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Sustainable Marine Planning on Islands: Malta

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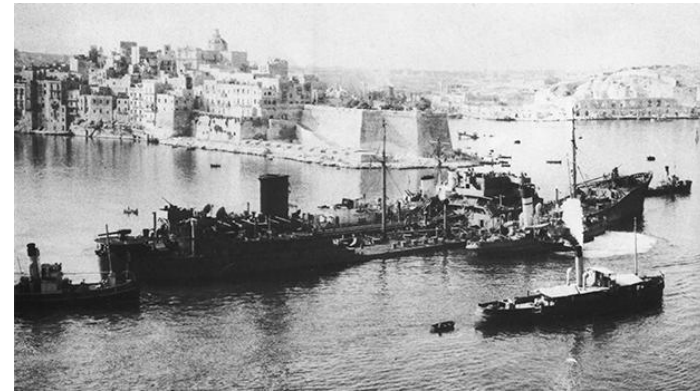


Reliance on the sea

Food source: fisheries; salt;
aquaculture
Transport: cargo; passengers
Water: desalination
Waste: liquid & inert material
Well-being: recreation
Investment: tourism

Diversification &
intensification

Need for regulation



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ICZM in Land Use Planning

1992 Structure Plan with key strategic coastal issues:

- Safeguard natural & historical environment
- Halt tourism impacts
- Promote aquaculture
- Develop a marine GIS
- Designate marine conservation areas

1997 amendments to DPA

2002 Coastal Strategy Topic Paper

Define coastal limit to 12nm



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Action taken

Planning system

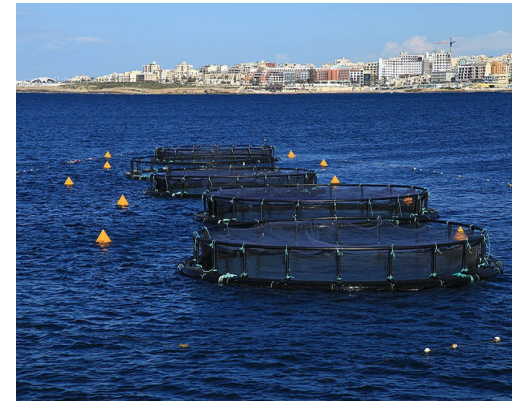
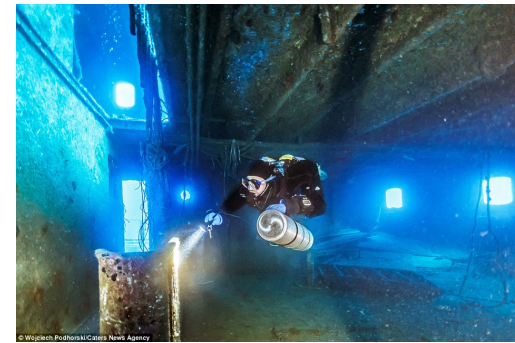
Regulation of project proposals

- Permits
- EIAs
- Consultations

Planning of local areas

- Subsidiary plans

Consultations improved co-ordinated approach within broader regulatory framework



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Can MSP support sustainability?

Updated 2: Watch - 100 Loggerhead turtle eggs hatch at Gnejna Bay

Wednesday, 22 August 2018, 22:29 Last update: about 15 days ago



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Oldest shearwater returns to her nest



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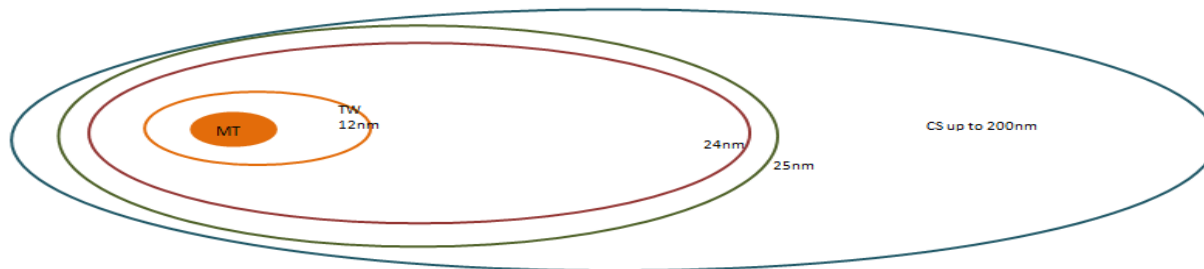


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Implementing the MSP Directive

Identifying responsibilities:

- Development within 12nm: Planning Authority
- Fisheries and aquaculture up to 25nm: Fisheries and Aquaculture Department
- Safety of navigation (bunkering/swimming) within 12nm: Transport Malta
- Exploration and exploitation of CS: Continental Shelf Department
- Environment protection: Environment & Resources Authority
- Cultural Heritage up to 25nm: Superintendence for Cultural Heritage



Maritime Spatial Planning Regulations, 2016

Implementing the MSP Directive

Focus on improved governance

MSP Technical Committee

To enhance national co-ordination and co-operation on matters linked to MSP through the provision of :

- guidance and support for the implementation of the MSP Directive in all marine waters
- guidance on development plans and proposals for maritime uses
- support in any matters pertaining to international co-operation



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Current State of Play

EU funded projects are assisting to improve implementation:

- Assessing the potential to create an MSP geoportal
- Use of simulation models for assessing cumulative impacts through **SIMWESTMED (EMFF)**

- Awareness raising techniques on MSP principles for stakeholders

through **Structure Reform Support Programme (EC)**

Ongoing effort for capacity building and governance:
Participation of MSP Technical Committee



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Island Context and MSP



- **Geography**
- **Historical context [5,000BC]**
- **Size**
- **Governance**

- **Economic structure**
- **Population size [475,000]**
- **Skills capacity**
- **Maritime space vs. land area [75779sqkm vs. 316sqkm]**



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Thank you

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