

Protect Baltic

Management online session

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Workshop session on the Management of MPA's

- **Session is based on the two different management aspects tackled by the PROTECT BALTIC project:**

I. update of management guidelines;

II. development of methodology for management effectiveness assessment (MEA) and its application.

- **Session aims at:**

- receive and understand stakeholders' view on the expected content of guidelines and MEA method;

- exploring differences and concurrences in the opinions of the stakeholder groups.

Workshop session on the Management of MPA's

- **Different methods will be used during the session:**
 - group discussion and exchange on stakeholder views (miro);
 - slido voting;
 - discussion and rankings of the opinions and outcomes...
- **Session will be divided into two consecutive parts:**
 - part I: MPA management guidelines (30-40 min);
 - part II: MPA management effectiveness (80-90 min)
- **The session is held online and in-person:**
 - summary at the end of the day (afternoon plenary, from 5 pm)

Short introduction round on miro

Session part I. Management guidelines

- HELCOM wide management guidelines are needed to aid Contracting Parties to manage their MPAs effectively and to foster cross border harmonization in management practices.
- The current guidelines date from 2006 and need an update, as plenty has happened in this field in the past almost 20 years, be it scientific, technological or policy development.

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Session part I. Management guidelines

- Two main questions

- 1) When making management plans for MPAs, what are the best tools for **receiving information** (webinars, online ppt, physical ppt, newsletter) and what are the best tools for **engaging** stakeholders in the planning process (questionnaires, WS online, WS in person, participatory GIS)

⇒ Slido word cloud

- 2) What themes should be the focus when updating the HELCOM MPA Management Guidelines

⇒ Miro and slido

=> For Session part I: Discussion, slido and miro

Session part II. Management effectiveness

What is management effectiveness?

- how well protected areas are protecting values and achieving goals and objectives.

Three main 'themes':

- design issues;
- adequacy and appropriateness of management systems and processes;
- delivery of protected area objectives.

From: Hockings, M., Stolton, S., Leverington, F., Dudley, N. and Courrau, J. (2006).
Evaluating Effectiveness: A framework for assessing management effectiveness of protected areas. 2nd edition. IUCN

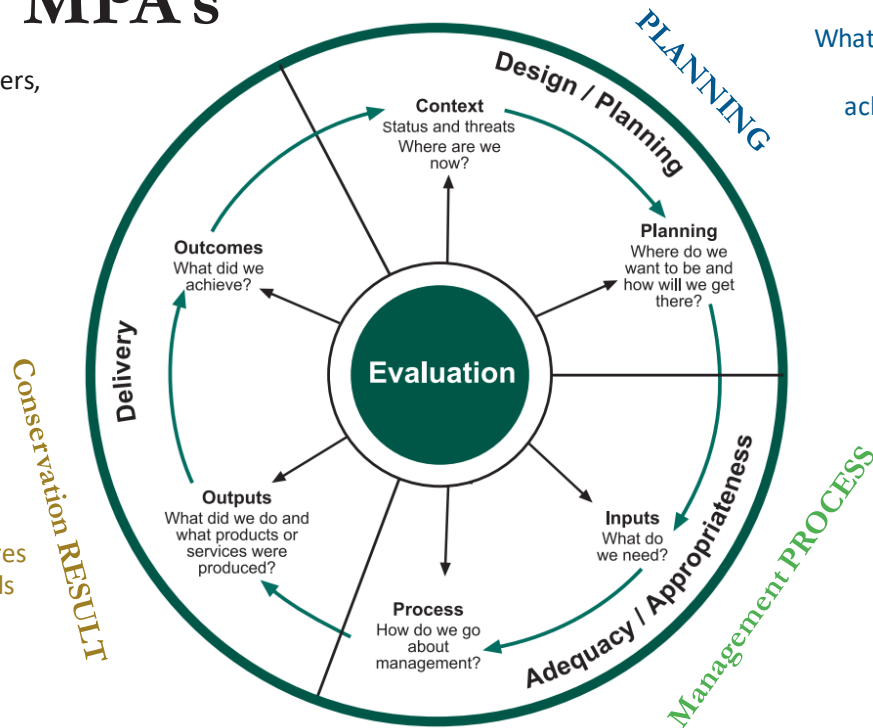
General framework for assessing management effectiveness of MPA's

Potential users: funding bodies, policy makers, authorities / agencies, conservation actors, MPA managers, ...

Potential role: ensures adaptive management; screens management elements; supports resource allocation; promotes transparency

After: Hockings et al. 2006

Achievements in implementation of management measures (outputs) and reaching conservation goals (outcomes)



What needs to be managed and what should be aimed to achieve by the management.

Adequate needs for the management (human resources, finances, legislative support, etc.) to achieve the conservation goals

Session part II. Management effectiveness

- group discussion with online tool Miro
- three main questions to be discussed with group
- group voting (by sector) to rank answers on questions;
- individual MPA perspective rather than MPA network;
- comparison of group outputs by sector
- plenary results of online+physical session

Session part II. Management effectiveness

Question 1

What are the necessary elements of management to be covered by management effectiveness assessment of a MPA

- Discussion of the list of elements
- rank the elements according to their importance for assessment
- examples: *quantitative aims of MPAs, management plans, status of protected species...*

Session part II. Management effectiveness

Question 2

Who should carry out management effectiveness assessment for MPA

- Discussion of possible assessment actors;
- define top actor for the assessment considering advantages and disadvantages of their action;
- examples: *regional level, national level (authority), groups of MPAs, single MPA manager.*

Session part II. Management effectiveness

Question 3

How management effectiveness assessment result should look like

- Discussion of possible forms of assessment result;
- define priority form of the assessment results considering final users;
- examples: MPA ranking, fixed score for defined management element, detailed report...

Thank you!



