

# EEA marine assessment areas - version 3.0, Oct. 2022

The EEA marine assessment areas are harmonised units used for statistics. The EEA established the assessment areas for marine assessments to avoid jurisdictional issues on disputed maritime borders. The assessment areas dataset allows for a consistent geospatial approach for providing and updating spatial statistics of relevance for the implementation of EU legislation and progress monitoring of EU policies.

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Maintenance and update frequency	As needed
GEMET - INSPIRE themes, version 1.0	Area management/restriction/regulation zones and reporting units     Sea regions
Keywords	
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GEMET	<ul> <li>sea water protection</li> <li>Marine Strategy Framework Directive</li> <li>marine conservation area</li> <li>marine environment</li> <li>biodiversity</li> <li>environmental policy</li> <li>region</li> <li>protected marine zone</li> <li>Europe</li> </ul>

	• ecosystem
Continents, countries, sea regions of the world.	<ul> <li>Black Sea</li> <li>Baltic Sea</li> <li>Mediterranean Sea</li> <li>Northeast Atlantic Ocean (40W)</li> </ul>
Spatial scope	• European
EEA topics	Water     Biodiversity
Access constraints	Other restrictions
Other constraints	The map should not be understood as representing international marine borders. To this end, the following disclaimer will accompany the map: "This map serves as a working mean only and shall not be considered as an official or legally-binding map representing marine borders in accordance with international laws. This map shall be used without prejudice to the agreements that will be concluded between Member States or between Member States and non-EU Countries in respect of their marine borders.".
Other constraints	no limitations to public access
Use constraints	Other restrictions
Other constraints	EEA standard re-use policy: unless otherwise indicated, re-use of content on the EEA website for commercial or non-commercial purposes is permitted free of charge, provided that the source is acknowledged ( <u>http://www.eea.europa.eu/legal/copyright</u> ). Copyright holder: European Environment Agency (EEA).
Aggregate Datasetindentifier	56c944f8-9a3e-40ec-a1b2-314740437658
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Spatial representation type	Vector
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Hierarchy level	Dataset		

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## Conformance result

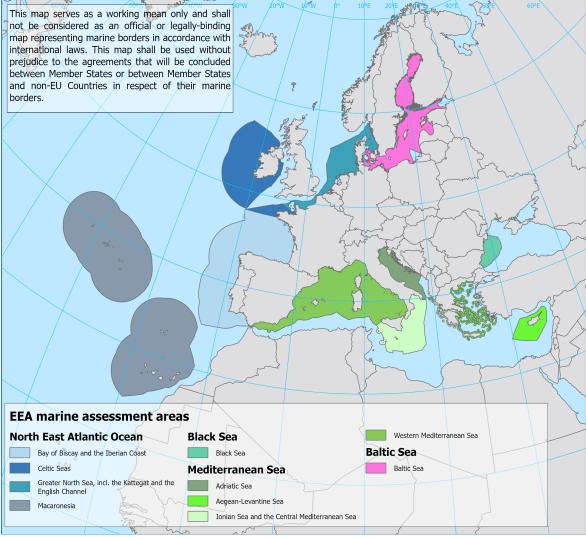
Date (Publication)	2021-11-30
Explanation	See the referenced specification
Statement	The EEA marine assessment areas are defined as the maritime area (water column and seabed) surrounding the EU countries whose outer limit is defined by the 200 NM boundary from the coast (possibly coinciding with formally 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. Landwards the dataset is harmonised with the "EEA coastline for analysis". Inner boundaries are based on the "EEA Marine waters for analysis" dataset, which is a harmonised version of the marine waters reported by EU Member States under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). Information about MSFD regions and subregions was assigned to the attributes of the assessment areas. National boundaries are omitted from the dataset and gaps and overlaps removed, resulting in 10 units that are named according to the assigned MSFD regions and subregions:      Adriatic Sea     Aegean-Levantine Sea

	Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Coast
	• Black Sea
	Celtic Seas
	Greater North Sea, incl. the Kattegat and the English Channel
	Ionian Sea and the Central Mediterranean Sea
	• Macaronesia
	Western Mediterranean Sea.
	Remarks in the delineation of this dataset compared to the previous version (one of the layers in "Europe Seas - version 1, Dec. 2018" dataset):
	a. The boundary between Greater North Sea, incl. the Kattegat and the English Channel and Baltic Sea follows the delineation in the MSFD regions and subregions dataset version 2.
	b. Outer (seaward) boundary is harmonised with the latest Bulgaria Marine Waters submission under MSFD Art.4 reporting.
	c. United Kingdom marine waters are not part of this dataset following Brexit.
	The dataset was assembled by ETC/ICM.
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Source	<ul> <li>EEA Marine waters for analysis - INTERNAL VERSION, Oct. 2022</li> <li>EEA coastline for analysis (polygon) - version 3.0, March 2017</li> </ul>

### Metadata

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