



Protecting Blue Horizons

Some further reading and information sources

Have a look here to get some more info about ‘the big picture’ about the biodiversity crisis and what is in store with the ratification and implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework: <https://www.cbd.int/gbf> – also available in other languages, chose on the website

The different programmes are of particular importance: <https://www.cbd.int/programmes>

Educational materials about protecting marine biodiversity with explanations of terms and visuals:

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/protecting-marine-ecosystems/>

WWF resources on ocean protection

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/initiatives/oceans>

EU Mission: Restore our Ocean and Rivers

Opportunities for research funding and for support activities for uptake of research are available here https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/restore-our-ocean-and-waters_en

Other European programmes, such as regional funds and funds under the Common Fisheries Policy also contribute to advancing the Mission objectives.

Additional research and technical papers

- **Evaluating the success of a marine protected area: A systematic review approach**
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0301479716305679>
- **Protecting the global ocean for biodiversity, food and climate**
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-021-03371-z>
- **Poor online information on European marine protected areas impairs public participation under the Aarhus Convention**
The Aarhus Convention is a globally recognised benchmark for democratic [environmental governance](#). Few European MPAs meet the requirements for transparency of the Convention.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308597X24000101>
- **The MPA Guide: A framework to achieve global goals for the ocean**
<https://www.science.org/doi/full/10.1126/science.abf0861>
- **The ‘Paper Park Index’: Evaluating Marine Protected Area effectiveness through a global study of stakeholder perceptions**
Assessment of the effectiveness of marine protected areas published in *Marine Policy* in 2023
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0308597X23000982>

- Marine protected areas' positive effect on fish biomass persists across the steep climatic gradient of the Mediterranean Sea**
 The positive effects of MPAs and their potential to mitigate the impact of adverse climatic conditions:
<https://besjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1365-2664.14352#:~:text=Taken%20together%2C%20these%20results%20suggest,across%20a%20broad%20temperature%20range.>
- Conservation perspectives of Cystoseira forests in the Mediterranean Sea:** the opportunities offered by artificial restoration and highlighting the potential role of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs):
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258120372_Conservation_and_restoration_of_marine_forests_in_the_Mediterranean_Sea_and_the_potential_role_of_Marine_Protected_Areas
- The Mediterranean and Black Sea as a case study for MPA assessment and monitoring:**
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38442657/>
- An overview about the status of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean Sea**
<https://www.iucn.org/resources/publication/status-marine-protected-areas-mediterranean-sea>
- Power and participation: A systematic review of marine protected area engagement through participatory science Methods**
[Power and participation: A systematic review of marine protected area engagement through participatory science Methods - ScienceDirect](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0926641020300057)
- Case study of the management of artisanal fishing within the MPA of the Port-Cros National Park in the northwest Mediterranean Sea:**
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/242534717_The_management_of_artisanal_fishing_within_the_Marine_Protected_Area_of_the_Port-Cros_National_Park_northwest_Mediterranean_Sea_a_success_story
- Human rights impacts associated with the degradation of the ocean environment: need to move from recognition to implementation:**
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s44183-024-00057-7#:~:text=The%20United%20Nations%20General%20Assembly,the%20ocean%20environment%20are%20accelerating>
- This report explores and demonstrates, how EU payments for “temporary cessation” of fishing are not only an ineffective management tool for reducing fishing effort, but also ineffective in supporting marine conservation efforts:**
<https://seas-at-risk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2020.23.09.-Ending-temporary-cessation.pdf>

- **Dynamic livelihoods, gender and poverty in marine protected areas: Case study from Zanzibar, Tanzania**

Livelihood initiatives in MPAs aiming for poverty alleviation are common. *Who* benefits is key, as results can vary based on inequalities, including gender. Here, the monetary outcomes of livelihood strategies were investigated across three MPA regions in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13280-024-02010-x>