Protect Baltic

Take-home messages from workshops

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Management workshop





Stakeholders see in person meetings as favourite tool for MPA management planning process; early involvement key! Varying priorities in ME assessment by different stakeholder groups

Clarity of MPA targets and management measures vs improvement in status of conservation feature









Ecosystem services workshop





Ecosystem services need to advance to policy level

Flipping the focus

Diversity of values and valuation methods included in Ecosystem Services evaluation









Spatial modelling workshop





Relevance of data availability and harmonisation

Importance of
Confidence assessments
and alternative
mapping approaches

Further outreach to stakeholders on data usage and modelling progress (e.g. through newsletters and webinars)









Legal frameworks workshop





Promote synergies between and integration of legal frameworks Overcome reluctance to apply mediation and making trade-offs between interests

Sectoral compartmentalization in law, policy, and organization must be bridged







MPA portal workshop





Map functionality

Should not add to workload

Simple, but informative









Restoration workshop





Thought out and data driven priorization of actions

Different actors need to be involved for effective implementation

Clear aims and monitoring of restoration actions









Governance workshop





Strengths/weaknesses

- + Cooperation!
- Prioritising economic interests
- Fragmented governance and legal

 The processes, structures, principles and enablers guiding decision-making

What is governance

Solutions

Engaging people at multiple scales from local to global

Transformative change of the mindset









Monitoring workshop





Monitoring is very important tool for managing the MPAs

MPA monitoring programmes should be alligned with other monitoring happening in marine environment

It is very important to guarantee data reliabilty, accessibility, comparability.









Coherence workshop





Ecological connectivity is central for the development of the MPA network

Baltic-wide assessment of ecological coherence needed for guiding the national work on MPAs

The 10% strict protection objective is central for the future work on MPAs in the









MPA Europe workshop





Stakeholder engagement helpful for bridging MPA and MSP communities

think about business and public perception of protecting biodiversity versus decarbonisation how can our methodology integrate with national datasets and projects and PROTECT BALTIC







