



## Marine Protected Areas (MPA) assessment areas - version 2.0, May 2020

The spatial extent of the MPA assessment areas was defined as the marine waters surrounding the EU countries whose outer limit is defined by the 200 NM boundary from the coast (possibly coinciding with formally recognised EEZ boundaries) or the equidistance (in cases of opposite neighbouring EU countries), or by the presence of a boundary defined by an agreed treaty.

Given no formal boundary of this map exists and since this limit coincides with the boundary of the maritime area (water column) submitted by EU Member States under MSFD, this new version (version 2.0) of this dataset is based on a MSFD Region/Subregion boundary shapefile assembled in 2020 by ETC/ICM harmonised with the Coastline and European Seas layers.

This dataset has been used to create the MPA buffer zones (version 2) and to show the percentage of marine protected area (MPA) coverage in Europe's regional seas.

### Simple

#### Identification info

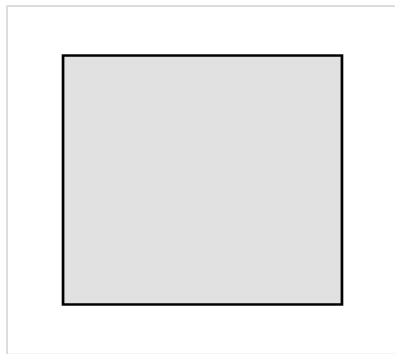
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Spatial representation type	Vector															

#### Spatial resolution

#### Equivalent scale

Denominator	100000
Topic category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environment</li><li>• Oceans</li><li>• Geoscientific information</li></ul>

#### Extent



## Temporal extent

<b>Time period</b>	2020-01-01 2020-12-31
<b>Maintenance and update frequency</b>	As needed
<b>GEMET - INSPIRE themes, version 1.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area management/restriction/regulation zones and reporting units</li> </ul>
<b>GEMET</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• biodiversity</li> <li>• environmental policy</li> <li>• ecosystem</li> <li>• region</li> <li>• marine ecosystem</li> <li>• Marine Strategy Framework Directive</li> <li>• protected marine zone</li> <li>• sea water protection</li> <li>• marine conservation area</li> <li>• marine environment</li> </ul>
<b>Continents, countries, sea regions of the world.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baltic Sea</li> <li>• Black Sea</li> <li>• Mediterranean Sea</li> <li>• Northeast Atlantic Ocean (40W)</li> </ul>
<b>Spatial scope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European</li> </ul>
<b>EEA Management Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021 1.6.1</li> </ul>
<b>EEA topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity</li> </ul>

## Resource constraints

<b>Access constraints</b>	Other restrictions
<b>Other constraints</b>	<a href="#">no limitations to public access</a>

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<b>Use constraints</b>	Other restrictions
<b>Other constraints</b>	License CC-BY 4.0 ( <a href="https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/">https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/</a> ). Copyright holder: European Environment Agency (EEA).

## Associated resource

Association Type	Revision Of
Metadata Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Marine Protected Areas (MPA) assessment areas - version 1, Feb. 2017</a></li></ul>
Language	English

## Distribution Information

Distribution format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GDB</li><li>SHP</li></ul>
OnLine resource	<a href="#">MPA_2020_GDB</a>
OnLine resource	<a href="#">MPA_2020_SHP</a>
OnLine resource	<a href="#">Direct download</a>
OnLine resource	<a href="https://water.discomap.eea.europa.eu/arcgis/rest/services/Marine/MPA_assessment_areas/MapServer">https://water.discomap.eea.europa.eu/arcgis/rest/services/Marine/MPA_assessment_areas/MapServer</a>
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## Data quality info

Hierarchy level	Dataset
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## Report

### Result

Title	Commission Regulation (EU) No 1089/2010 of 23 November 2010 implementing Directive 2007/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards interoperability of spatial data sets and services
Date (Publication)	2010-12-08
Explanation	See the referenced specification

## Resource lineage

Statement	<p>This dataset is based on the MSFD marine regions and sub-regions dataset. As indicated in the abstract, it has been defined as the marine waters surrounding the EU countries whose outer limit is defined by the 200 NM boundary from the coast (possibly coinciding with formally recognised EEZ boundaries) or the equidistance (in cases of opposite neighbouring EU countries), or by the presence of a boundary defined by an agreed treaty. Given no formal boundary of this map exists and since this limit coincides with the boundary of the maritime area (water column) submitted by EU Member States under MSFD, this dataset was based on a MSFD Region/Subregion boundary shapefile assembled in 2020 by ETC/ICM and harmonised with the Coastline and European seas layers. The derived dataset includes following EU MSFD regions/subregions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adriatic Sea.</li><li>Aegean-Levantine Sea.</li><li>Baltic Sea.</li><li>Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Coast.</li><li>Black Sea.</li><li>Celtic Seas.</li><li>Greater North Sea, incl. the Kattegat and the English Channel.</li><li>Ionian Sea and the Central Mediterranean Sea.</li><li>Macaronesia.</li></ul>
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- Western Mediterranean Sea.

The topological errors (gaps & overlaps) have been removed from the dataset.

Hierarchy level

Dataset

Source

- [ba93d8b6-dcfd-4ab4-99ed-0016f25d5376](#)
- [Europe's Seas - version 1, Dec. 2018](#)
- [EEA coastline for analysis \(polygon\) - version 3.0, March 2017](#)

## Reference System Information

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Code

[EPSG:3035](#)

## Metadata

Metadata identifier

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Language

English

Character encoding

UTF8

## Type of resource

Resource type

Dataset

Metadata linkage

<https://sdi.eea.europa.eu/catalogue/srv/api/records/56c944f8-9a3e-40ec-a1b2-314740437658>

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2020-06-26T11:01:12Z

Date info (Revision)

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## Metadata standard

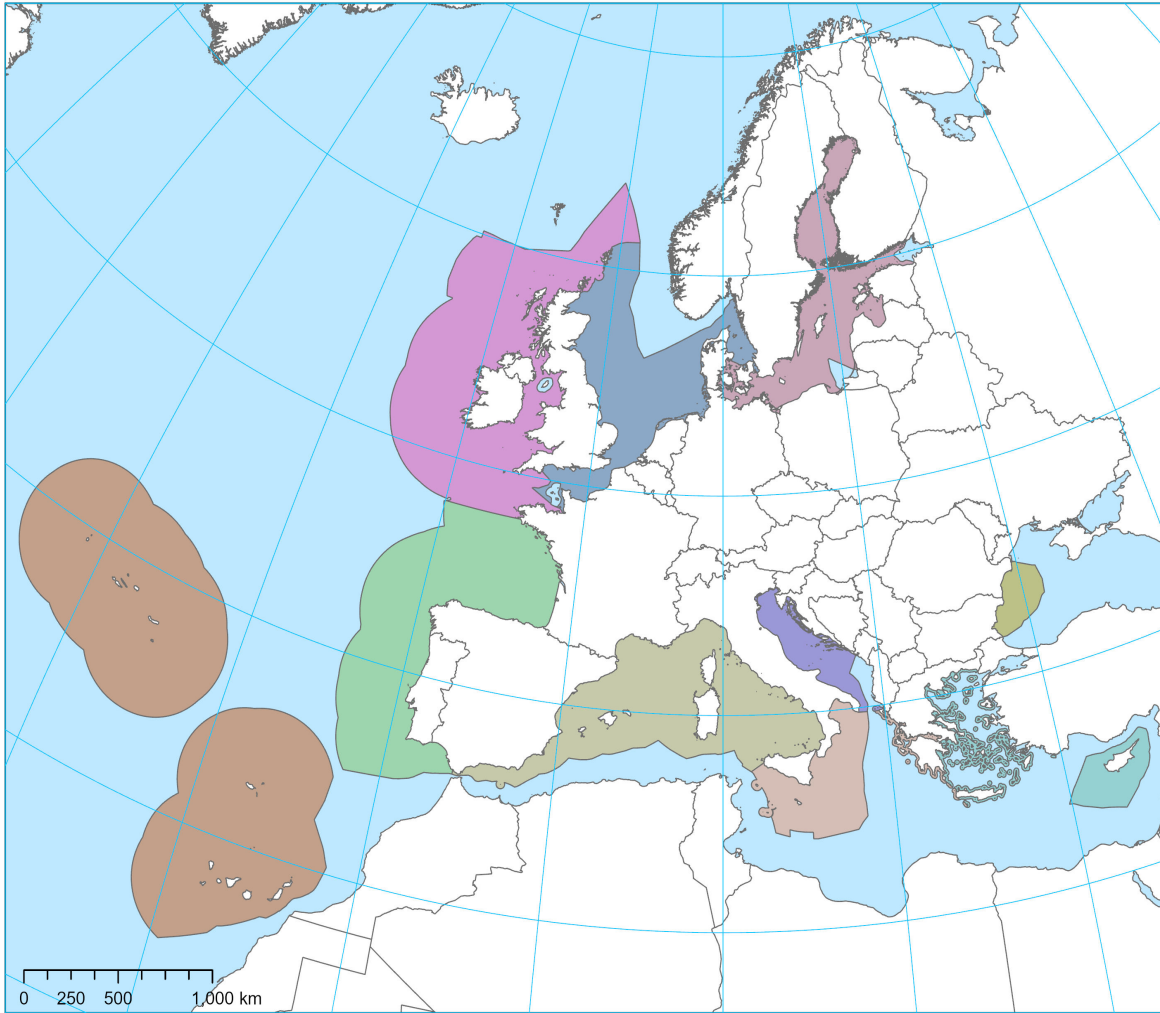
Title

ISO 19115/19139

Edition

1.0

## Overviews



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