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# Community of practice on MSP for the MED

## Recap of the topic analysis and project screening

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PREPARATION OF POSITION PAPERS

ONLINE WORKSHOP – 17 SEPTEMBER 2024



# General Approach

## Topic analysis

What are the main challenges for MSP implementation?

## Project screening

What are the solutions developed by international or national projects?

## Cross Analysis

## Recommendations

- ➔ Solutions available to address identified challenges
- ➔ Need for further developments / new projects with regards to challenges not (sufficiently) addressed yet



# 1. Topic based analysis



## 2 priorities pointed out in the CoP ToR

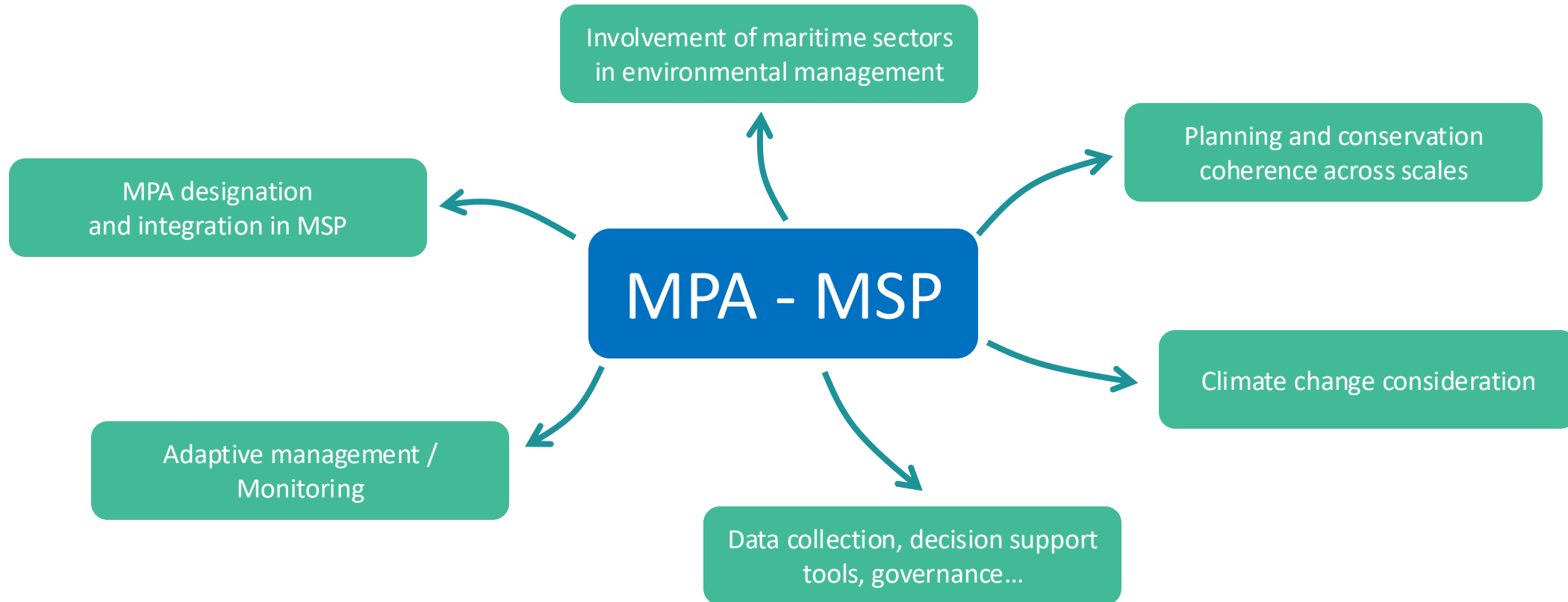
Sustainable blue economy  
in MSP  
**SBE/MSP**

Ecosystem Based Approach,  
Good Environmental Status  
in MSP  
**MPA / MSP**

=> 2 workshop carried out in mid-2023 to specify topics related with these 2 priorities + challenges identified when addressing these topics

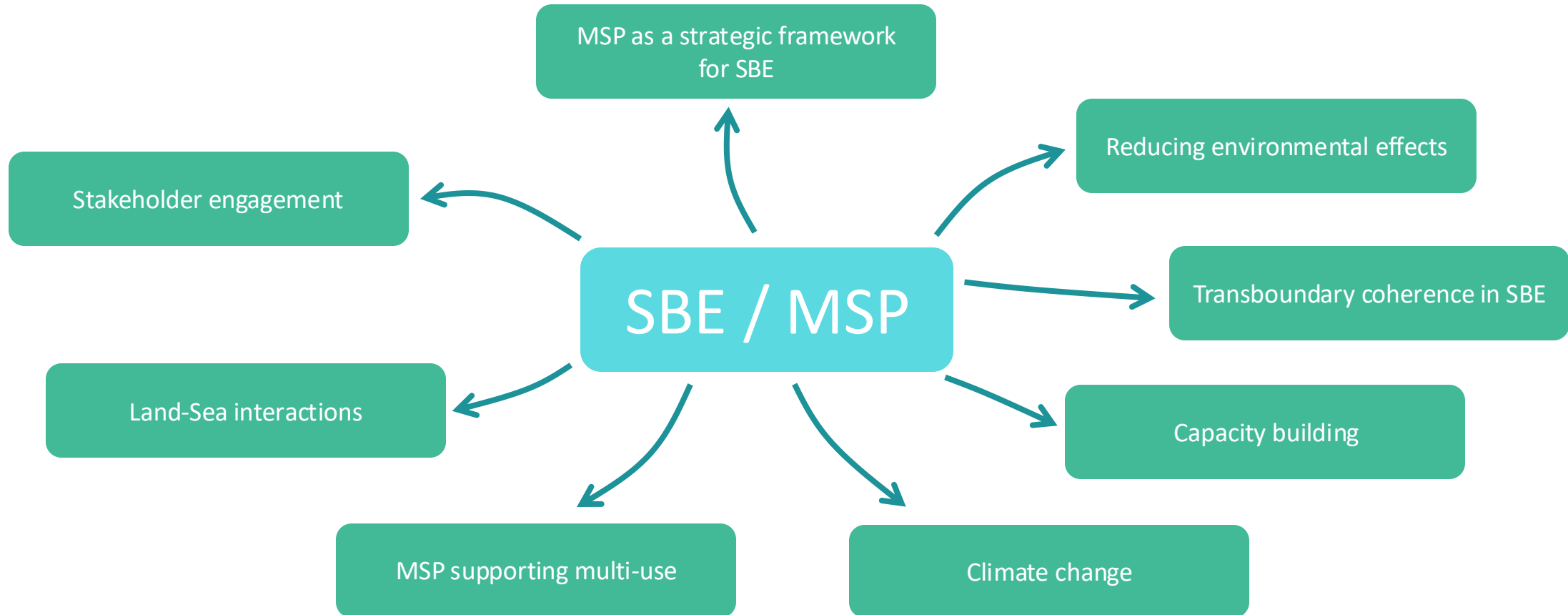


# MPA-MSP topics



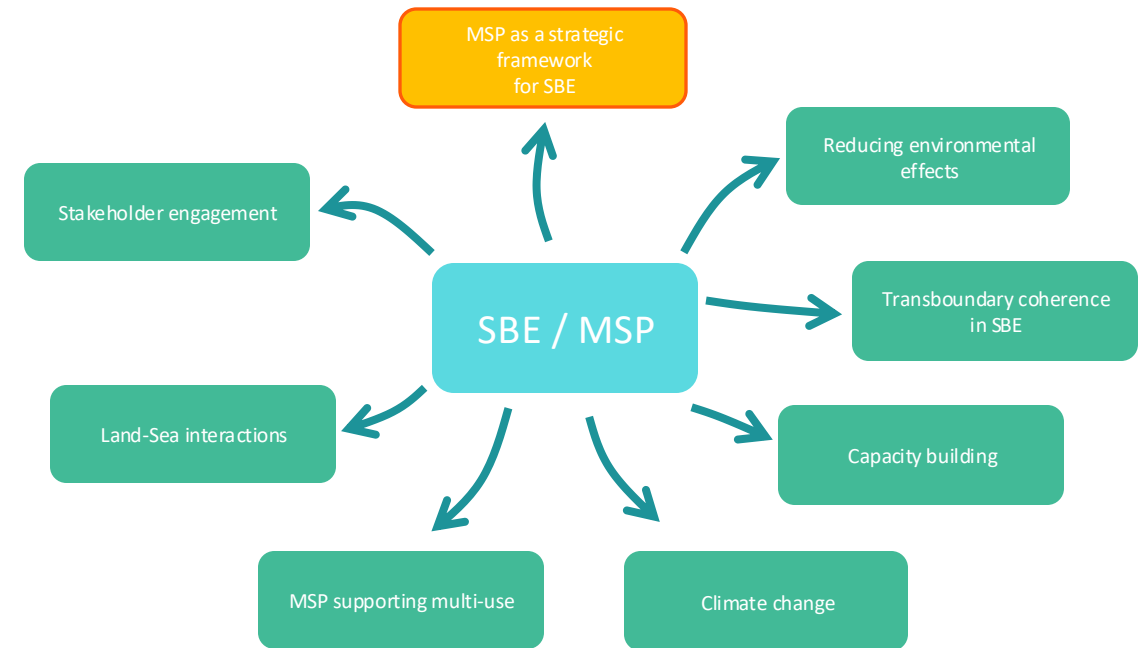
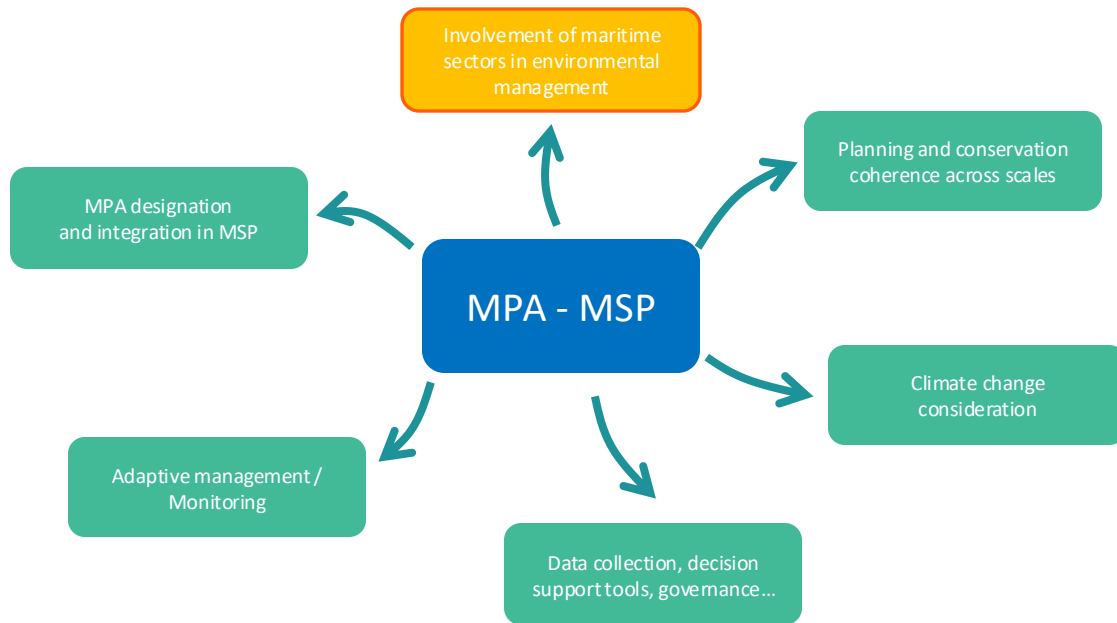


# SBE-MSP topics





# Priority topics proposed to work on





# Challenges already identified

Involvement of maritime sectors  
in environmental management

- Valuation and spatialization of economic and social values for maritime sectors
- Valuation of economic impacts and benefits of environmental management measures (ecosystem services, trade-offs, etc.)
- Conservation through MSP implementation (activity banning/limitation from specific areas, technical regulations, promotion of sustainable practices...).
- Sectors engagement in marine conservation: effectiveness assessment, monitoring and integration in MSP
- Funding environmental measures/action from maritime sectors (voluntary initiatives, taxes...)
- MSP alignment across borders to meet regional conservation objectives



# SBE-MSP subtopics



MSP as a strategic framework  
for SBE

- Integration of existing sector's strategies into MSP: how to align their format (strategic objective, concrete actions...) with MSP plan ones (zoning, prioritizations, spatial measures...)?
- Alignment of several “stand-alone” sectors’ strategies through MSP implementation
- Taking the opportunity of MSP process to elaborate strategies for sectors that don't have a proper strategy.
- MSP role in stakeholders' engagement to align sectorial strategies
- Cross-border collaboration in MSP to align sectors' strategies across scales : from local to national scale or from national to regional one
- MSP influence on sectors regulated at regional/international scale (e.g. fishing, shipping...)



## 2. Project screening

# Project screening



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CALL FOR EXPERTS TO BE PART OF THE MSP COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (MED-MSP-CoP)

## MED-MSP-CoP : Project Screening

Thank you for accepting being part of the MED- MSP-CoP and for participating in this first exercise on project screening. This form is meant to collect your knowledge about MSP-related projects and initiatives focused on the Mediterranean Sea and specifically on the topics selected for the first year activities of the MED-MSP-CoP. Consider that the form shall be filled for a single project or initiative; in case you would like to contribute with more projects or initiatives, please complete the template more times.

Information collected through this form will feed the consequent topic-based analysis, aiming at identify major needs and assess whether and how mapped projects and initiatives respond to these needs. Outcome of both analyses will be finally used to develop recommendations to overcome persistent gaps and advance on the two MSP-related topics. Please refer to the Action Plan for more information

Please refer to the [Action Plan](#) for more information.

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**Email \***

Your email address

## MED-MSP-CoP : Project Screening

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### PERSONAL & LOG BOOK DETAILS

Please provide us with your details so we are aware of who is providing this information in case clarifications are needed.

**Name and surname \***

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**ID for this entry in the log book** (Please if you haven't done so, first register this entry in the log book in Teams, "link to be included") \*

Your answer

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*Practical information*

# Project screening

## General information of the project/initiative

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT/INITIATIVE

In this section we ask you to give basic information about the project/initiative answering the following questions. Please note that "initiatives" refer to any relevant activity which is not part of a project (e.g. a formal MSP process or the elaboration of guidelines)

#### Name of the project/ initiative \*

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#### Acronym of the project /initiative

Your answer

#### Website of the project /initiative \*

Official site or, if not available, repository compiling the results of the project.

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#### Spatial scope of the project/ initiative \*

Shortly describe the area the project/initiative refers to; examples: jurisdictional marine waters of countries, entire sea basin, or marine waters of regional competence

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#### Main topic(s) of research \*

Multiple choice

Please use as much as possible the predefined values, you can include more details in the short abstract field.

- MSP in general
- MSP and EBM
- MSP and EGD
- MSP and IZCM
- MSP and MPAs
- MSP and CC
- MSP and Blue Economy
- MSP and Stakeholder Engagement
- MSP and Capacity Building
- Transboundary cooperation in MSP
- Governance in MSP
- Data and tools for MSP
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Short abstract \*

Max. 100 words describing main objectives and outputs of the project.

Your answer

#### Funding programme

Your answer

#### Institutions /Authors \*

Identify the coordinator (name, surname, affiliation and possibly contacts) in case of projects. In case of initiatives (e.g. guidelines) other than project, please identify the main contacts person/author (name, surname, affiliation and possibly contacts)

Your answer

#### Timeframe \*

Starting and ending month and year of a project or initiative.

Your answer

#### Status of the project/initiative implementation \*

- Preparatory
- Partially implemented
- Completed

# Project screening

## APPROACHES DEVELOPED

This section refers to the characteristics of the activities developed in the project /initiative.

### Sector(s) considered \*

Multiple choice

- Fishing
- Aquaculture (both finfish and shellfish)
- Coastal and maritime tourism
- Recreation
- Maritime transport
- Port activities
- Shipbuilding and repair
- Offshore renewable energy
- Oil and gas
- Cables and pipelines
- Maritime defence
- Marine aggregates (sand extraction for beach nourishment or construction)
- Deep sea mining
- Nature protection and restoration
- Landscape protection
- Underwater Cultural Heritage protection
- Scientific research
- Coastal protection
- Marine industry (e.g. Blue bioeconomy and biotechnology)
- Multi-sector (in case the project/initiative does not focus on specific sectors)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Governance level considered

Multiple choice

- Local
- Sub-national
- National
- Regional
- Transboundary

### Methods used to reach project's objectives

Multiple choice

- Desk analysis
- GIS analysis
- Stakeholder engagement
- Experts consultations
- Workshops
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Select the topic(s) among the two pre-identified of the CoP activity of year 1 \* that is o are more related to the project/initiative

- MSP as key enabler for the implementation of national Sustainable Blue Economy (SBE) strategies and initiatives, through the adoption of an integrated approach and towards the balanced distribution of benefits
- MSP supporting the extension, improved management and improved connection of Marine Protected Areas and Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures in the Mediterranean, towards the targets set at the international and EU level on marine biodiversity protection.

*Developed approaches*

# Project screening

Please provide more specific information about the topic or topics you have selected. [Topic MSP & SBE.](#)

MSP as key enabler for the implementation of national Sustainable Blue Economy (SBE) strategies/initiatives through the adoption of an integrated approach and towards the just distribution of benefits.

Please fill in the information for each of the activities in the project/Initiative related to the topic

For more information on the topic please refer to the [Action plan](#)

**Related activity 1**  
Identify the activity (work package, task, process, etc) of the project/initiative contributing to the selected topic

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**Contact person in charge of the activity 1 to be contacted for more information**

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**(Expected) output(s) of activity 1**  
Brief description of the outputs of the above mentioned activity

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**Link to information source for activity 1**

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**Link to information source 1**

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*Relation with the 2 topics of interest*

These fields can be completed for up to 3 different activities

# Results

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- **32 projects/initiatives** screened, thanks to 20 experts of the MED –MSP- CoP :
  - AMAre (Greece)
  - D4N
  - MarinePlan
  - MSP for Israel's Mediterranean Waters, monitoring, evaluation, revision , conservation and National Plan for Blue Tech, CAMP Israel
  - ARIEL (Greece)
  - MSPMED
  - SPED (Malta)
  - IPAMF (Morocco)
  - PSM/AMP Agadir (Morocco)
  - REGINA- MSP
  - PHAROS4MPAs
  - Mediterranean MSP Workspace
  - OCEANPLAN
  - MEDIX
  - MSP4BIODIVERSITY
  - CROSSGOV
  - SATURN
  - MSP national process (France)
  - GEF Adriatic
  - MSP4BIO
  - SUPREME
  - MSPglobal
  - POEMs (Spain)
  - ReMAP
  - MSP-GREEN
  - PORTODIMARE
  - TPEA

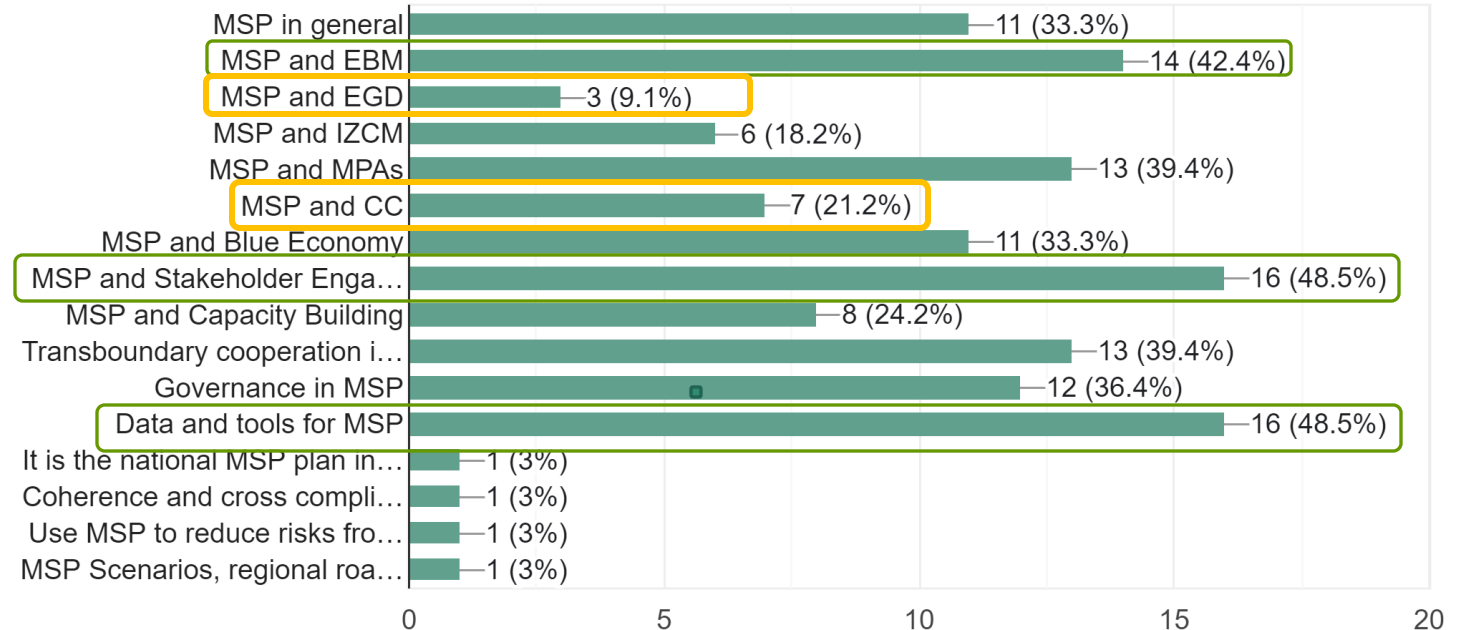
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projects

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33 responses



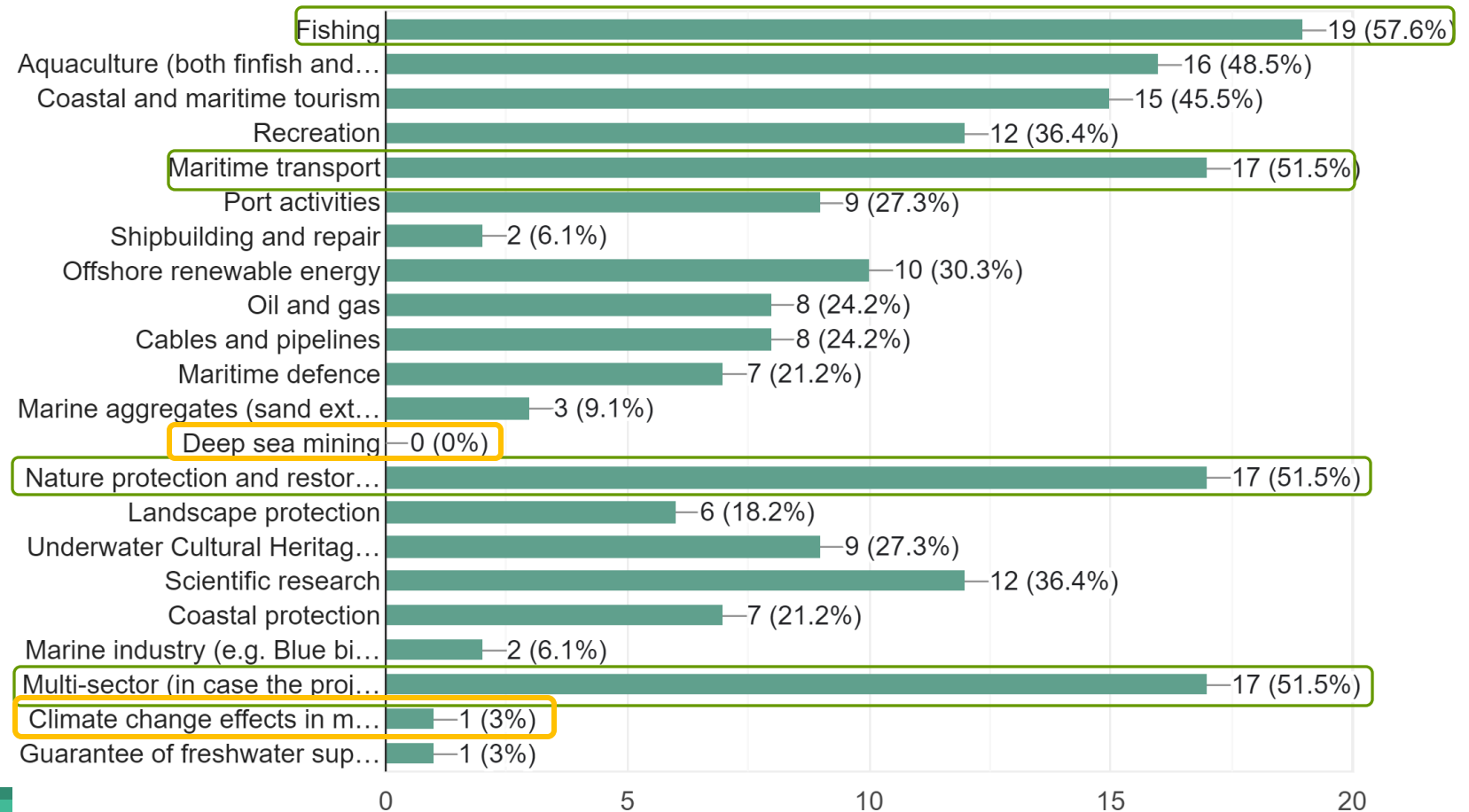
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## Sectors considered in projects

Sector(s) considered Multiple choice

33 responses

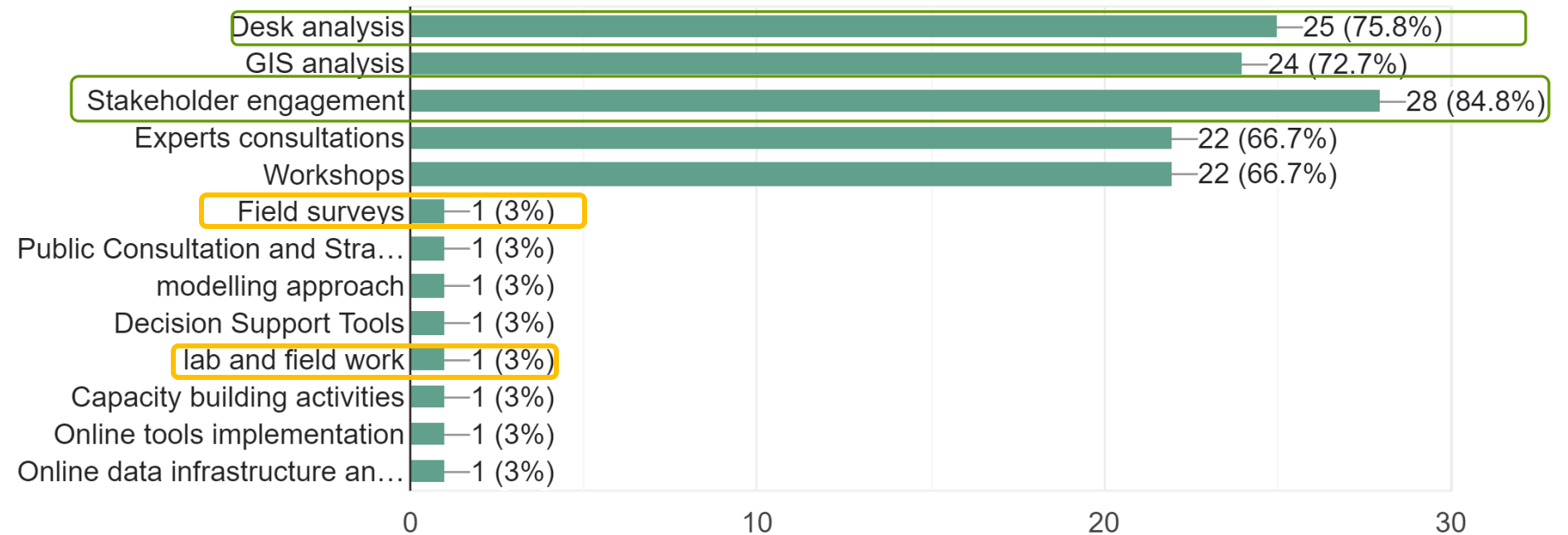


# Results

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projects

## Method used to reach project's objectives

Methods used to reach project's objectives Multiple choice  
33 responses



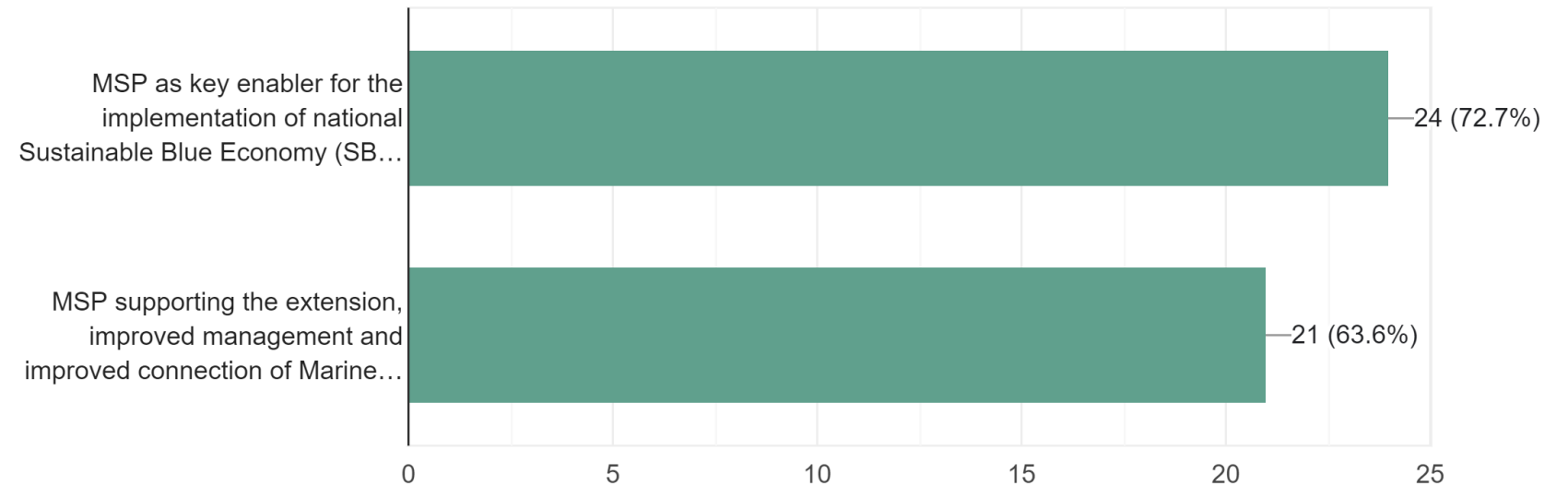
# Results

Number of projects  
screened till now:  
**32 projects**

## MED-MSP- CoP topic most related to the project/initiative

Select the topic(s) among the two pre-identified of the CoP activity of year 1 that is or are more related to the project/initiative

33 responses





# 3. Cross-analysis

# Key preliminary findings

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*How these projects/initiatives address the MSP & MPAs topic?*

- **MSP as a comprehensive marine conservation policy:** Through including the conservation program in MSP; Analysis of conservation targets implementation through MSP integration of EGD objectives
- **MSP for the identification of MPAs and their connectivity (MPA networks) :** MPA identification using data (and knowledge) gaps about human uses and biodiversity status interactions; MPA network design based on physical connectivity and spatial distribution of EBSA metrics; Identification of ecological stakes/ecologically valuable areas (areas to protect) through: stakeholder engagement, gathering of spatial data, expert consultation in the MSP process; Marine Green infrastructure integration on MSP for connectivity
- **MSP as a framework to design conservation measures:** Design of targeted actions in case where human-wildlife conflicts seems to exist; Scale-smart MSP – using the appropriate scale to identify regional/local specificities and design specific actions with regards to conservation

# Key preliminary findings

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*How these projects/initiatives address the MSP & MPAs topic?*

- **Climate-smart MSP for MPAs:** Identification of MPAs (and MPAs networks considering CC effects (climate refugia) through a Climate-proof MSP process
- **MSP to monitor conservation objectives:** Operational monitoring protocols in line with conservation objectives.
- **MSP scenarios to assess protection targets:** MSP Scenario development for Sustainable Blue Economy focusing on biodiversity targets.
- **MSP analysis to support conservation:** Ecosystem services valuation & cumulative monetized impacts for decision-making; Decision support tools to enable the integration of systematic conservation into MSP; The inclusion in MSP of underwater noise analysis and its effects on marine fauna; Cumulative Effect Assessment in MSP; Development of tools to address sector/conservation (in)compatibilities

# Key preliminary findings

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*How these projects/initiatives address the MSP & SBE topic?*

- **MSP for the operationalization of Sustainable Blue Economy strategies:** MSP to foster sustainable innovation in blue sectors through the allocation of areas for experimental facilities with low environmental footprint; Identification of valuable practices implementing SBE objectives in MSP; Assessment of economic stakes, definition of strategic objectives, indicators and vocation maps; Recommendations for MPA managers, MSP authorities and businesses on how the environmental impacts of sectors can be prevented or minimized. Decision Support Tool to apply the recommendations; Design of policy plans that will be the infrastructure for the sustainable development of maritime sectors.
- **Multi-scale MSP for the operationalization of Sustainable Blue Economy objectives at the appropriate scale:** ICZM training for climate adaptation, sustainable development of coastal sectors ( i.e. sustainable tourism and beach management); Design of tailor-made regional planning strategies through interviews and stakeholder consultations to consider the distinct characteristics of the respective social-ecological systems; Identification of actions needed at regional/local level to foster MSP implementation exploiting the development opportunities of regional strategic sectors. Guidance for Transboundary MSP. GIS for transboundary areas.

# Key preliminary findings

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Key findings – how these projects/ initiatives address the MSP & SBE topic? (Cont.)

- **MSP assessing trade-offs associated to the implementation of Sustainable Blue Economy Strategies:** Assessment of socio-economic costs and benefits of marine activities and ecosystem services in support of MSP; To provide a detailed understanding of the functions and interactions of the marine environment, assessing opportunities and measuring risks, while targeting Good Environmental Status (GES); Development of a tool to analyze socio-economic impact of adopting a plan in a given area; Assessment on how MSP plans integrate EGD ambitions, as for instance, SBE. Identification of associated gaps, challenges and trade-offs. Strategic Monitoring Framework for monitoring socioeconomic impacts of MSP.
- **MSP to allocate areas for sectors based on environmental and compatibility criteria:** MSP identifying areas for the development of specific sectors following ecological criteria and the minimization of conflicts with other uses. Description of current conditions and compatibility of maritime uses in the WestMED
- **Creating capacity and awareness for a better understanding and therefore better implementation of SBE:** Training of sector and/on foster its development and sustainability; Fostering the creation of CoPs for sectors that are normally not well organized and sometimes not properly heard in MSP processes. Open data platform to share information regarding SBE.

# Key preliminary findings

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Key findings – how these projects/ initiatives address the MSP & SBE topic? (Cont.)

- **MSP scenarios for the assessment of Sustainable Blue Economy strategies:** Design of MSP scenarios considering specific management objectives; Design of scenarios for improving / adapting MSP for SBE; Development of MSP scenarios: trend scenario, conservationist scenario and integrated scenario. Each scenario is based on a vision, sector's status and drivers.
- **Climate-smart MSP for the operationalization of sustainable climate-proof Blue Economy strategies:** Analyse how uses can be affected by CC and how these considerations can be integrated in MSP; Tool that provides guidance on how MSP should consider climate change adaptation and mitigation in coastal and maritime economic sectors.

# Results available

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MSP Platform - MED MSP CoP page :

<https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/msp-resources/med-msp-cop>

MED MSP CoP Sharepoint :

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3aD1IM2fdUEQeQSvOdbcchBcGsF7F8K2dewHX8d1YRcyM1%40thread.tacv2/G%25C3%25A9n%25C3%25A9ral?groupId=7c49b940-c211-44be-afab-2c3d8f6b7735&tenantId=e31a22e5-1269-4364-9139-f59ccfad1a5>