



Maritime spatial plan Finland 2030

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THIS IS HOW WE DID IT

The **Maritime Spatial Plan 2030 for Finland** consists of three maritime spatial plans in three planning areas.

Eight coastal regional councils together with civil servants from the Ministry of the Environment formed the **MSP Coordination Group**. Lots of small internal expertise groups such as GIS group, Communication group, and steering groups covering multiple MSP projects. The **Coordinator of the MSP Cooperation** keeps all the threads in her hands.

Together with civil servants from the ministries and agencies, regional and national maritime stakeholders, and experts.

16 + 2 maritime spatial planners

5 GIS-experts

9 professional PR-persons

Consultants

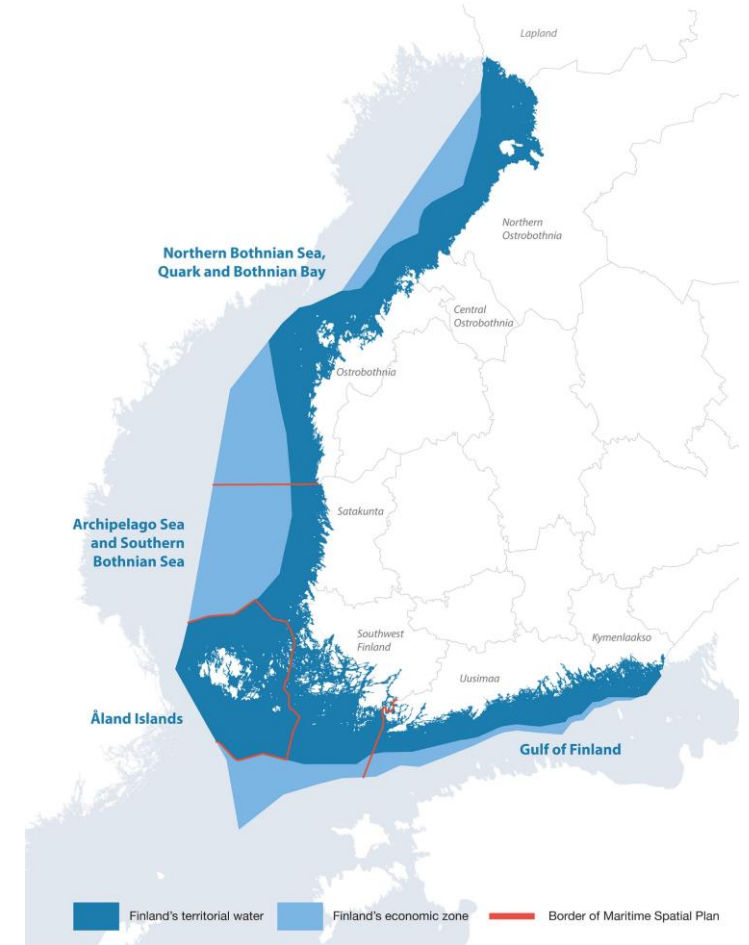
Researchers, MSP Projects

National-level MSP cooperation group – ministries, agencies

MSP Cooperation Network open to anyone with 400 participants

Coordinator of the MSP Cooperation

The nature, structure and elements of the Finnish MSP were defined in a collaboration process. Vision for our marine areas was built by stakeholders. Even the Plan map is defined and drafted together with stakeholders.



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MARITIME SPATIAL PLAN, territorial waters and EEZ, Responsible author Regional Councils

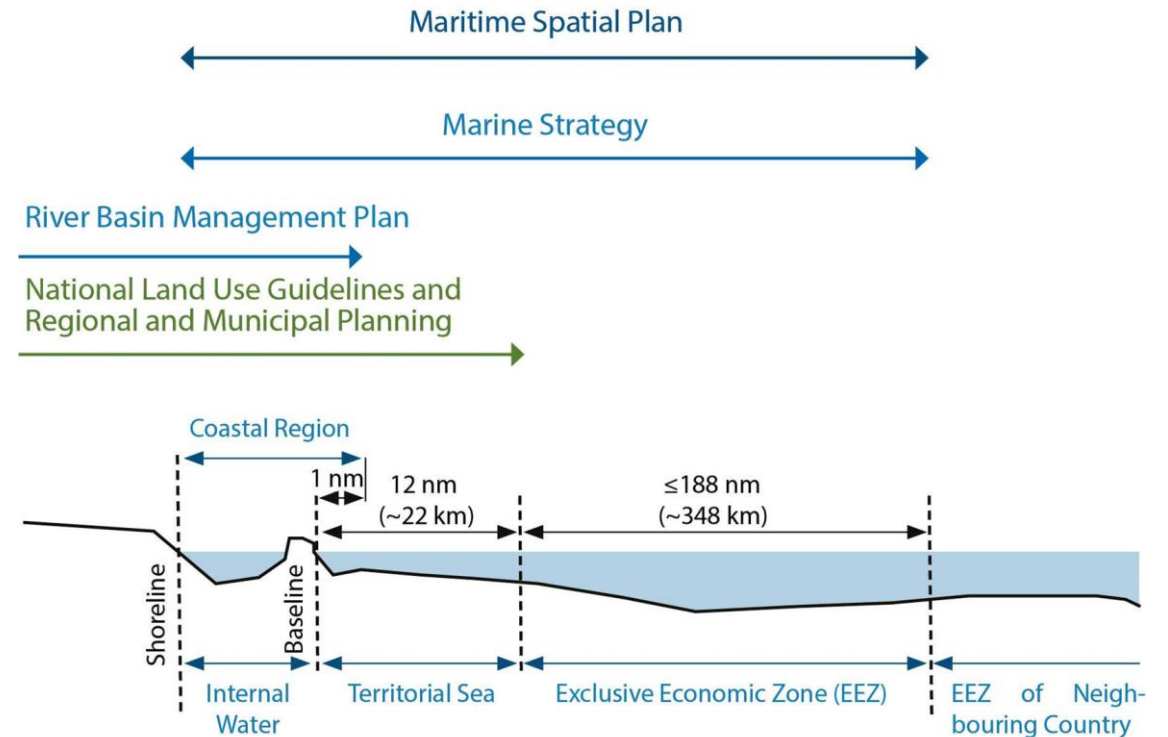
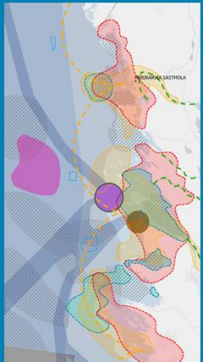
Strategic

REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN, covers territorial waters, responsible author Regional Councils

Legally binding

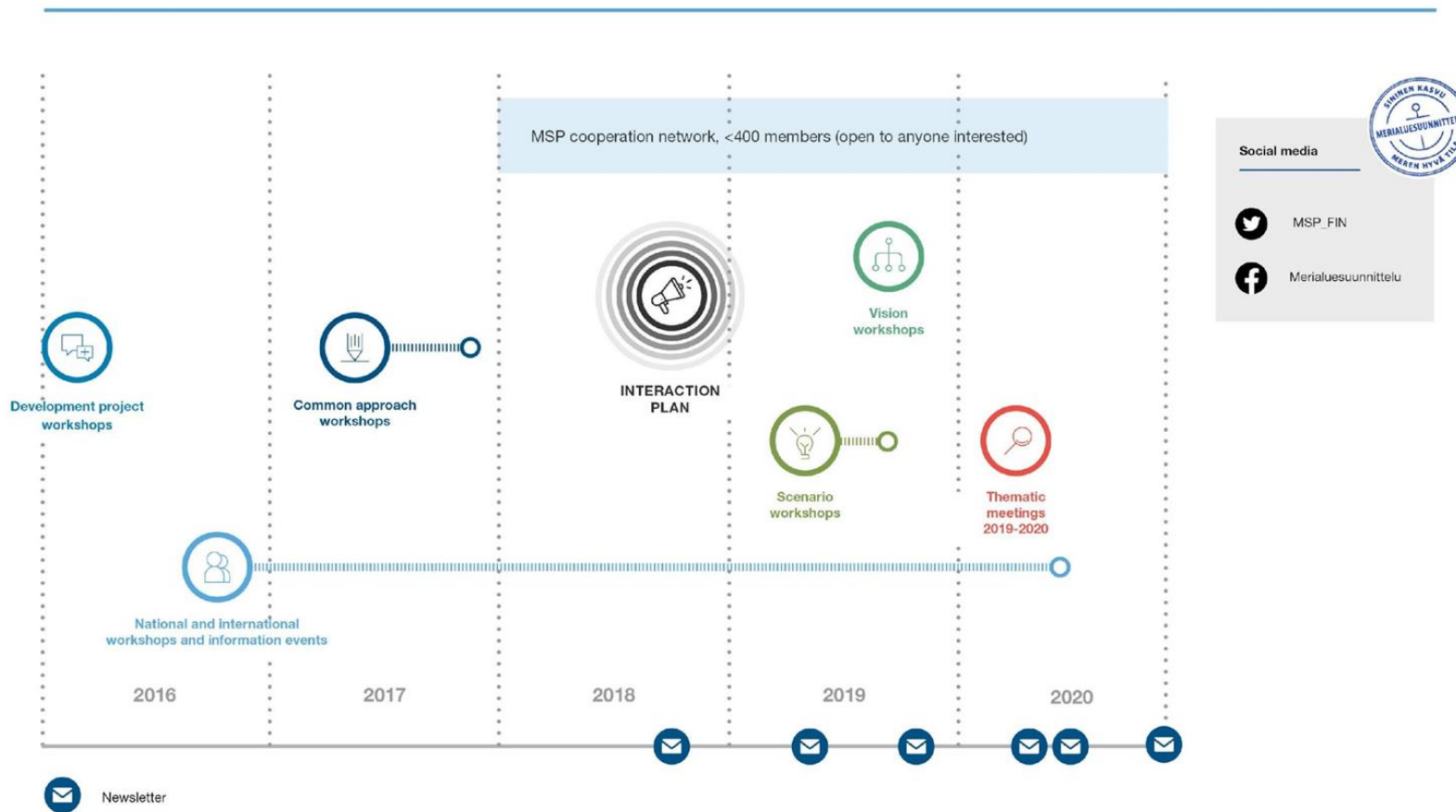
LOCAL MASTER PLAN, covers territorial waters, responsible author Municipalities

Legally binding



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COOPERATIVE PROCESS 2016–2020



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SCENARIOS AND VISIONS WERE MADE BY MARITIME STAKEHOLDERS

Participatory planning with

- 350 maritime stakeholders / Scenario phase, and
- 380 maritime stakeholders / Vision phase

Scenarios - key change factors

- Condition of the marine environment
- Environmental attitudes
- Climate change
- Urbanization
- Security situation
- Maritime sectors

Visions included

- Shared Vision 2050
- Sector-specific visions 2030
- Roadmaps



Vision workshops



Scenario workshops



Thematic meetings
2019-2020

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ALL DIGITAL

www.merialuesuunnitelma.fi

Platform for discussion and public hearing / consultation.
Room for all the information that is needed.
Cross reference is easy to carry out.

Interactive map (ArcGIS Online)

- Input and output data can be accessed.
- Detailed information and description about the area or connection is easy to provide
- Meets EMODnet and Basemaps standards

Special attention to inform wider public

- Story maps with web maps that summarize the current state.
- Vision 2030 videos.
- *MSP Magazine* is under construction.

Internet page for the MSP process www.merialuesuunnittelu.fi/en

FRONT PAGE MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING SCENARIOS VISIONS PLAN IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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EUROPEAN UNION MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR FINLAND 2014-2020

This is the Maritime Spatial Plan for Finland 2030.
The maritime spatial plan consists of five parts, which you can read by following the links below.

- MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING**
Legislative framework, planning principles and process description.
- SCENARIOS**
Potential and alternative scenarios for the future of marine areas up to 2050
- VISIONS**
Vision for the sustainable use of marine areas 2050, and sector-specific roadmaps 2030
- MARITIME SPATIAL PLANS**
Maritime spatial plans for Finland's three planning areas
- IMPACT ASSESSMENT**
Assessment of the indirect impacts of the maritime spatial plan

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WAS OUR COLLABORATIVE MSP PROCESS A SUCCESS?

YES

- Bridging social capital
- Shared understanding of socio-ecological systems
- Shared vision for marine areas up to 2030 and 2050
- Practical way of adopting Ecosystem-Based Approach in MSP
- Practical way of taking Land-Sea Interactions into account and plan from the shoreline.
- Essential in order to have coherent planning among coastal regional councils and to meet regional maritime stakeholders' needs.
- Natural resource conflict mitigation

"The maritime spatial plan identifies the needs of the marine environment and the wellbeing of maritime actors equally, without placing them in an order of importance. The sectors examined have different societal and community values, which the plan seeks to foster."

NO

- Because of the long coastline and eight regional councils there occurs different development visions for maritime sectors and the sea use. Political decision-making.
- Despite the collaboration and shared vision, not all maritime sectors were satisfied with the final Plan. It is a challenge to look up to the future.
- There is a need to reach more locals during our next planning round.

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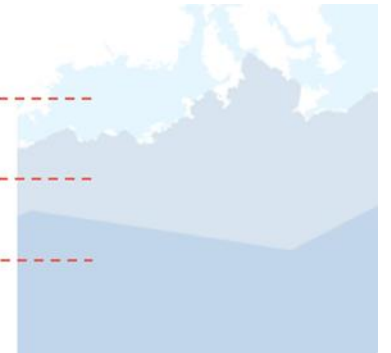
CHALLENGE – SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE FINNISH MSP



Inner archipelago and inner coastal waters

Outer archipelago and outer coastal waters

Open sea



Marine area zones are planned taking into account, e.g., the protection and promotion of the good status of the marine environment, the special features of the marine environment and land-sea interactions.

The zone division is based on the classification of coastal waters covering the entire coast of Finland.

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CHALLENGE – COLLABORATION WITH FISHERS

New stakeholder group for maritime spatial planners.

Regional and national-level actors were easy to reach and engage. Previously invisible sector turned to be very visible in the plan. A challenge for planners to understand how to support the sectors' wellbeing.

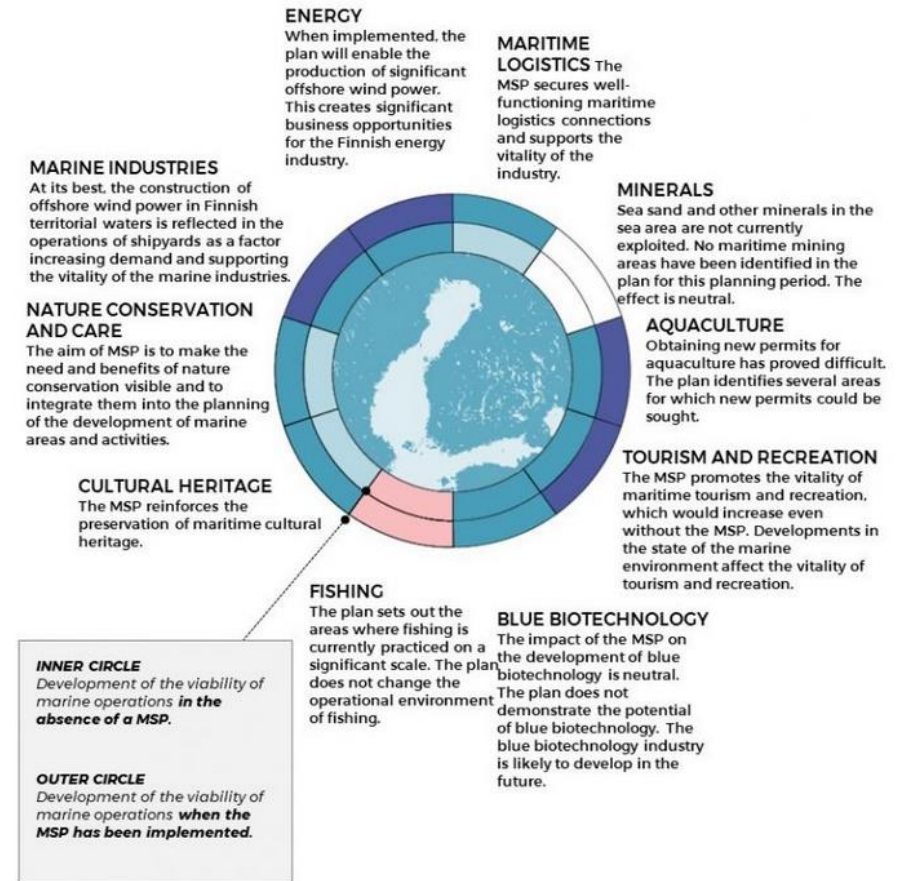
The impact assessment shows that the Plan does not support the development vision of the fishing sector. (see picture on the right side)

Case study: Engaging local fishermen. We measured the **motivation** and **trust levels** among fish-stakeholders in the beginning of the MSP collaboration process. And then again after the Plan was approved. Is it worthwhile to carry out the collaboration process with locals?

Need for an advanced regional-level economic modelling that takes note on value chains. And brings the ties to other marine sectors, such as cultural heritage, tourism and recreational activities, to the fore.



Case study:
Meetings with local-
level fish-
stakeholders in
Satakunta Region in
2019.



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CHALLENGE – GATHER AND VALUE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Case study in 2019

PARTICIPATORY GIS - local-level knowledge of meaningful places and processes

Meaningful places – 4 categories (+ conflicting places)

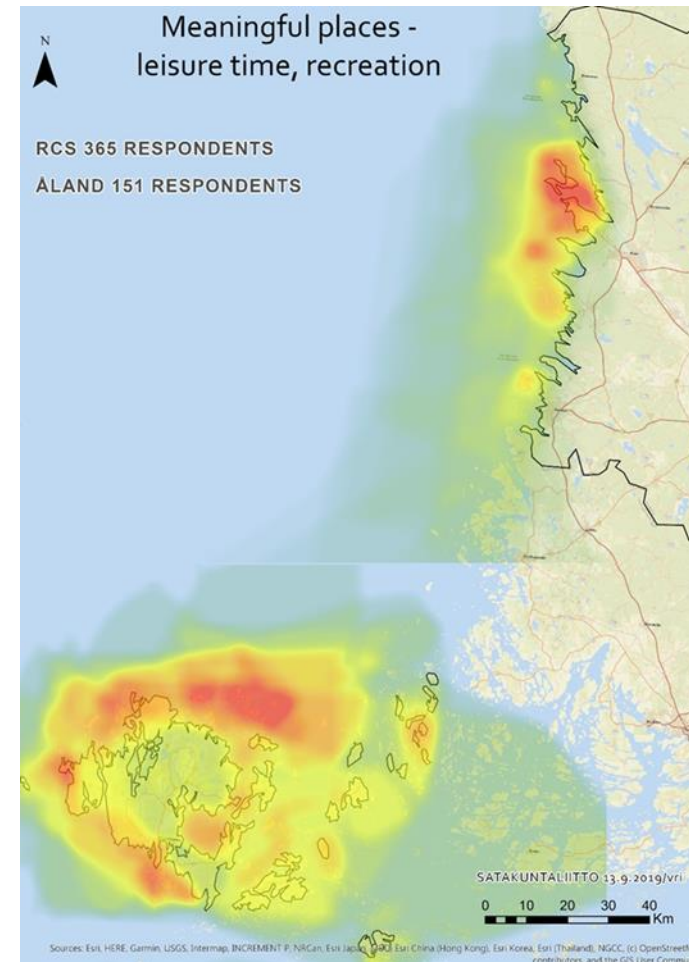
Leisure time/recreation, emotions, livelihood, natural and cultural values

How to interpret the data?

- Where?
- To whom?
- Why?
- When?
- **What is needed to maintain it? – Conflict mitigation.**

Is it only one-way communication? How to engage locals to planning?

How to validate the data?



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IS IT TRANSFERRABLE?

Why not. Depends on the status of the plan and responsible MSP actors / mandate. You need a lot of resources.

Who do you need to reach? Whoever the plan affects on? In addition to expert knowledge, you have to value local knowledge.

Is there room for negotiation? There is never too much collaboration.

Equal treatment of maritime sectors is a basic requirement in conflict mitigation. Trust is the keyword.



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