



ITEMS PROPOSED BY A MEMBER STATE OR BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

AGENDA ITEM 7.3

IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW GLOBAL MSDI LAYER DEDICATED TO MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPA)

**REFERENCE: COUNCIL Doc C7-07.3A**

- The creation of a new global thematic MSDI layer dedicated to Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) is in line with the decisions of the 3rd Session of IHO Assembly.
- It intends to support the sustainable use and protection of MPAs. Such a layer will enable compatible GIS systems to monitor the progress towards the goal of protecting 30% of the Ocean, in accordance with the Agreement on the Protection of Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), recently approved by the UN Intergovernmental Conference in March 2023.
- The layer will also serve as a trusted and recognized source of information to populate the S-122 – MPA product for navigation compatible with future S-100 ECDIS.



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MONACO

Good news:

**S-122 MPA
Edition 2.0.0**

**is under
finalization
and is
expected to be
ready for
practical use
by April 2024,
but ...**

- **HOs are almost never responsible for environmental regulations**
 - **Responsible agency(s) differ by country**
 - **Many may not have resources to produce S-122**
- **Many MPA restrictions are focused on fishing or extractive uses and not navigation (relevance to SOLAS)**
 - **Broad S-122 spec may increase motivation for non-HOs to create data**
 - **.... but is arguably outside the scope of IHO remit**
- **MPAs are often multi-jurisdictional and multi-use further complicating representing clear, concise information to mariners**
 - **Different use cases for voyage planning vs bridge navigation**



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**Mr Virgil Zetterlind,
Director ProtectedSeas
presented the global
repository Of MPA
Information
- *ProtectedSeas
Navigator* - held by this
philanthropic
organization**

Navigator at a Glance

21000+
AREAS



The number of marine areas that were independently resourced and reviewed by the Navigator team.

8
YEARS



The time it took the Navigator team to research, compile and summarize the legal protections for the global MPA database.

42
PERSON YEARS



The labor that the small but dedicated team at ProtectedSeas put in to complete the global MPA review.

8000+
PAGES



The size of the Navigator database of all worldwide legal restrictions for marine managed and protected areas if printed.

2400+
AREA BOUNDARIES DIGITIZED



The number of boundaries the Navigator team created from legal descriptions for areas where no digital boundary existed previously.



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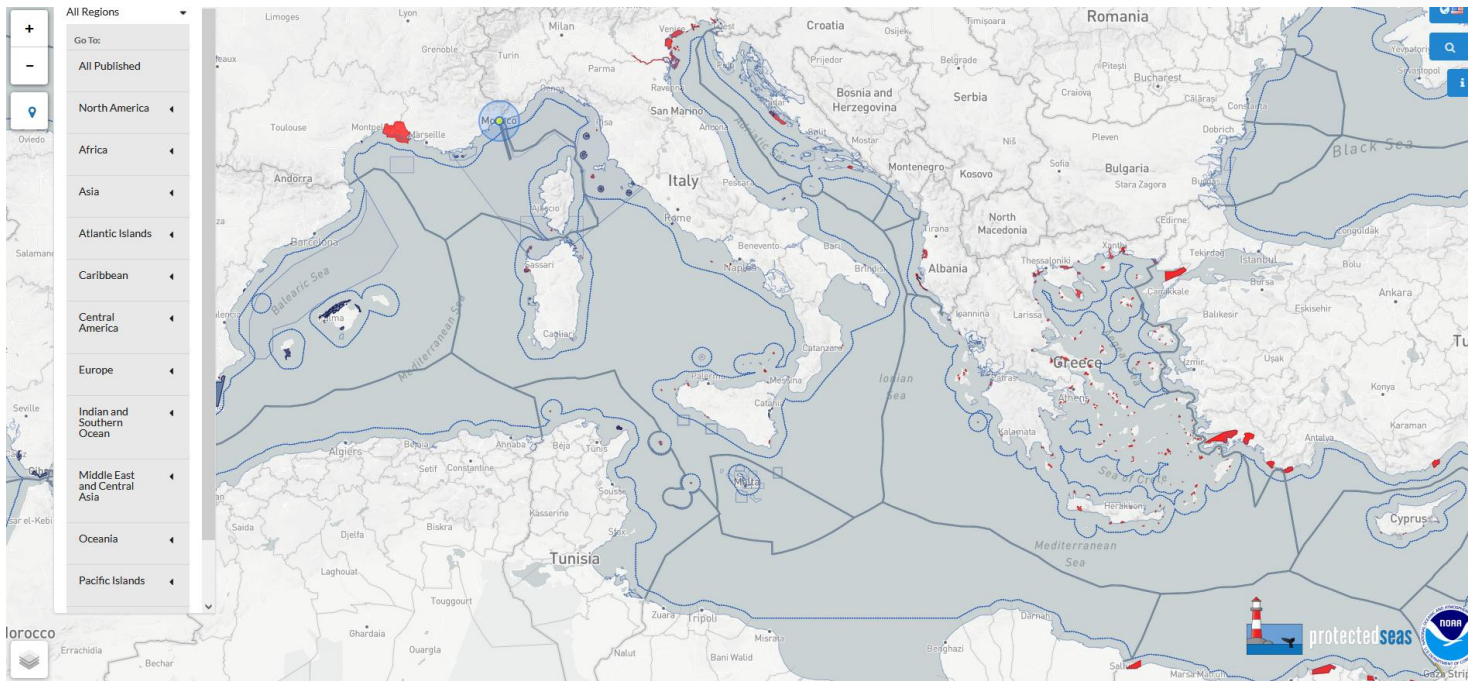
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The *ProtectedSeas Navigator* holds MPA data of all classes. Content is continuously expanding and kept up to date.

Area Type Breakdown in Navigator

- Total sites w/ Boundaries = 21,000+
 - 13,400 MPAs
 - 5400 Other / Unclassified
 - 2500 Fisheries Management Area
 - 900 Vessel Restricted Area
 - 750 Recreational Area
 - 460 Water Quality Area
 - 155 OECM
 - 23 Voluntary Area
 - 6 Vessel Reporting Areas





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**Proposed
concept
approach for
collaboration
of MSDIWG
and NIPWG
with
*ProtectedSea***

ProtectedSeas Participation with S-122 and NIPWG

- Offer lessons learned and support for an official, global MPA data standard that encapsulates restrictions and regulations
- Provide Navigator as a free resource to help in S-122 design, prototyping, and testing
- Potentially offer Navigator in S-122 format as an unofficial global dataset – especially until official country level data becomes available
- Partner with IHO member countries to ensure Navigator data is current and up to date

The ProtectedSeas S-122 Code Project Goals

- Develop software to batch generate S-122 data from Navigator
- Help detail strengths and weaknesses of each S-122 version to inform future revisions
- Provide a testable, large S-122 MPA dataset to HO's and OEMs that is up to date and is internationally complete

The Secretariat has started conversation with GIS software manufacturers to support S-100 product import/presentation. A global S-122 data set would create an incentive for implementation.



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ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

C-7 is invited to:

- Endorse the concept approach,
- Task MSDIWG via IRCC to start a dialogue with *ProtectedSeas* aiming to generate an unofficial global S-122 dataset as open data;
- Encourage MSDIWG via IRCC to collaborate with NIPWG directly.
- Task IRCC to report on the progress at C-8.