



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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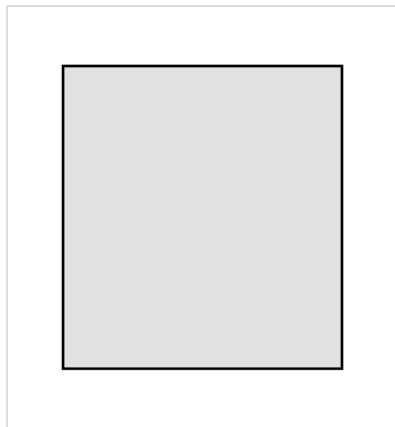
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Spatial representation type	Vector															

Spatial resolution

Equivalent scale

Denominator	100000
Topic category	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Environment

Extent



Temporal extent

Time period	2022-01-01 2022-12-31
Extent	
Maintenance and update frequency	As needed
GEMET - INSPIRE themes, version 1.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area management/restriction/regulation zones and reporting units • Sea regions
GEMET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ecosystem • biodiversity • region • marine environment • Marine Strategy Framework Directive • environmental policy • Europe • marine conservation area • protected marine zone • sea water protection
Continents, countries, sea regions of the world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltic Sea • Black Sea • Northeast Atlantic Ocean (40W) • Mediterranean Sea
Spatial scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European
EEA topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water • Biodiversity

Resource constraints

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

Resource constraints

Use constraints	Other restrictions
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Other constraints	License CC-BY 4.0 (https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). Copyright holder: European Environment Agency (EEA).
Associated resource	
Association Type	Revision Of
Metadata Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Protected Areas (MPA) assessment areas - version 2.0, May 2020
Language	English
Distribution Information	
Distribution format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHP • GDB
OnLine resource	https://sdi.eea.europa.eu/webdav/datastore/public/eea_v_3035_100_k_eea-marine-assessment-areas_p_2022_v03_r00 GPKG, GDB and SHP format
OnLine resource	Direct download
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OnLine resource	EEA website
Data quality info	
Hierarchy level	Dataset
Report	
Result	
Date (Publication)	2021-11-30
Explanation	See the referenced specification
Resource lineage	
Statement	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adriatic Sea • Aegean-Levantine Sea • Baltic Sea • Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Coast • Black Sea • Celtic Seas • Greater North Sea, incl. the Kattegat and the English Channel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ionian Sea and the Central Mediterranean Sea • Macaronesia • Western Mediterranean Sea. <p>Remarks in the delineation of this dataset compared to the previous version (one of the layers in "Europe Seas - version 1, Dec. 2018" dataset):</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b. Outer (seaward) boundary is harmonised with the latest Bulgaria Marine Waters submission under MSFD Art.4 reporting.</p> <p>c. United Kingdom marine waters are not part of this dataset following Brexit.</p> <p>The dataset was assembled by ETC/ICM.</p> <p>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 law. 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."</p>
Hierarchy level	Dataset
Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EEA Marine waters for analysis - INTERNAL VERSION, Oct. 2022 • EEA coastline for analysis (polygon) - version 3.0, March 2017

Reference System Information

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Code	EPSG:3035
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Metadata

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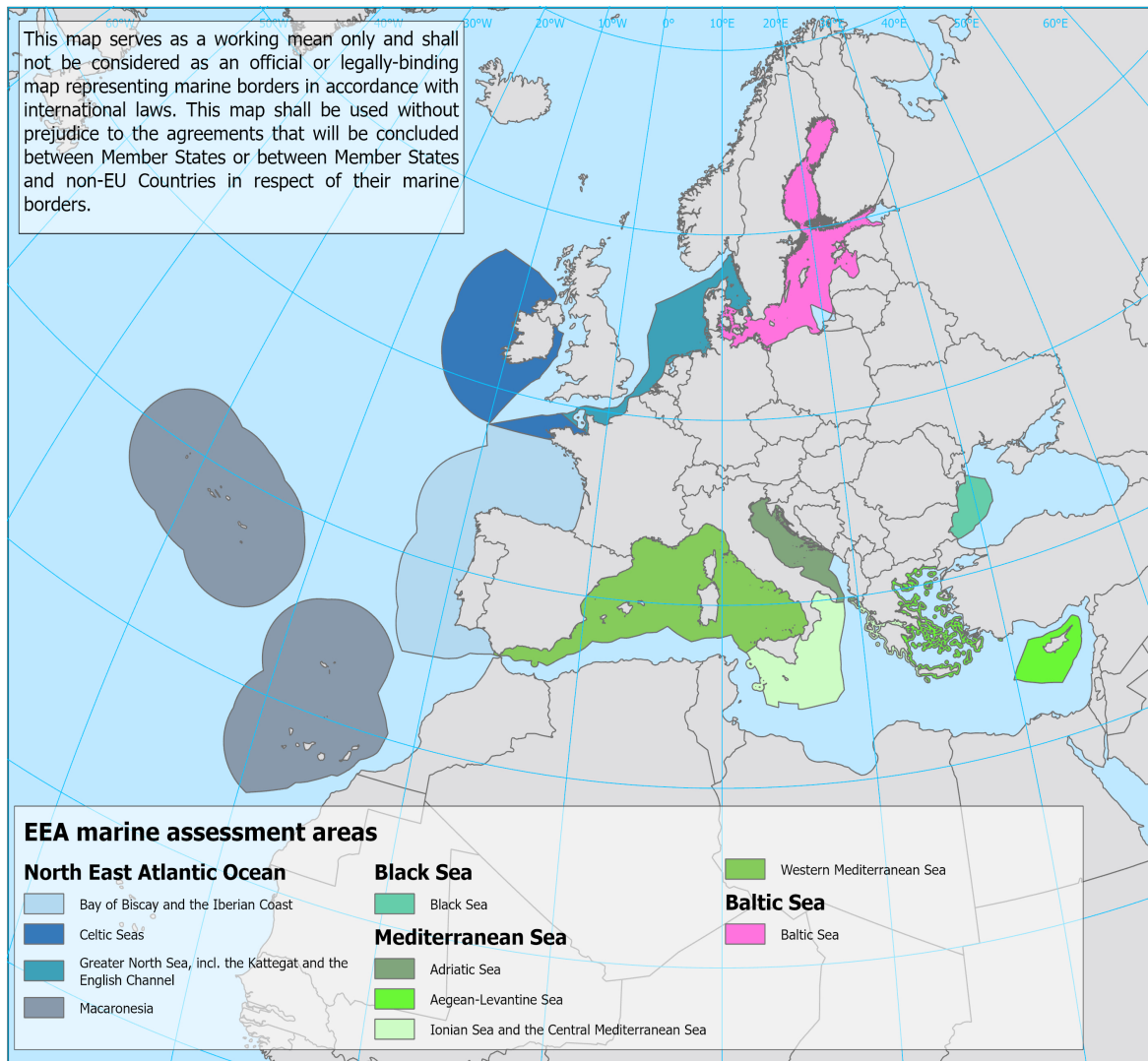
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Metadata standard

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Overviews



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