



MSFD regions and subregions

In the Marine Strategy Framework Directive - MSFD (Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy), four marine regions are listed (Article 4): Baltic Sea, North-east Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea, among which the following two are further divided into four subregions each:

- North-east Atlantic Ocean:

- (1) The Greater North Sea, including the Kattegat and the English Channel;
- (2) The Celtic Seas;
- (3) The Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Coast;
- (4) Macaronesia;

- Mediterranean Sea:

- (1) The Western Mediterranean Sea;
- (2) The Adriatic Sea;
- (3) The Ionian Sea and the Central Mediterranean Sea;
- (4) The Aegean-Levantine Sea.

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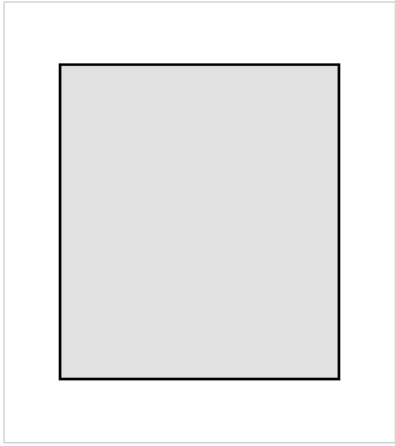
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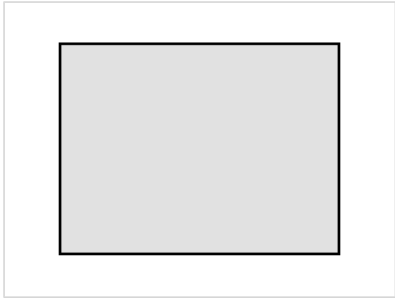


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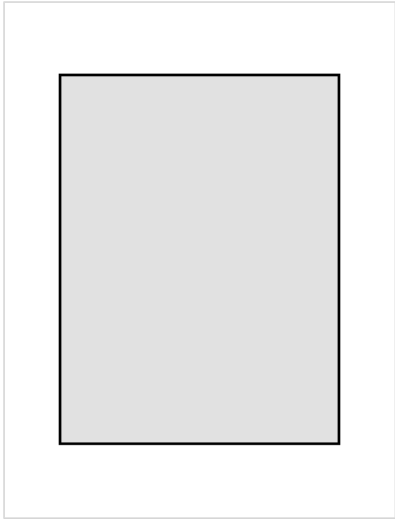


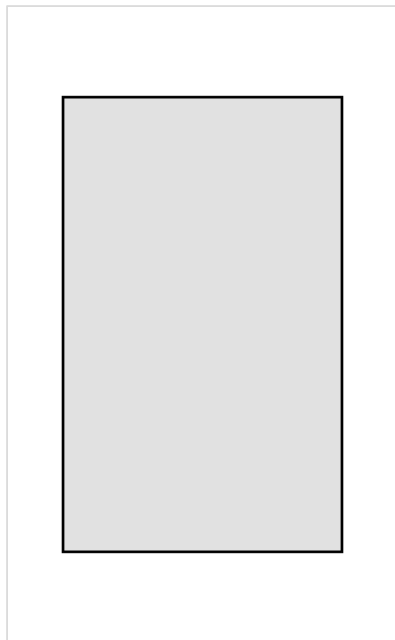
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Continents, countries, sea regions of the world.

- Northeast Atlantic Ocean (40W)
- Mediterranean Sea
- Black Sea
- Baltic Sea
- Ionian Sea
- Aegean Sea
- Bay of Biscay
- Adriatic Sea
- Barents Sea
- Iceland Sea
- White Sea
- Norwegian Sea

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- Water

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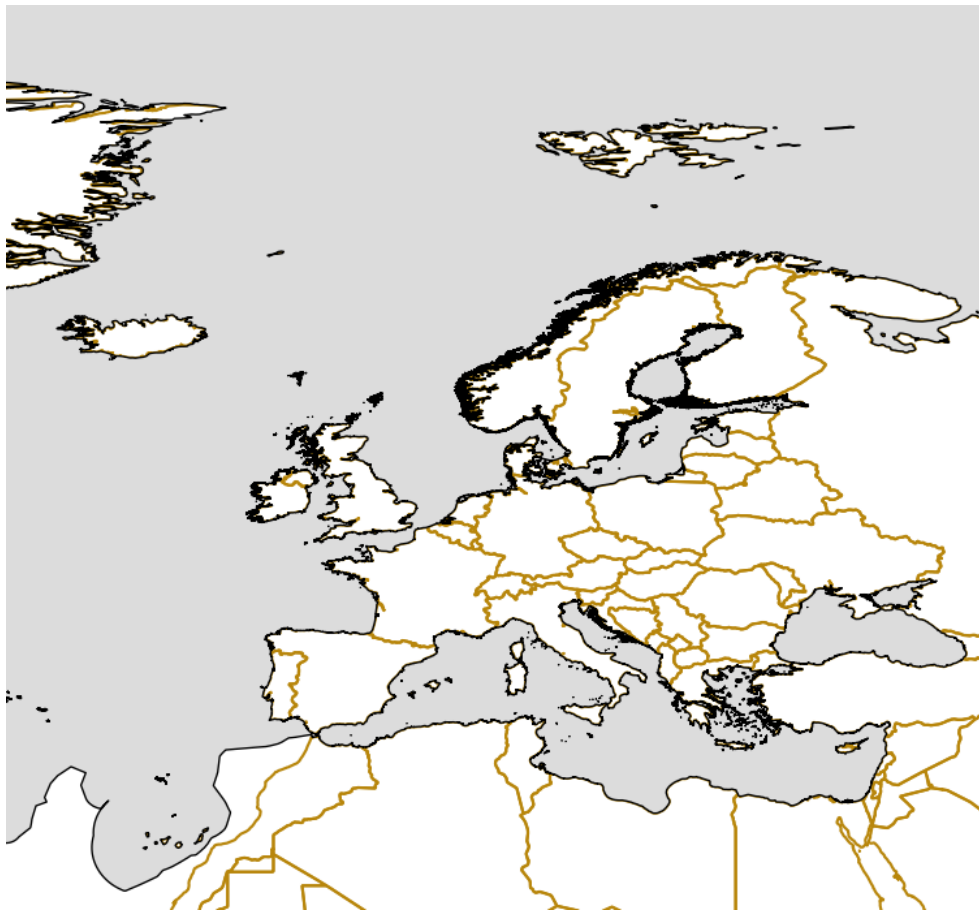
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