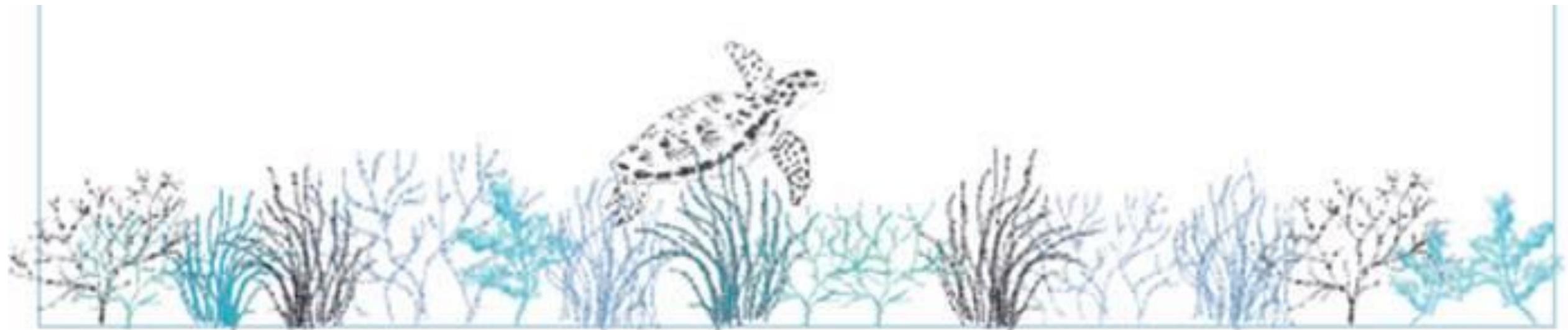


MISTIC SEAS NETWORKING - RELATED PROJECTS



NETWORKING MISTIC SEAS

MISTIC SEAS I (2015-2017)

	TITLE	WEB	FUNDING	OBJECTIVES
EcAprHA	Applying an Ecosystem Approach to (sub) Regional Habitat Assessment	www.ospar.org/work-areas/bdc/ecaprha	Co-funded by the European Union	The project aimed to overcome challenges in the development of indicators relating to the MSFD (Marine Strategy Framework Directive 56/2008/EU), such as Descriptor D1 (Biodiversity), D4 (Food webs) and D6 (Seafloor integrity).
ACTIONMED	Action Plans for Integrated Regional Monitoring Programmes, Coordinated Programmes of Measures and Addressing Data and Knowledge Gaps in Mediterranean Sea	www.actionmed.eu	Co-funded by the European Union	The main objective of this project is to support the development of regional action plans and best practices for integrated monitoring programmes, coordinated programmes of measures and the filling of data gaps for Mediterranean marine waters and thereby improve implementation in the next steps of the MSFD, in particular in relation to the review of the initial assessment, the GES definition and the environmental target setting in 2018, including (financial) planning as well as the related integration of data management

MISTIC SEAS II (2017-2019)

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MARCET	Macaronesian Interregional and Multidisciplinary Knowledge and Technology Transfer Network to protect, monitor and supervise cetaceans and the marine environment, and analyse and sustainably exploit the associated tourism activity.	www.marcet-mac.eu	Co-funded by the European Union	General objective: To transfer cutting-edge science and technologies in cetacean health monitoring and operational oceanography, in order to harmonize knowledge, infrastructures and good practices, and to demonstrate, with new innovative products, the sustainable development of the associated business activity.
INTEMARES	Integrated, innovative and participatory management of the Natura 2000 Network in the Spanish marine environment	www.intemares.es	Co-financing: European Union LIFE Programme, European Social Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund	The project aims to achieve an effectively managed network of Natura 2000 marine spaces, with the active participation of the sectors involved and research as basic tools for decision-making.
LuMinAves	Light pollution and conservation of the Macaronesian archipelagos: reducing the harmful effects of artificial light on seabird populations	www.luminaves.com	SEO/birdlife, SPEA(Madeira-Azores), Direção regional dos assuntos do mar (DRAM), Instituto das florestas e conservação da natureza, ip-ram (IFCN-IP-RAM), Fundo regional para a ciência e tecnologia (FRCT).	The project plans to update the knowledge of the populations of Macaronesian seabirds, threatened worldwide not only by light pollution but also by predation by introduced mammals, destruction and alteration of their habitat. The project proposes the realization of a major conservation campaign increasing the number of rescued specimens by improving the effectiveness of the campaigns with volunteers already carried out. It also aims to develop and implement preventive measures that will help reduce these accidents in the future due to excess artificial lighting, thus contributing to the conservation of seabirds by reducing light pollution, but at the same time increasing energy efficiency by providing long-term environmental and economic benefits.
LIFE EuroSAP	LIFE EuroSAP	www.birdlife.org/europe-and-central-asia/project/life-eurosap	Co-financed by the European Commission's Directorate-General for the Environment, the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA), and by each of the partners	The project aims to tackle the severe threats that affect the conservation of iconic birds on a continental scale. Through a wide partnership, we will learn how to better protect our birds and the wider biodiversity of our region.
LIFE Madeira Monk Seal	Mediterranean monk seal conservation in Madeira and development of a conservation status surveillance system	www.lifemadeiramonkseal.com	LIFE Program CE, Directorate-General for Nature of the European Commission: Natura 2000 viewer.	The overall objective of the project is to improve the knowledge and conservation of the monk seal in the Madeira archipelago in order to ensure its long-term survival.

MISTIC SEAS III (2019-2021)

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INDICIT II	Implementation of the indicator “Impacts of marine litter on sea turtles and biota” in RSC and MSFD areas/ Indicator Impact Taxa	www.indicit-europa.eu	Co-financed by the European Commission (DG ENV/MSFD 2018 call)	The project aims to capitalize the INDICIT results (project 2017-2019) concerning networking, elaboration of standard guidelines, collection of large standard data set and evaluation of GES scenario for the indicator “Litter ingested by sea turtles”, as well as the identification of the key elements for the implementation of two other indicators for the monitoring of litter impacts “Biota entanglement in debris” and “Micro-debris ingestion by biota”.
PEAMA	Strategic plan for the marine environment of the Azores: intends to implement the MSFD and its programs of monitoring and measures until the end of its first cycle (2018)	http://servicos.srrn.azores.gov.pt/grastore/DRAM/ACORES2020/publicidade_resumo_proj_PEAMA.PDF	Financing: Operational Program Açores 2020 (ERDF)	General objectives of the project To enable the Regional Government to comply with the obligations arising from the implementation in the Region of Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June, known as the Marine Strategy Framework Directive; To define and implement a long-term programme for the conservation of marine biodiversity in the region in coastal areas; To define and implement a programme of warning and mitigation of the effects of the presence of exotic marine species in the Region; To promote the characterization of marine debris in the maritime space of the Region, ensuring measures for the mitigation of its effects; To remedy the lack of information on hydrology, in order to have useful information to predict risks in coastal areas; To promote the monitoring of the use of marine protected areas, ensuring safety in these areas; To address the lack of available information on the artificialization of coastal areas in the region; Organization of marine geographic information, seeking to define situation maps that contain the areas of the maritime space; Promotion of public awareness and information on the marine environment and the actions carried out in it.
QuietMED II	Joint programme for GES assessment on D11-noise in the Mediterranean Marine Region.	www.quietmed-project.eu	Co-financed by the European Union	Project aims to support MS Competent Authorities in the assessment of the extent to which GES on D11 has been achieved in the Mediterranean Region to get an updated, improved and more complete regional assessment by providing practical outcomes to implement the 2017/848 Decisions.
PLASMAR	Basis for sustainable planning of marine areas in Macaronesia	www.plasmar.eu	The Project is developed with the support of the European Union, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the Operational Program of Territorial Cooperation Madeira-Açores-Canary Islands	The project will define and propose robust scientific methodologies in support of Maritime Spatial Planning and Blue Growth taking into consideration the biogeographic characteristics of the Macaronesian Region and searching for a balance between the diverse maritime sectors and the conservation of the natural marine heritage.
OCEANWEBS	Trophic links in open oceans: combining spatial data, dietary information and biomarkers top predators to unveil structure and functioning of subtropical pelagic ecosystems	http://ce3c.ciencias.ulisboa.pt/research/projects/ver.php?id=90	Financing: FCT (Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia)	In this project it will be undertaken the first comprehensive and integrated attempt to unveil the structure and functioning of these offshore pelagic ecosystems. The broad-scoped team aims at investigating and modelling the trophic links (and ecological derivatives) involving the marine megafauna occurring in this vast oceanic region.
INTEMARES	Integrated, innovative and participatory management of the Natura 2000 Network in the Spanish marine environment	www.intemares.es	Co-financing: European Union LIFE Programme, European Social Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund	The project aims to achieve an effectively managed network of Natura 2000 marine spaces, with the active participation of the sectors involved and research as basic tools for decision-making.

EcApRHA	Applying an Ecosystem Approach to (sub) Regional Habitat Assessment	www.ospar.org/work-areas/bdc/ecaprha	Co-financed by the European Union	The project aimed to overcome challenges in the development of indicators relating to the MSFD (Marine Strategy Framework Directive 56/2008/EU), such as Descriptor D1 (Biodiversity), D4 (Food webs) and D6 (Seafloor integrity).
ACTION	Actions to evaluate and identify effective measures to reach GES in the Baltic Sea Marine region (ACTION)	www.helcom.fi/helcom-at-work/projects/action	Cofinanciado por la Unión Europea (DG ENV/MSFD 2018 call)	El proyecto está diseñado para apoyar a los Estados miembros de la UE en la actualización y aplicación de la DMEM. Programa de medidas y contribución a la actualización del Plan de Acción HELCOM Mar Báltico para 2021. El proyecto evaluará la eficacia de las medidas existentes, centrándose en varios temas, como: captura accidental de mamíferos y aves, impactos en el lecho marino, áreas marinas protegidas y eutrofización.
MEDREGION	Support Mediterranean Member States towards Implementation of the MSFD GES Decision and PoM and contribute to REGIONAL/Subregional Cooperation	http://www.corila.it/en/MEDREGION	Cofinanciado por la Unión Europea (DG ENV/MSFD 2018 call)	The purpose of the project is to support the competent authorities of the MSs by addressing their cooperation needs to implement the MSFD of pressures and impacts.
CeNoBS	Support MSFD implementation in the Black Sea through establishing a regional monitoring system of cetaceans (D1) and noise monitoring (D11) for achieving GES	www.marenostrum.ro/content/biodiversitate/cenobs	Cofinanciado por la Unión Europea (DG ENV/MSFD 2018 call)	The main objectives of the Project are to assess D1 cetacean related criteria and establishment of thresholds values, to assess and support the development of D11 monitoring in the Black Sea and to enhance coordination among the Black Sea region through the dissemination of the project activities, results and outcomes.

Commission, Conventions, Related Working Groups:

	TITLE	WEB	OTHER INFORMATION
HELCOM	Helsinki Commission	www.helcom.fi	Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission
OSPAR	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic. Oslo Paris Convention	www.ospar.org	The Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic ("OSPAR Convention") was opened for signature at the ministerial meeting of the Oslo and Paris Commissions held in Paris on 22 September 1992.
ICG MSFD	Intersessional Correspondence Group on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive	https://www.ospar.org/meetings/archive/intersessional-correspondence-group-on-the-marine-strategy-framework-directive-icg-msfd	
ICES WGMME	ICES Working Group on Marine Mammal Ecology	www.ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WGMME.aspx	
ICES WGECO	ICES Working Groups on the Ecosystem Effects of Fishing Activities	www.ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WGECO.aspx	
JWGBIRD	Joint OSPAR/HELCOM/ICES Working Group on Seabirds	www.ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/JWGBIRD.aspx	
RSC	Regional Seas Conventions	https://www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/oceans-seas/what-we-do/working-regional-seas/regional-seas-programmes/regional-seas	First RSC Convention was in Barcelona https://www.miteco.gob.es/es/costas/temas/proteccion-medio-marino/proteccion-internacional-mar/convenios-internacionales/convenio_de_barcelona.aspx Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution
ICG-COBAM	Intersessional Correspondence Group on Coordinated Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring	https://www.ospar.org/work-areas/bdc/biodiversity-monitoring-assessment-1	
UK DEFRA	Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs	www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs	British Government
RAGES	Risk-based Approaches to Good Environmental Status		The RAGES (Risk-based Approach to Good Environmental States) Project is a EU funded (DG ENV) project that has partners in France, Spain, Portugal and Ireland. Co-ordinated by UCC, the project is developing a Risk Based Approach to support coordinated regional and sub-regional implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) including the recent Decision on Good Environmental Status (Commission Decision (EU) 2017/848) by providing a replicable, transparent and standardised environmental decision support tools based on international best practice in risk assessment and management