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## **Report of the Baltic Sea and North Sea Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures Working Group (BS-NSMSDIWG)**



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# The Baltic- and North Sea Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group (BS-NSMSDIWG) online meeting No. 9 took place September 1-2, 2021.



MS from the North Sea Hydrographic Commission and the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission participated in the meeting

| Country                    | Name                         |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Belgium                    | Vandaele Kaatje              |
| Belgium                    | Cattrysse Alexander          |
| UKHO                       | James Coles                  |
| UKHO                       | Kevin Rigg                   |
| Iceland                    | Árni Þór Vésteinsson         |
| Iceland                    | Sigríður Ragna Sverrisdóttir |
| Denmark                    | Jens Peter Hartmann          |
| Denmark                    | Katrine Petersen             |
| Denmark                    | Sophie Hohwü-Christensen     |
| Denmark                    | Claus Buus Jensen            |
| Poland                     | Marek Mikłaszewski           |
| Norway                     | Gerhard Heggebo              |
| Estonian                   | Ott Küüsmäa                  |
| Netherlands                | Ellen Vos                    |
| France                     | thierry Schmitt              |
| <b>External presenters</b> |                              |
| NOAA                       | John Nyberg                  |
| OGC                        | Scott Simmons                |
| OGC                        | Trevor Taylor                |
| OGC                        | Rollin Phillips              |
| HELCOM                     | Joni Kaitaranta              |
|                            |                              |
| <b>Invited</b>             |                              |
| MPA                        | Pearlyn PANG                 |
| CHS                        | Brunt, Douglas               |
|                            |                              |
| <b>Do not participate</b>  |                              |
| Sweden                     | Magnus Wallhagen             |
| Sweden                     | Benjamin Hell                |
| Germany                    | Cindy Niemeyer               |
| Germany                    | Patricia Slabon              |
| Finland                    | Tiihonen Juha                |

## Focus areas at the BS-NSMSDIWG online meeting:

- National presentations
- Presentations from external stakeholders
  - MSP Data ESG works
  - S-122
  - OGC API standards
  - Wend-100
  - IGIF and IGIF Hydro
  - Singapore – IHO Innovation Lab
  - New EU blue strategy
- Pilot project in the Baltic- and North Sea
- OGC Federated Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Pilot (FMSDI)
- Action items
- Future meetings

| Theme   | Time   | Subject  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>Welcome</b>  | <b>1000 - 1030</b>   | Welcome, introduction of participants and practical information.<br>Approval of agenda.  |
| <b>Status</b>   |  | Introduction to the MSDI Online Workshop 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aims of the workshop and the meeting</li> <li>- Expected achievements</li> <li>- Status of Action list and Work program</li> </ul><br>Status on the MSDI work of IHO (MSDIWG)<br>(Review of the papers circulated and responses to it)   |
| <b>National presentations.</b><br>Presentations and discussions | <b>1030 - 1230</b>   | National presentation from members on the status of MSDI related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The national SDI cooperation</li> <li>- INSPIRE</li> <li>- EMODnet</li> <li>- The framework for maritime spatial planning in Europe (MSP-directive)</li> </ul> Presentations to include; what is the key successes and challenges within the four pillars (ref. C-17, 2.1. Policy and Governance, Technical standards, Information systems and Geographic content).<br><br>Discussion on how the BS-NSMSDIWG can support MS. |
| <b>Lunch</b>  | <b>1230 - 1300</b>   |  |
| <b>External stakeholders</b><br>Presentations and discussions   | 1300 – 1320<br>1320 – 1340<br>1340 – 1400<br>1400 - 1420<br><br>1420- 1445 | Presentation from external stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MSP Data ESG works</li> <li>- S-122</li> <li>- OGC API Standards</li> <li>- Wend-100</li> </ul><br>Discussion on the how to proceed in a forward-looking perspective.  |
| <b>Evaluation and preparation</b>                               | <b>1445 - 1500</b>   | Evaluation and preparations for the second day   |

| Theme  | Time   | Subject  |
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| <b>Welcome</b>   | <b>1000 - 1030</b>                           | Welcome and the conclusions from Day One   |
| <b>Status</b>  |  | BS-NSMSDI WG Work plan and Action list - What are the outputs for each task?<br><br>Action list - working on the tasks defined in the Action list. |
| <b>National presentations.</b><br><b>IHO</b><br>Presentations and discussion | <b>1030 – 1230</b>                           | - National presentation from members on the status of MSDI.<br>- IHO SPIs<br>- New EU blue strategy  |
| <b>Lunch</b>   | <b>1230 - 1300</b>                           |  |
| <b>Pilot project</b><br>Presentations and discussion                         | <b>1300 - 1430</b>                           | Pilot project in the Baltic- and North Sea<br>OGC Federated Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Pilot (FMSDI).<br><br>Discussion on how to proceed  |
| <b>Work plan</b>   | <b>1430 - 1445</b><br><br><b>1445 - 1450</b> | Update of work plan and action list<br><br>Any other business<br>Next meeting  |
| <b>Closing</b>   | <b>1450 - 1500</b>                           | Closing of the online meeting  |



## Baltic- and North Sea MSDIWG Action list April 2022

| No. | MSDI Meeting/<br>Work Task | Action  | Responsible  | Deadline  | Status  |
|-----|----------------------------|---|--------------|-----------|---------|
| 14  | 1/2019                     | Establish an EMODnet inf. paper dealing with the challenges from a hydrographic perspective   | Norway       | MSDIWG9   | Ongoing |
| 25  | 1/2020                     | To establish a demonstration showing BS-NSMSDI data available   | All          | MSDIWG9   | Ongoing |
| 28  | 1/2020                     | To follow the EU project eMSP and report back to the BS-NSMSDIW   | Chair        | MSDIWG10  | Ongoing |
| 33  | 1/2021                     | To establish a joint online meeting between the EU MSP Technical Expert group on data and the BS-NSMSDIWG   | Chair        | 2021/2022 | Ongoing |
| 34  | 1/2021                     | To arrange online BS-NSMSDIWG meetings every 4. Month and a physical meeting every second year  | Chair        | 2022      | Ongoing |
| 35  | 1/2021                     | To send out a questionnaire about national approach to official (e.g. hydrographic) data and legally binding data/maps with relation to MSDI, SDI and MSP.                  | Chair/all    | 2022      | Ongoing |
| 36  | 1/2021                     | To send out a questionnaire about links to national MSDI and or MSP platform and URL to geospatial services and data.   | Char/all     | 2022      | Ongoing |
| 37  | 1/2021                     | To include the general questions from Netherlands presentation in the agenda for the next BS-NSMSDIWG meeting as a discussion topic. Netherlands to prepare the discussion. | Netherlands. | 2022      | Ongoing |
| 38  | 1/2021                     | To invite Singapore – IHO Innovation Lab to an online meeting to discuss possibilities for cooperation in the future.   | Chair        | 2022      | Ongoing |



## The Baltic- and North Sea as a S-100 testbed - S -122. Marine protected areas

At the BSHC 25 meeting it was agreed that the BS-NSMSDIWG should investigate how the BSHC and NSHC could work with S-122 and if it was possible and desirable to establish a pilot project with the North Sea and Baltic Sea as an S-122 testbed.

### Why is this important - MSDI

- A regional MSDI must be built on a foundation of binding legislation within member states and treaties agreeing boundaries between them.
- Many MSDI activities partition human activity in the marine space
  - Marine Spatial Planning
  - Environmental agreements
  - Fishing Zones
  - Marine Cadastre
  - Energy Production
  - Maritime transport routes and traffic flows,
  - Military training areas,
  - Marine protected areas,
  - Scientific research,
  - Submarine cable and pipeline routes,
  - Tourism,
  - Underwater cultural heritage
- These activities ALL use Maritime Limits and Boundaries features as the foundation for their legal and spatial extents.
- S-121 provides a standard to hold and exchange this data

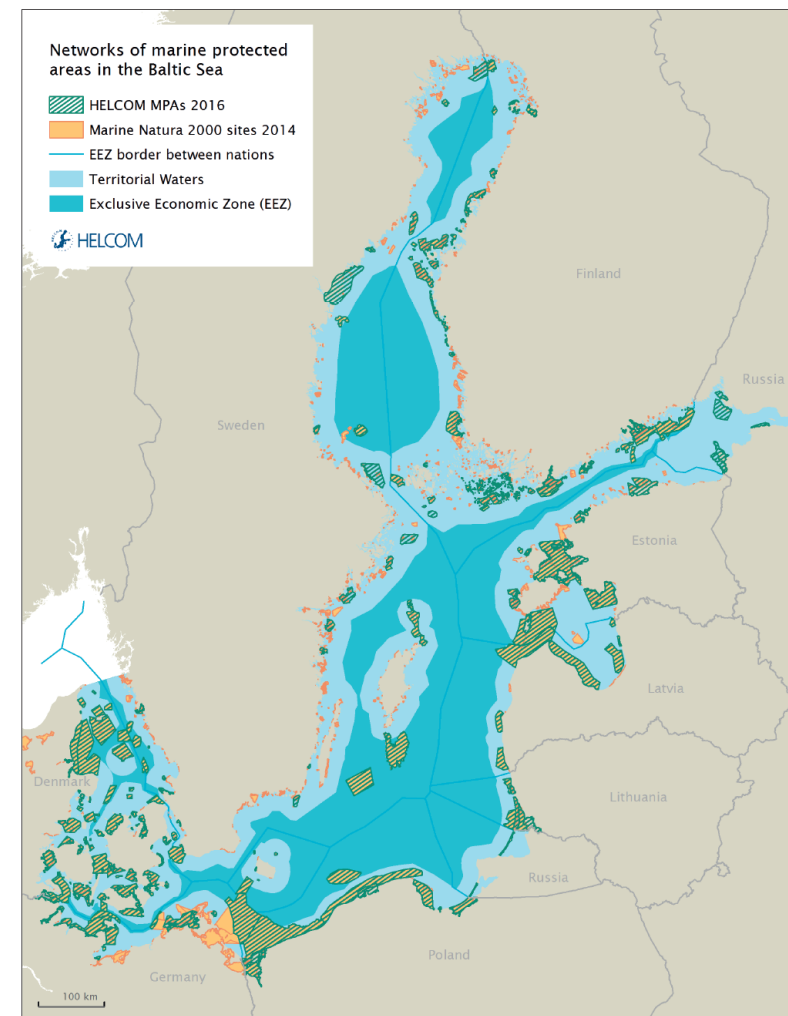


Figure 2. Overlap of the marine Natura 2000 sites and the HELCOM MPAs in the Baltic Sea.



# The Baltic- and North Sea as a S-100 testbed S -122. Marine protected areas

## Support for a joint OGC/IHO Pilot.

As recommended by the successful OGC-IHO MSDI Concept Development Study (CDS), and as evidenced by the success of the OGC-IHO collaboration in the on-going OGC-IHO Maritime Limits and Boundaries pilot, we are seeking support to initiate a full-scale Pilot to demonstrate a multi-country, federated MSDI under a land/sea boundary use case.

This Pilot will show how the value of MSDI can unlock data and information for use beyond traditional providers and consumers of hydrographic data, across borders, and across domains inclusive of improved connections between the terrestrial and marine foundational communities.

1. **Demonstration** - The demonstration will show how using OGC, IHO and other open standards, enables the community's ability to find, obtain, utilize, share, interoperate and reuse data.
2. **Impact on OGC Standards** - Lessons learned, gaps, and the need for changes to the OGC standards baseline, will be summarized in an Engineering Report which informs the OGC standard program.
3. **Impact on IHO Standards** - Practical testing of relevant S-100 based IHO standards helps accelerate the process for adoption and implementation of IHO standards. The engineering report helps to inform the work of the IHO HSSCs Working Groups and will provide inputs to those groups to enhance the framework and its component standards.

**Sponsorship.** The rough order of magnitude for sponsorship is USD 400,000, shared across multiple supporting sponsors.

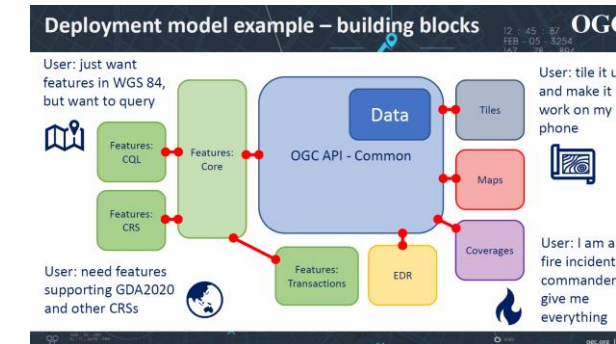
### When Would the Pilot Start?

The current plan is for the kick-off of the pilot in the second quarter of 2021, with the full Pilot being completed in 2022, subject to change based on sponsor requirements.

OGC seeks sponsors for a cooperative OGC – IHO  
Federated Marine SDI Demonstration Pilot  
*New Pilot will demonstrate a multi-country, federated Marine Spatial  
Data Infrastructure for land/sea interface use-cases.*

=> Execution of Federated Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (FMSDI)







# The Baltic- and North Sea as a S-100 testbed

## S -122. Marine protected areas

### Phase 1:

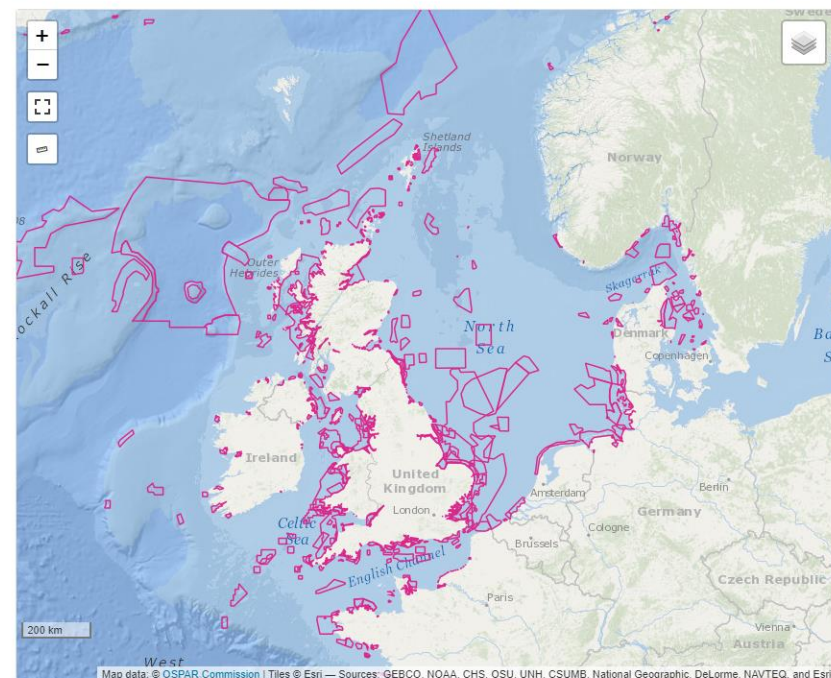
**Data about Marine Protected Areas (MSP) is available but not in a S-122 format.**

**Is it possible to download and convert MSP data to S-122?**

#### OSPAR Marine Protected Areas Network

16 July 2021

Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Network. These data are presented as a live feed from the MPA Web Feature Service <http://mpa.ospar.org/>



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- OSPAR Marine Protected Areas

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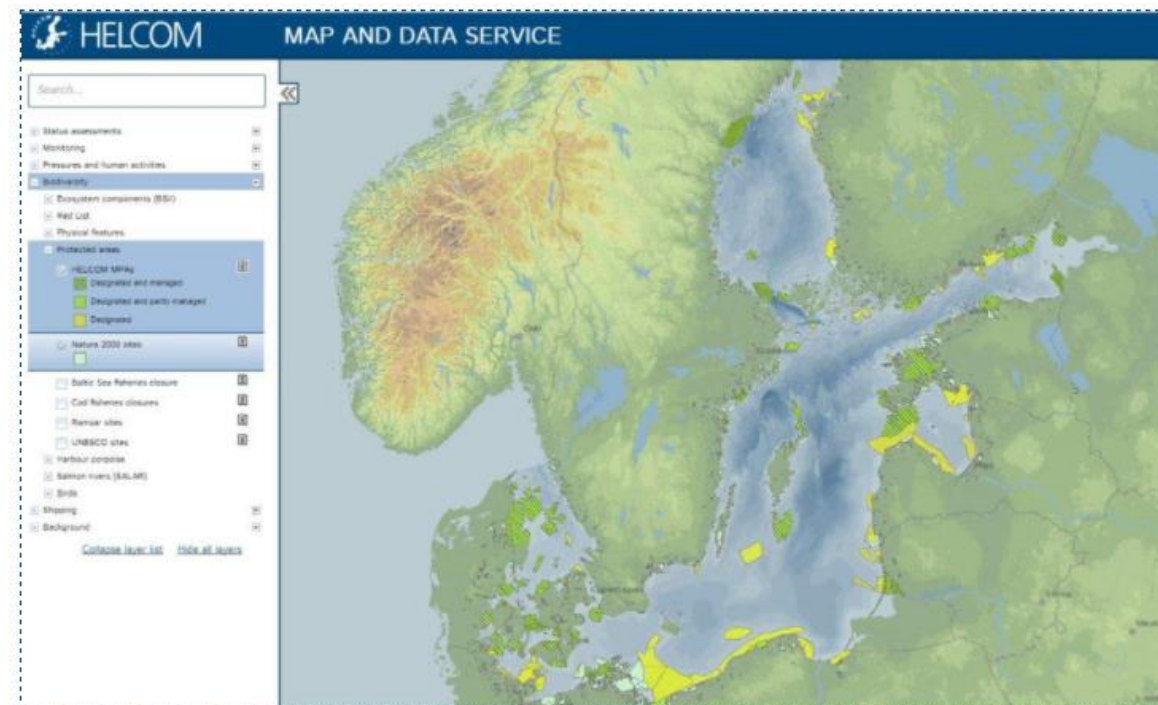
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Data Attributes

### Maps







# The Baltic- and North Sea as a S-100 testbed

## S -122. Marine protected areas

### Phase 2:

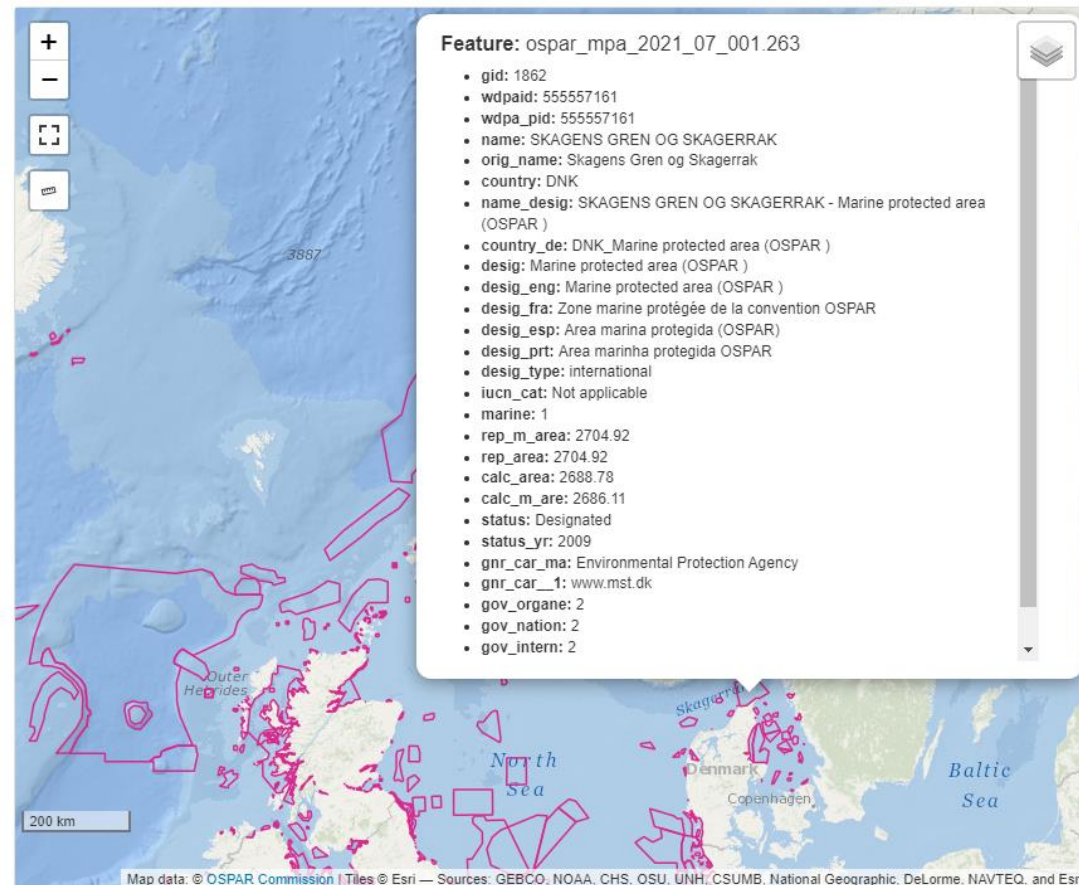
## Is the MSP data fit for a S-122 conversion and what are the challenges?

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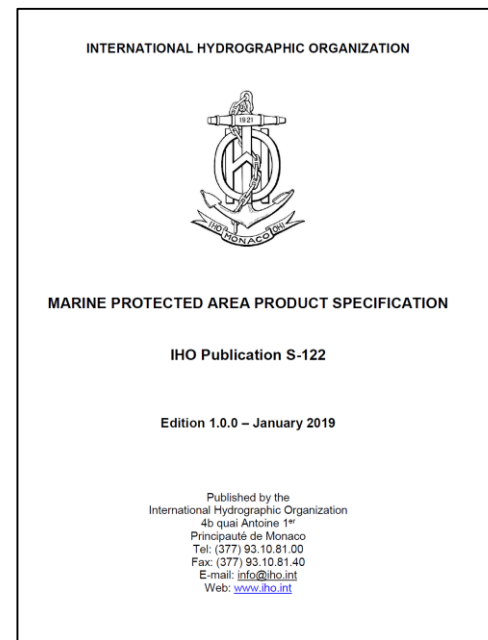
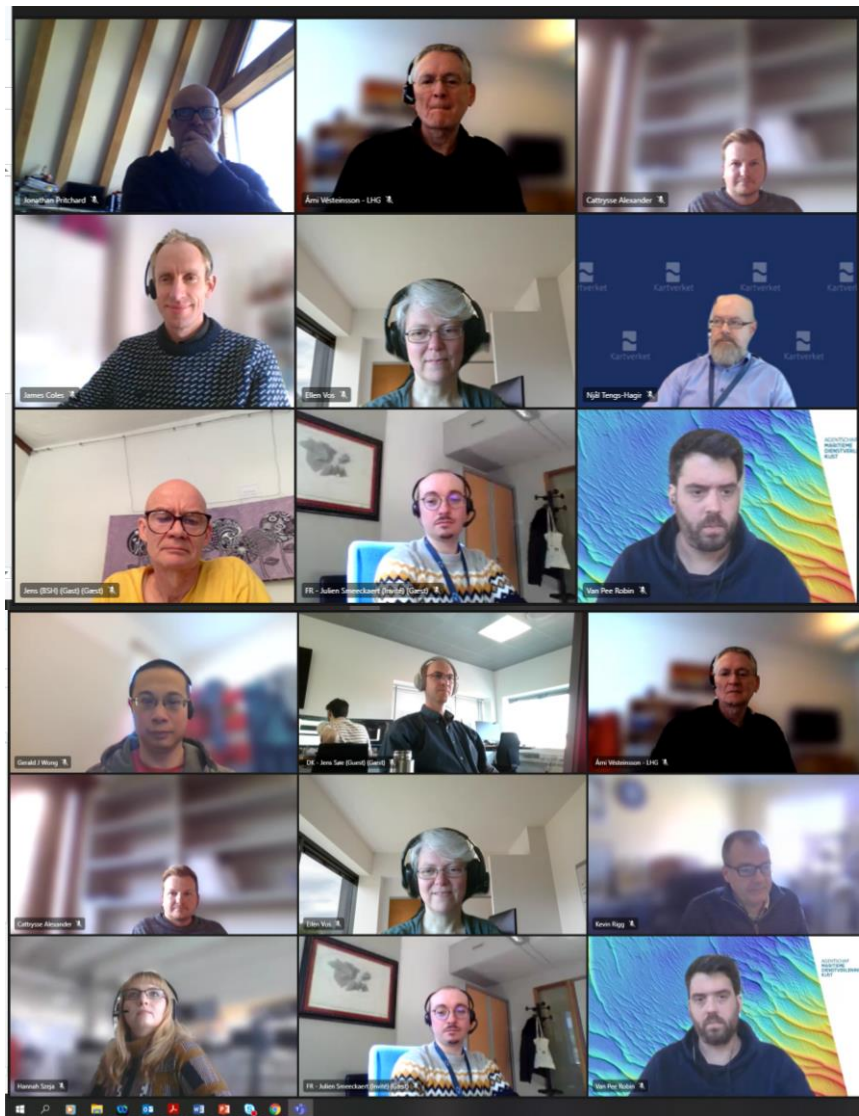
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## Phase 2:



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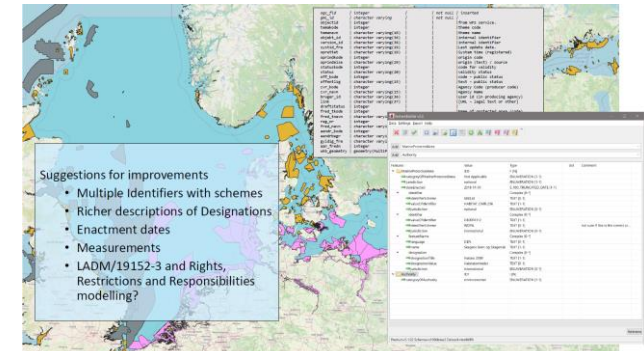
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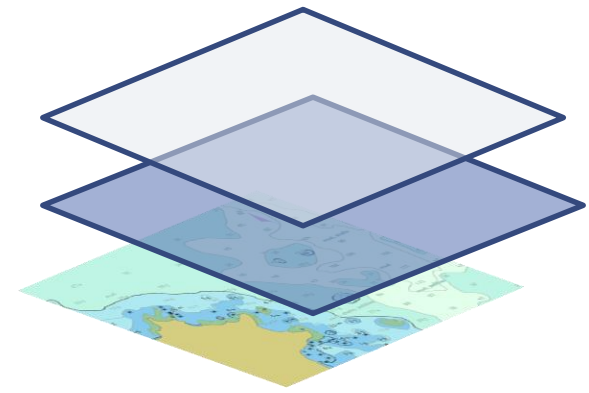
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## Discussion topics.

- Can we define a scope similar to S-122 which is meaningful and useful?  
**Is our scope right?**
- What definitions should we use for the core features. Or are MPAs and Restricted Areas enough with better attributes  
**What is a Marine Protected Area?**
- Where are the gaps in attribution of those core features (the detail)?:
  - Data Management
  - Data Exchange  
**What data can we use to try and explore "better" modelling.**
  - Custodianship



S-100

## Marine Protected Areas and S-100

- S-122's concept of Marine Protected Areas is modelled around Maritime MPAs, their definition (IUCN category), restrictions which apply and the protections put in place for them.
- Also deals with their applicability (to individual vessels) and the authorities which put them in place
- Maritime MPAs are one instance of a much broader class of partitioning of marine space from an environmental perspective. There are
  - Marine Protected Areas (IUCN MPAs for navigation) and
  - "Protected Areas", some of which are of a "Maritime" nature
  - These are managed by a very wide variety of maritime agencies
- There is nothing to stop S-100 addressing this broader class of MPA as well as the S-122 version but it would require a number of activities to take place





## Suggestions:

1. Broadening the modelling of MPA to include (amongst others)
  - More flexible descriptions of designations (schemes of designation, e.g. Natura2000, generic / multiple identifiers). IUCN could be kept as a mandatory designation (but we need to add “Not Applicable”).
  - Legal enactment dates
  - Regional identifiers alongside national ones
  - Dimensions (area primarily), which are owned by issuing producers
  - A simplified version of ISO19152 (similar to the S-121 version) could be implemented for those states anticipating ISO19152-3 Marine Georegulation. This should be flexible though and non-mandatory
2. Does S-122 need enhancement or should there be an MSP product specification which includes MPAs alongside other elements?

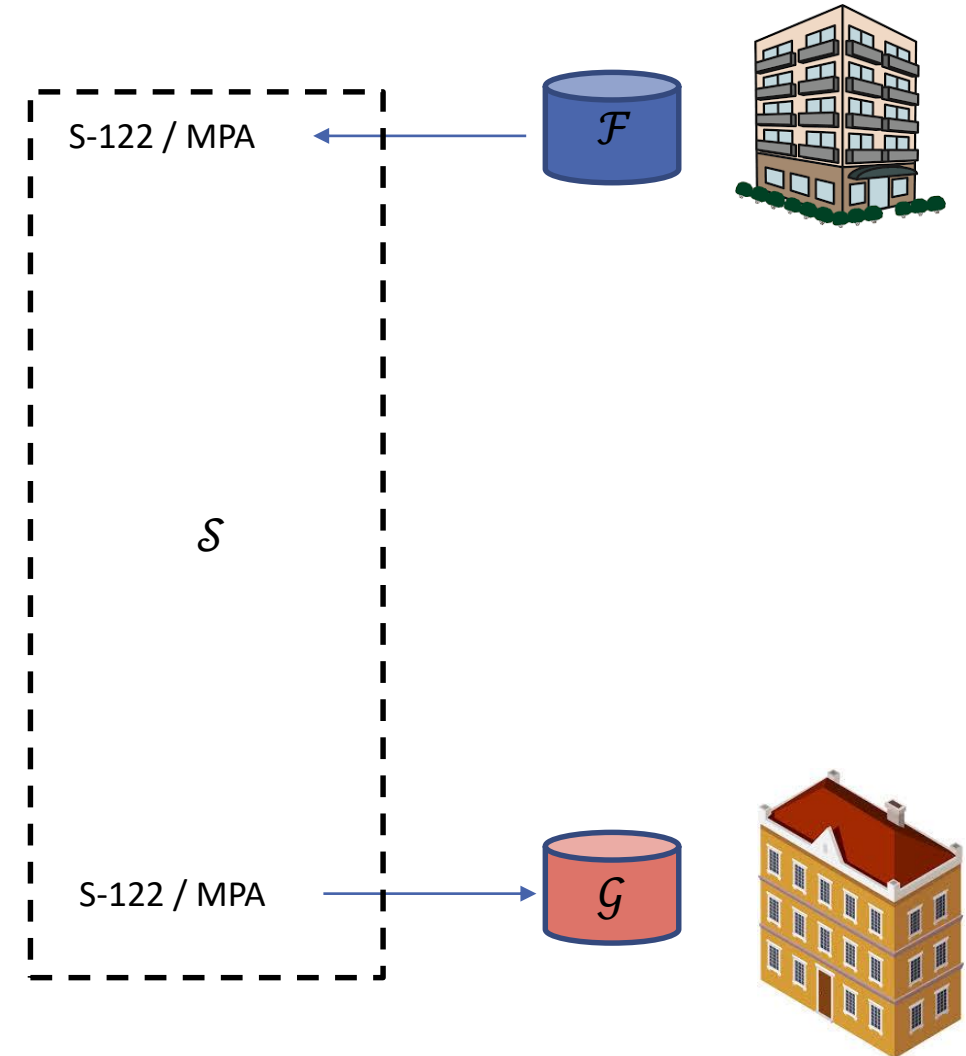
This should be for NIPWG/MSDIWG to decide together.

Certainly S-122 could be enhanced but there is a risk it tries to serve two ends and achieves neither.



## More thoughts on Marine Protected Areas

- It is not just hydrographic offices which have responsibility for MPAs. Any S-100 product should be applicable to the broad class of agency managing such data and its limits.
- Many agencies have extensive, detailed in-house databases which are far more sophisticated than S-122, or that which is required for data exchange.
  - S-100 has no capability at a framework level to address this,
  - The current framework implies a single one-size-fits-all model for database exchange.
  - S-100 needs a way of structuring the transformation of data from one feature catalogue into another.
- This would allow internal/external interfaces to be expressed and data exchange to be defined. It would allow agencies to implement an S-100 “model” internally and transform data to/from S-122
- The registry, in this context, is invaluable as a source of definitions for all the entities involved.





## Technical Expert Group (TEG) on Data for MSP

On 3 October 2019, DG MARE and CINEA, the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (ex-EASME), convened a workshop on 'Data for MSP' to exchange knowledge and experience between MSP data practitioners from MSP projects funded by the European Commission (EMFF programme). The main outcomes of this workshop were recorded in the document "Report of the Data for MSP Working Group – Kick-Off Meeting."

On 23 April 2020 DG MARE and CINEA (ex-EASME) organised a workshop to formalize the establishment of the Technical Expert Group (hereafter TEG) on MSP data.



## Technical Expert Group (TEG) on Data for MSP

| Technical Expert Group-MSP Data          |   |
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| TEG Follow up work<br>23th November 2021 |   |
| Agenda:                                  |   |
| 14:00                                    | Welcoming, gathering of participants  |
| 14:05                                    | <b>Introduction</b> - Andrej Abramic & Joni Kaitaranta, TEG co-chairs   |
| 14:10                                    | <b>Presentation of the IHO BS-NSMSDIWG</b> – Jens Peter Weiss Hartmann  |
| 14:25                                    | <b>TEG sub-groups progress, targeted result and expected output:</b><br><b>MSFD &amp; MSP Data Management</b> – Stefano Menegon & Alessandro Saretta<br><b>Metadata Standard for Marine Plans</b> - Adam Leadbetter<br><b>Network Services for MSP</b> - Pascal Derycke<br><b>MSP Data Framework</b> – Andrej Abramic<br><b>Socioeconomic Impact of MSP</b> - Marta Ballesteros & Jose Santiago |
| 15:15                                    | Discussion, Questions & Answers on TEG topics   |
| 15:30                                    | Conclusion, wrap-up and following steps   |

| Technical Expert Group-MSP Data |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 28th March 2022                 |   |
| Agenda:                         |   |
| 11:00                           | Welcoming, gathering of participants  |
| 11:05                           | <b>Introduction</b> - Andrej Abramic & Joni Kaitaranta, TEG co-chairs   |
| 11:10                           | <b>Presentation on Marine Functional Zoning in China and it's Data Support</b><br>Professor Teng Xin<br>When you discuss Marine Spatial Planning in China, usually it refers to Marine Functional Zoning. Marine Functional Zoning in China has a history of more than 40 years. From proposing of Marine Functional Zoning, through the first, second and third rounds of Marine Functional Zoning, and national territorial planning, data is the basis for development. How does data support China's Marine Functional Zoning formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluating? How to access data in the process of Marine Functional Zoning? In the future, under China's new Territorial Spatial Planning system, Marine Spatial Planning has new requirements for data, and how to make Marine spatial planning more scientific and practical.  |
| 11:35                           | <b>Presentation of the - eMSP-NBSR project: Community of Practice on Data sharing, information and communication technology serving MSP</b> – Adeline Souf<br>eMSP NBSR project (Sept 2021-March 2024) is building mechanisms to support maritime spatial planners in the North and Baltic Sea Regions in order to achieve coherence of maritime spatial plans across borders. Member States have defined different topics on which they decided to collaborate in order to share and build on their past experience and existing knowledge. Shom is the leader of the "Data sharing, information and communication technologies serving MSP" Community of Practice and aims at organising regular workshops until the end of the project to explore topics of interest to the different data users in those Member States. The meetings will be an occasion to exchange knowledge, insights, experience and develop new ways of dealing with problems and challenges regarding Data for MSP. |
| 12:00                           | <b>TEG sub-groups progress, update of activites:</b><br><b>MSFD &amp; MSP Data Management</b> – Stefano Menegon & Alessandro Saretta<br><b>Metadata Standard for Marine Plans</b> - Adam Leadbetter<br><b>Network Services for MSP</b> - Pascal Derycke<br><b>MSP Data Framework</b> – Andrej Abramic<br><b>Socioeconomic Impact of MSP</b> - Marta Ballesteros & Jose Santiago   |
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### TEG sub-groups:

- MSFD & MSP Data Management
- Metadata Standard for Marine Plans
- Network Services for MSP
- MSP Data Framework
- Socioeconomic Impact of MSP

All members of the Baltic Sea and North Sea Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures Working Group have been invited to participate in the TEG-sub-groups.

## CoP data sharing, information and communication technology serving MSP.



Emerging Ecosystem-based  
Maritime Spatial Planning  
Topics in the North and Baltic  
Sea Regions



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### LS Data sharing, information and communication technology ( 1st meeting)

Minute of Meeting – 01/02/2022 – 10 to 12:00 CET, online

#### Context:

*The aim of this 1st meeting on CoP data sharing, information and communication technology serving MSP is a preliminary discussion to finalize ToR for the LS and identify stakeholders involvement in the CoP.*



eMSP-NBSR project



Emerging ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Planning topics in North and Baltic Seas Region

- Maritime spatial planners to develop approaches for MSP implementation
- North and Baltic Sea Regions
- Learn from each other and identify problems and solution
- Provide new knowledge and information → future challenges (global warming)
- Five emerging topics :
  - Ocean Governance
  - Ecosystem-based approach
  - Sustainable blue economy
  - Monitoring and evaluation
  - Data sharing, information and communication technology serving MSP

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## **The BSHC 27 is invited to:**

- a. Note the report
- b. Elect a new Chairman for the BS-NSMSDIWG
- c. Take any other action as appropriate.

## **Link to GIS:**

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/b8e8486eb26d42bdb8ff3c9e3718dd3a/>

