

# Marine Spatial Planning today & tomorrow:

The status of MSP around the world &  
the updated MSP Roadmap (2022-2027)

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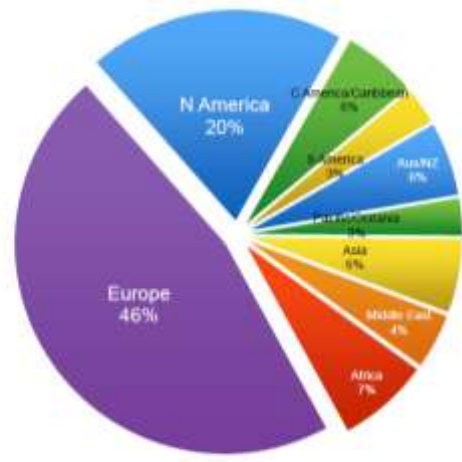
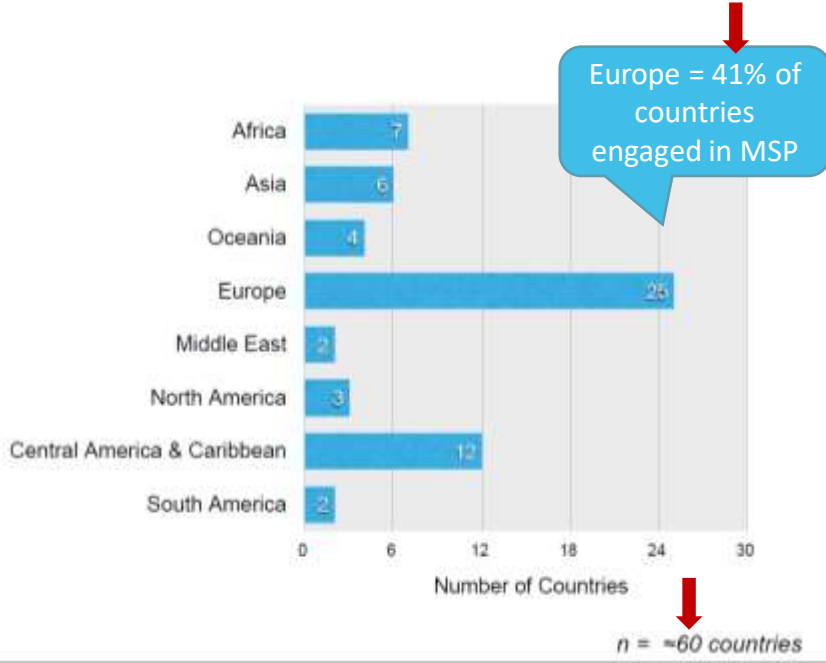
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# Going back to 2017

(2<sup>nd</sup> Intl. Conf. on MSP)

# Status of MSP around the world – Early 2017



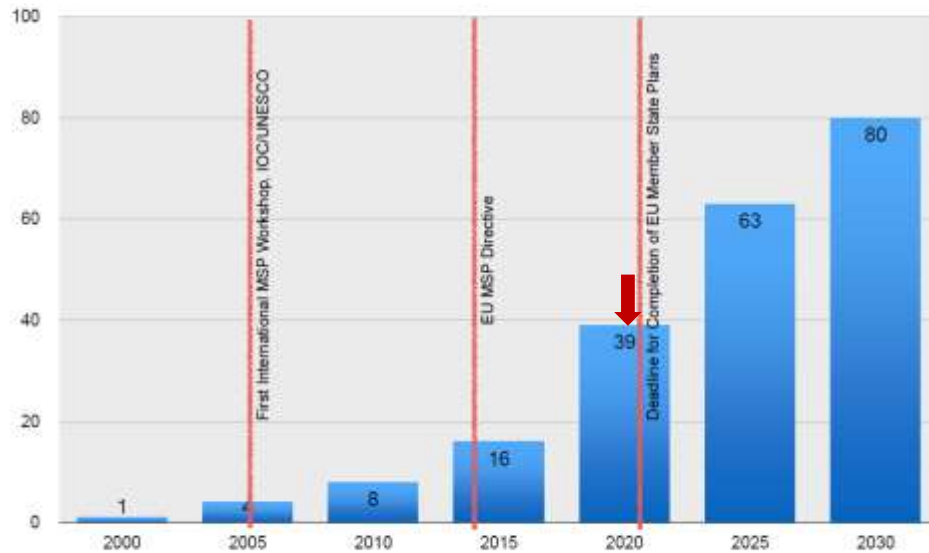
Source: Ehler, 2017

# Estimations & MSP Roadmap target



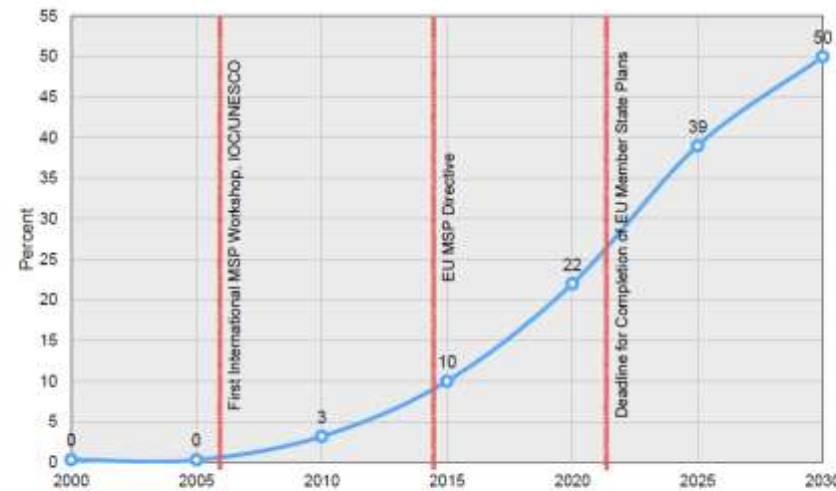
Number of countries with approved plan(s)

Estimated Cumulative Number of Countries Engaged in Marine Spatial Planning



Note: About 150 countries have marine waters

Percent of Surface Area of World's Exclusive Economic Zones Covered by Approved Marine Spatial Plans



Note: Surface Area of the World's EEZs is ≈140 million km<sup>2</sup>

Conservative proposal for a MSP target for 2030 = 1/3 of the World's EEZs\*

\* But let's use 'maritime areas under national jurisdictions' instead of EEZs

# IOC-UNESCO & DG MARE joint work



FRAMEWORK

PROJECT

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

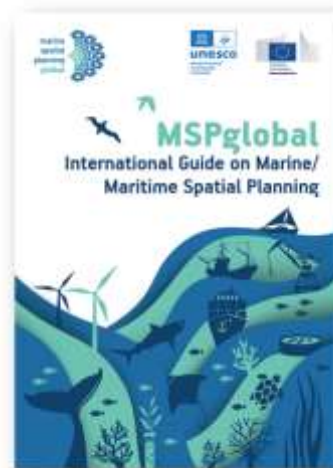


2017-2022

2022-2027

**MSProadmap target:**

Support the achievement of covering at least 1/3 of the global maritime areas under national jurisdictions with marine spatial plans by 2030.



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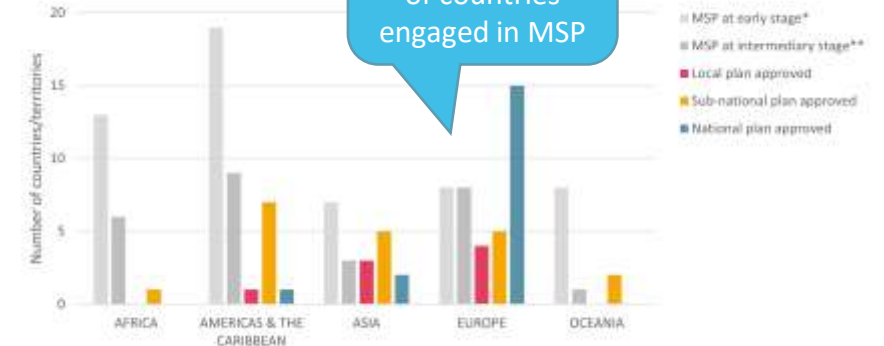
# Today

# Status of MSP around the world – Early 2022



## Challenge 4. Develop a sustainable and equitable ocean economy

Generate knowledge, support innovation and develop solutions for equitable and sustainable development of the ocean economy under changing environmental, social and climate conditions.

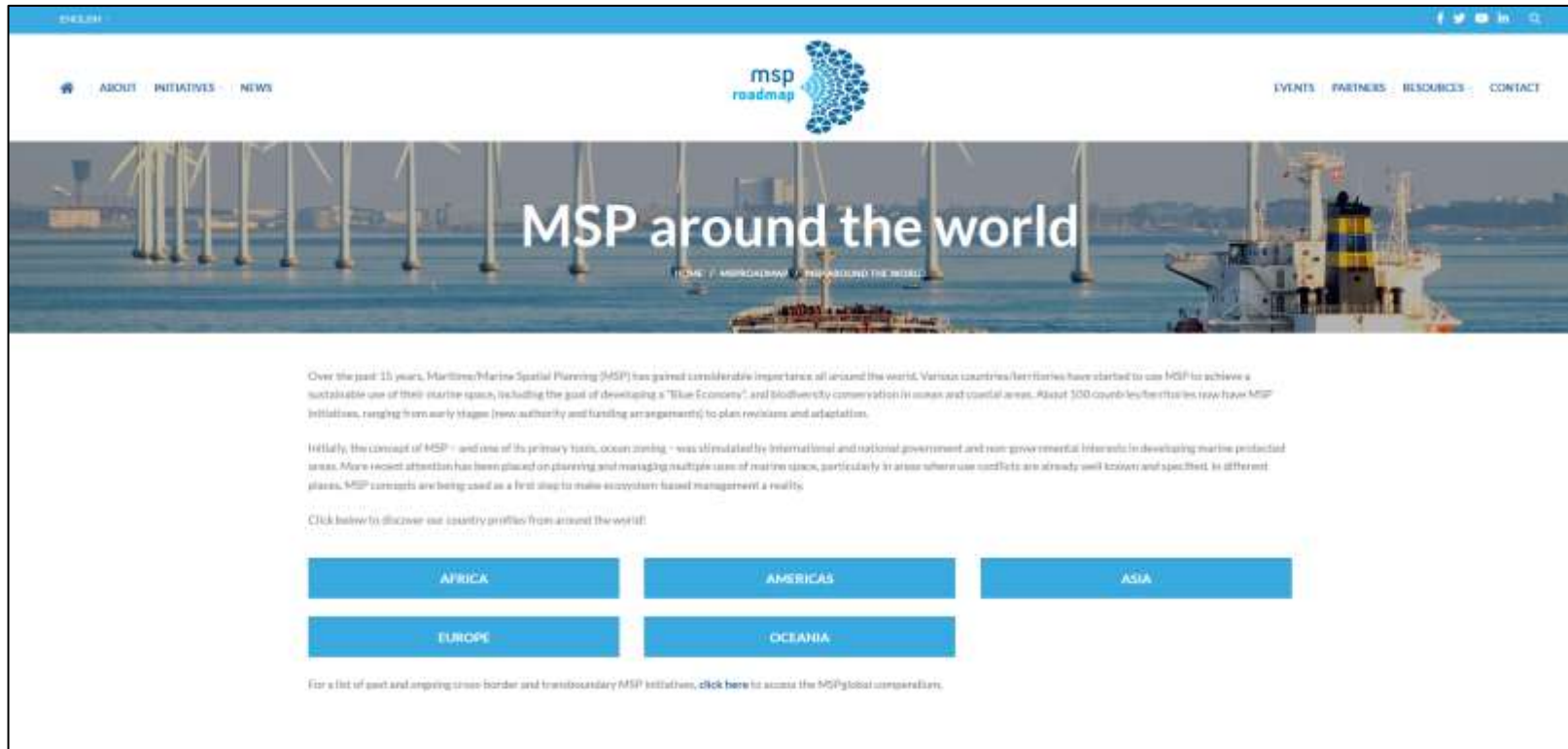


**Material:** 2020 IOC survey + other sources such as European MSP Platform

### Results (by April 2022):

- ~ **300** MSP initiatives from **102** countries/territories, including both government-led processes and pilot exercises
- **38** countries have approved plans (national, sub-national and/or local scale)
- **MSP typology:** The initiatives ranged from integrated coastal zone and marine plans, strategic or comprehensive plans

# Continuous work in progress



By Dec 2022: **95 country profiles**

- Africa: 22
- Americas: 24
- Asia: 14
- Europe: 25
- Oceania: 10

*More coming soon!*

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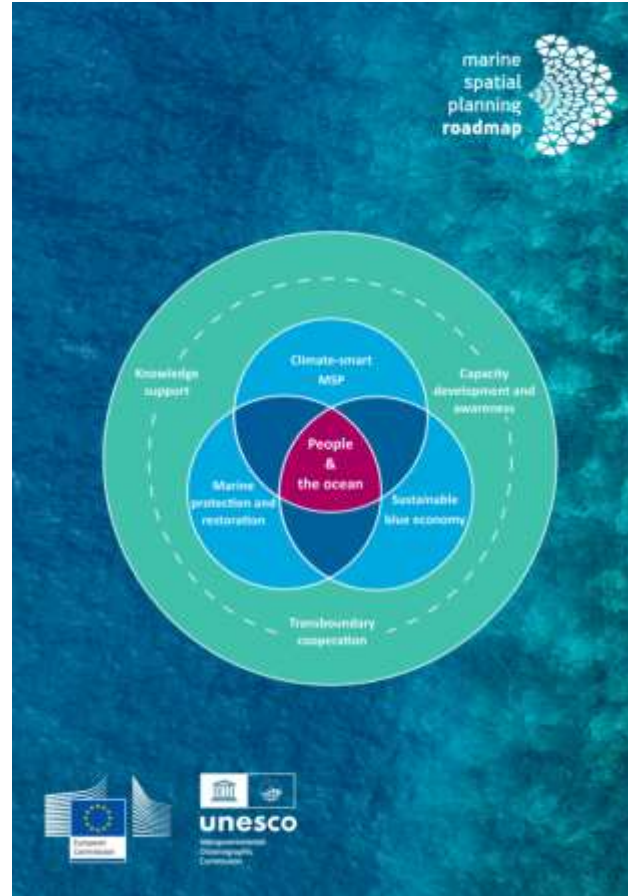
# Building the tomorrow

# Updated Joint MSP Roadmap (2022-2027)



## Cross-cutting pillars:

1. Knowledge support
2. Capacity development & awareness
3. Transboundary cooperation



## Thematic pillars:

4. Climate-smart MSP
5. Marine protection and restoration
6. Sustainable blue economy

# Knowledge support



*This priority area aims to contribute to the development of new knowledge, tools and analyses towards a robust **knowledge-based MSP**, where comprehensive and integrated data and information is available and used by decision-makers.*

- **Action I:** Data for MSP
- **Action II:** Co-develop new MSP tools
- **Action III:** Promote MSP-related projects within the framework of the Ocean Decade



# Transboundary cooperation



*This priority area aims to enlarge the support to regional mechanisms that are or could address the development of transboundary MSP, i.e., **encouraging national MSP processes to tackle transboundary challenges and opportunities.***

- **Action VIII:** Co-design transboundary projects
- **Action IX:** Integrate MSP into Large Marine Ecosystems' approach and mechanisms
- **Action X:** Promote cross-border and transboundary cooperation in stakeholder involvement, including in a sea basin context



*This priority area aims to promote and support the development of climate-smart MSP.*

- **Action XI:** Gauge the impact of climate change on activities in the marine environment and the maritime domain
- **Action XII:** Co-develop guidance about how to embark on climate-smart MSP

# Marine protection and restoration



*This priority area aims to enhance the development of marine spatial plans that include measures to contribute to marine protection and restoration and to reverse the global biodiversity crisis, thus **promoting a sustainable development within the planetary boundaries.***

- **Action XIII:** Co-produce recommendations on the inclusion of nature protection and restoration in MSP

# Sustainable blue economy



*This priority area aims to develop specific tools about MSP for maritime sectors, thus enhancing their engagement in MSP and strengthening the link between MSP and the sustainable development of the ocean economy.*

- **Action XIV:** Co-produce sectoral-specific recommendations on MSP
- **Action XV:** Co-develop guidance to integrate MSP into sustainable blue economy strategies



# Updated Joint MSP Roadmap (2022-2027)



IOC-UNESCO and DG MARE invite interested organisations to join forces as key partners or collaborators to help delivering the key actions of the updated MSP Roadmap.

Thank you! ¡Gracias! Merci !



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