on the first UNESCO-IOC step-by-step guide and simplified the 10 steps of MSP into 6 phases based on experience which shows that countries can organise MSP in different ways and still be successful.

<u>MSP: a step-by-step approach toward EBM (2009)</u>	<u>MSPglobal Guide on MSP (2021)</u>
Step 1. Identifying need and establishing authority	Setting the scene
Step 2. Obtaining financial support	
Step 3. Organising the process through pre-planning	Designing the planning process
Step 4. Organising stakeholder participation	
Step 5. Defining and analysing existing conditions	Assessment for planning
Step 6. Defining and analysing future conditions	
Step 7. Preparing and approving the spatial management plan	Developing the plan
Step 8. Implementing and enforcing the spatial management plan	Enabling implementation of the plan
Step 9. Monitoring and evaluating performance	Monitoring, evaluation, and adaptation of the process and the plan
Step 10. Adapting the marine spatial management process	





Step 1: Identifying existing MSP-related initiatives including capacity development



Step 2: Understanding the status of MSP phases



1
SETTING THE
SCENE



2
DESIGNING THE
PLANNING PROCESS



3
CONDUCTING
ASSESSMENTS FOR
PLANNING



4
DEVELOPING THE
MARINE SPATIAL
PLAN



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ENABLING
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
MARINE SPATIAL PLAN



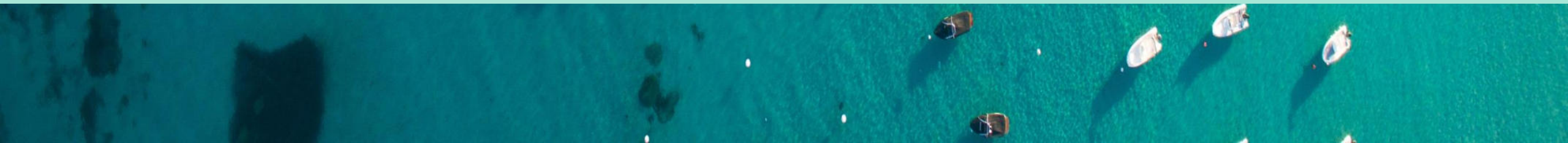
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MONITORING,
EVALUATION AND
ADAPTATION OF THE
PROCESS & THE PLAN



Step 3: Co-developing an MSP Action Plan



MSPglobal RAM step by step



Step 1: Identifying existing MSP-related initiatives including capacity development



Initiative	Name of initiative or project	Period (Years)	xxxx to xxxx
Scale	Local, Sub-national, National, or Transboundary	Regional Sea*	See below for classification
Counties/Districts/Provinces	As defined at country level	Study Area (in case of specific Pilot Case)	
Lead	Lead partner/organisation		
Partners/ Stakeholders	Key partners involved in the initiative		
Link	Link (URL) to initiative website (if any)		
Issues addressed**	See below for classification (be specific about the classification type where examples are given)		
Description / Main Objectives	Brief description of the aim and objective(s) of the initiative.		
Outputs/ List of publications	E.g., Title and link to reports, tools, scientific articles, type of training and target audience of training		

Step 2: Understanding the status of MSP Phases

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Setting the scene



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)	Tips	Examples
Institutional and legal framework	✓ Check if these legal and institutional	Refer to the MSPglobal International

Need for MSP	What has been done to identify the existing issues that MSP can address?
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MSP authority, working groups and key MSP stakeholders and rights-holders	- Which key authorities, stakeholders and holders are leading and supporting MSP? - What has been done at the national and level to establish a multi-agency working MSP? - Is there a national 'master list' of key stakeholders and rights-holders related to ocean uses management?
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Funding for MSP	What has been done to identify and access of funding for MSP?
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What activities are required to implement all the above tasks of this phase?
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Step 2: Understanding the status of MSP Phases

Designing the planning process



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)	Tips	Examples
The MSP team and workplan	✓ Check the capacity and skills of the MSP team, such as how many people, if it is	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Table 4.1 for

Planning boundaries and time frame	- What has been done to establish a dedicated MSP team for plan development? - What has been done to define an MSP including communication and stakeholder engagement plan? - What MSP capacity development activities have been carried out?
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Principles, initial vision, goals, and objectives	- What has been done to define plan boundaries (political-administrative organisation, institutional, legal regime, and ecosystem considerations) and time frames for delivery? - What has been done to define principles, vision, goals, and objectives relevant for
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Monitoring and Evaluation, risks, and contingencies	- What has been done to define objective key indicators that are relevant to monitor - What has been done to identify risks and contingencies for MSP development and implementation?
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Step 2: Understanding the status of MSP Phases

Conducting assessment for planning



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)	Tips	Examples
Existing conditions	✓ Check if the assessments included spatial analysis ✓ Check if existing environmental impact assessments (EIA) of sectoral projects were considered ✓ Check if the assessments considered key socio-economic needs and demands ✓ Check if the assessments considered ecological pressures, water pollution, coastal flooding ✓ Check if the assessments include also what is happening beyond borders	Check MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 5.2 if the data needs/assessments listed were already considered
Future conditions	✓ Check the process to understand future conditions was undertaken (e.g., normative, predictive, exploratory) ✓ Check if the assessments considered climate change ✓ Check if the assessments considered key socio-economic needs, demands and impacts ✓ Check if the assessments considered ecological pressures, livelihood impacts, water pollution, coastal flooding	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 5.3 if the data needs/assessments listed were already considered and Boxes 5.11 and 5.12 for examples of alternative scenarios and mapping of suitable areas
Spatial data infrastructure, public information system and public awareness	✓ Check if there are sectoral databases, if they are integrated somehow, if they are updated ✓ Check if there are public information system, if they are accessible and user-friendly for the public	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Table 5.5 for types of public information system
Recommendations		
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Developing the marine spatial plan



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)	Tips	Examples
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The spatial plan and management actions

- What has been done to **define** zones/priority areas and specifications on what can and should happen where in coastal and marine areas?
- What has been done to **define** sectoral management actions and existing sustainable blue economy strategies?

Check what has been done for **existing** spatial plans, fisheries or management plans.

Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 6.2

Evaluation of the draft marine/maritime spatial plan

- What strategic **environmental and social assessments** (e.g. SEA and SESA) have been **carried out** for a draft marine spatial plan or other coastal/marine-related plans?
- What strategic **economic assessments** have been **carried out** for a draft marine spatial plan or other coastal/marine-related plans?
- What **participatory processes** have been carried out for comments on a draft spatial plan or other coastal/marine plans?

Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)

Mechanisms to implement the marine/maritime spatial plan

- What has been **done** regarding plan implementation (e.g., implementation plan/roadmap)?
- What platforms/mechanisms have been **established** for dialogue with and between sectors during MSP implementation?

Regular dialogue with sectors and other actors to follow up and support implementation

Training for competent authorities and maritime sectors on the implementation of the marine/maritime spatial plan

- What training sessions have been organized for authorities and sectors on the use of spatial plans, their responsibilities in cooperation?

Compliance and enforcement of MSP

- What initiatives have been **carried out** to support the compliance and enforcement of MSP such as **zoning regulations** as well as procedures connecting the plan with **licences**?

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Enabling implementation of the marine spatial plan



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Mechanisms to implement the marine/maritime spatial plan

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Step 2: Understanding the status of MSP Phases

Monitoring, evaluation and adaptation of the process and plan



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)	Tips	Examples
Evaluation of the planning process and stakeholder engagement	- Check which key agencies are involved in evaluating planning process and their levels of expertise. - Check the key gaps/challenges/opportunities based on evaluating planning processes. - If an MSP is not established yet, check what has been done for terrestrial planning and ICZM.	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 8.1
Evaluation of the implementation of the marine/maritime spatial plan	- Check which key agencies are involved in evaluating plan implementation and their levels of expertise. - Check if there is existing framework to assess the plan implementation e.g. accountability, transparency, consistency etc. - Check the key gaps/challenges/opportunities based on monitoring plan implementation. - If an MSP is not established yet, check what has been done for terrestrial planning and ICZM.	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 8.3
Evaluation of the results of MSP (outcome evaluation)	- Check which key agencies are involved in evaluating the results of MSP and their levels of expertise. - Check the key gaps/challenges/opportunities based on evaluating the outcomes of MSP. - Check if existing indicators and monitoring frameworks are integrated (e.g., if results of a sectoral monitoring are informing other monitoring processes). - If an MSP is not established yet, check what has been done for terrestrial planning and ICZM.	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 8.4
Reporting & adaptation: review and revision of the marine/maritime spatial plan	- Check which key agencies are involved in review and revision of plans and their levels of expertise. - Check the key gaps/challenges/opportunities of reviewing and revising the plan.	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapters 8.5 and 8.6

Step 2: Understanding the status of MSP Phases

Setting the scene



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)		Tips	Examples
Institutional and legal framework	- What has been done to identify existing international, national, legal and institutional frameworks (multisectoral and sectoral) that might support MSP preparation and implementation? - What has been done to establish an MSP legislation/framework?	✓ Check if these legal and institutional frameworks are aligned with MSP objectives	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Box 3.1 and Chapters 3.2 and 3.3 for examples of national and international frameworks
Need for MSP	What has been done to identify the existing drivers and issues that MSP can address?	✓ Check if these drivers and issues cover environmental, economic, social and/or spatial aspects of MSP	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Table 3.1 for examples how MSP drivers might be defined
MSP authority, working groups and key MSP stakeholders and rights-holders	- Which key authorities, stakeholders and rights-holders are leading and supporting MSP? - What has been done at the national and/or local level to establish a multi-agency working group for MSP? - Is there a national 'master list' of key stakeholders and rights-holders related to ocean uses and management?	✓ Check the composition and representativity of the MSP authority and working group(s)	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapters 3.7.2, 3.1 and 3.4
Funding for MSP	What has been done to identify and access sources of funding for MSP?	✓ Check if the sources of funding are donor or government funding	Refer to the UNESCO MSP step by step guide Table 3 for full examples of sources for funding MSP

Recommendations

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Step 2: Understanding the status of MSP Phases

Designing the planning process



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)		Tips	Examples
The MSP team and workplan	- What has been done to establish a dedicated MSP team for plan development? - What has been done to define an MSP work plan, including communication and stakeholder engagement plan? - What MSP capacity development activities such as capacity needs assessment and training activities have been carried out?	✓ Check the capacity and skills of the MSP team, such as how many people, if it is necessary to outsource to complete tasks, if it is a permanent or a temporary or a group for a pilot case	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Table 4.1 for composition of the planning team including skills
Planning boundaries and time frame	What has been done to define plan boundaries (political-administrative organisation, international legal regime, and ecosystem considerations) and time frames for delivery?	✓ Check criteria used/under discussion, if it is covering the whole maritime area ✓ Check if the time frame for delivery is being followed	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Table 5.1 for different geographical scales to consider
Principles, initial vision, goals, and objectives	What has been done to define principles, initial vision, goals, and objectives relevant for MSP?	✓ Check if there are environmental, economic, and social objectives defined	Check MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 4.4 for what qualifies as vision, goals, and objectives relevant for MSP
Monitoring and Evaluation, risks, and contingencies	- What has been done to define objectives, scope and key indicators that are relevant to monitor MSP? - What has been done to identify risks and contingencies for MSP development and implementation?	✓ Check if it is connected to any other environmental or socio-economic monitoring system	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 4.5.2 for types of key indicators to monitor MSP

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Step 2: Understanding the status of MSP Phases

Conducting assessment for planning



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)		Tips	Examples
Existing conditions	- What has been done to <u>understand existing</u> environmental, economic, physical, social, cultural conditions and changes? - What are the marine data/evidence <u>gaps and limitations</u>? <u>Who</u> led the assessment and who was consulted?	✓ Check if the assessments included <u>spatial analysis</u> ✓ Check if existing <u>environmental impact assessments (EIA)</u> of sectoral projects were considered ✓ Check if the assessments considered key <u>socio-economic needs and demands</u> ✓ Check if the assessments considered <u>ecological pressures, water pollution, coastal flooding</u> ✓ Check if the assessments include also what is happening <u>beyond borders</u>	Check MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 5.2 if the data needs/assessments listed were already considered
Future conditions	- What has been done to <u>understand potential</u> future status and changes of marine environment, economic, physical, social and cultural conditions as well as alternative scenarios? - What were the MSP data/evidence <u>gaps and limitations</u>? <u>Who</u> led the assessment and who was consulted?	✓ Check the <u>process</u> to understand future conditions was undertaken (e.g., normative, predictive, exploratory) ✓ Check if the assessments considered <u>climate change</u> issues ✓ Check if the assessments considered key <u>socio-economic needs, demands and impacts</u> ✓ Check if the assessments considered <u>ecological pressures, livelihood impacts, water pollution, coastal flooding</u>	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 5.3 if the data needs/assessments listed were already considered and Boxes 5.11 and 5.12 for examples of alternative scenarios and mapping of suitable areas
Spatial data infrastructure, public information system and public awareness	What has been done to <u>develop</u> data and public information systems such as marine data portal, MSP/ICZM/MPA website, data catalogue, data viewer, knowledge platform, decision support tools?	✓ Check if there are sectoral databases, if they are integrated somehow, if they are updated ✓ Check if there are public information system, if they are accessible and user-friendly for the public	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Table 5.5 for types of public information system

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Developing the marine spatial plan



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)		Tips	Examples
The spatial plan and management actions	- What has been done to define zones/priority areas and specifications on what can and should happen where in coastal and marine areas? - What has been done to define sector management actions and existing sustainable blue economy strategies?	✓ Check what has been done for existing spatial plans, fisheries co-management plans, tourism zoning areas, MPA zoning plan, coastal plans, etc. ✓ Check if there are definitions for zoning categories	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapters 6.2 and 6.3 for examples of management and zoning categories
	- What strategic environmental and social assessments (e.g. SEA and SESA) have been carried out for a draft marine spatial plan or other coastal/marine-related plans? - What strategic economic assessments have been carried out for a draft marine spatial plan or other coastal/marine-related plans? - What participatory processes have been carried out for comments on a draft marine spatial plan or other coastal/marine-related plans?	✓ Check if the assessments included spatial analysis ✓ Check if assessment considered key socio-economic needs and demands ✓ Check if assessments considered ecological pressures, water pollution, coastal flooding ✓ Check if the assessments include also what is happening beyond borders ✓ Check if stakeholder comments were appropriately analysed to inform the final draft marine/maritime spatial plan	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 6.5 for the different aspects of SEA and EIA
Endorsement and approval of the marine spatial plan	What has been done to define processes for approving plans?	✓ Check if a formal consultation is foreseen	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapters 6.6 and 6.7

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Enabling implementation of the marine spatial plan



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)		Tips	Examples
Mechanisms to implement the marine/maritime spatial plan	What has been <u>done</u> regarding plan implementation (e.g., implementation plan/roadmap)?	✓ Check if this includes <u>budgetary allocation and working routine</u> for plan implementation	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 7.1
Regular dialogue with sectors and other actors to follow up and support implementation	What platforms/mechanisms have been <u>established</u> for dialogue with and between sectors during MSP implementation?	✓ Check the <u>composition and representativity</u> of the stakeholder platform	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 7.2
Training for competent authorities and maritime sectors on the implementation of the marine/maritime spatial plan	What training sessions have been <u>organised</u> for authorities and sectors on the use of marine spatial plans, their responsibilities in MSP and cooperation?	✓ Check <u>who</u> was trained and if it covered all the key authorities, sectors, and stakeholders	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 7.3
Compliance and enforcement of MSP	What initiatives have been <u>carried out</u> to support the compliance and enforcement of MSP such as <u>zoning regulations</u> as well as procedures connecting the plan with <u>permits and licences</u>?	✓ Check if these compliance/enforcement mechanisms are <u>statutory legislation, bye laws or voluntary regulations</u> at <u>national and local levels</u>	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapters 7.4 and 7.5 for compliance and enforcement requirements

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Step 2: Understanding the status of MSP Phases

Monitoring, evaluation and adaptation of the process and plan



Current Situation (done, ongoing, planned for)		Tips	Examples
Evaluation of the planning process and stakeholder engagement	What has been <u>done</u> regarding monitoring and reporting the MSP <u>process</u> and its stakeholder engagement?	✓ Check which <u>key agencies</u> are involved in evaluating planning process and their levels of <u>expertise</u>. ✓ Check the key <u>gaps/challenges/opportunities</u> based on evaluating planning processes ✓ If an MSP is not established yet, check what has been <u>done for terrestrial planning and ICZM</u>	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 8.1
Evaluation of the implementation of the marine/maritime spatial plan	What has been <u>done</u> regarding monitoring and reporting on the marine/maritime spatial <u>plan</u> implementation?	✓ Check which <u>key agencies</u> are involved in evaluating plan implementation and their levels of <u>expertise</u>. ✓ Check if there is existing <u>framework to assess</u> the plan implementation e.g. <u>accountability, transparency, consistency etc.</u> ✓ Check the key <u>gaps/challenges/opportunities</u> based on monitoring plan implementation ✓ If an MSP is not established yet, check what has been <u>done for terrestrial planning and ICZM</u>	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 8.3
Evaluation of the results of MSP (outcome evaluation)	What has been <u>done</u> regarding the <u>establishment of indicators and respective data</u> to be used for monitoring and reporting on the MSP outcomes?	✓ Check which <u>key agencies</u> are involved in evaluating the results of MSP and their levels of <u>expertise</u>. ✓ Check the key <u>gaps/challenges/opportunities</u> based on evaluating the outcomes of MSP ✓ Check if existing indicators and monitoring frameworks are <u>integrated</u> (e.g., if results of a sectoral monitoring are informing other monitoring processes) ✓ If an MSP is not established yet, check what has been <u>done for terrestrial planning and ICZM</u>	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapter 8.4
Reporting & adaptation: review and revision of the marine/maritime spatial plan	- What has been done to <u>define requirements</u> for reviewing and revision of plans? - What has been <u>done or planned</u> regarding the use of monitoring and evaluation results for <u>plan adaptation</u>?	✓ Check which <u>key agencies</u> are involved in review and revision of plans and their levels of <u>expertise</u>. ✓ Check the key <u>gaps/challenges/opportunities</u> of reviewing and revising the plan	Refer to the MSPglobal International Guide Chapters 8.5 and 8.6

Step 3: Co-developing an MSP Action Plan



Themes (examples)	MSP Actions	Timeline	Lead/Supporting Authorities	Resourcing/ Costing
Capacity development				
Institutional governance				
Stakeholder Engagement & Communication				
Strategic visioning				
Data, Knowledge & Tools				
Monitoring				
Pilots				
Resource mobilisation				
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