



**The Marine Strategy Framework Directive:
Latest developments**

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Status February 2013



Where marine species and habitat types have been assessed, the majority are found to be in unfavourable or unknown condition (EEA, SOER 2010)



The Marine Directive
EU's legal instrument for the protection of our seas

OVERARCHING GOAL
achieve Good Environmental Status of EU's marine waters by 2020

- PROTECTED ECOSYSTEMS**
Clean, healthy, productive seas
- SUSTAINABLE USE**
of Europe's marine resources
- COMMON APPROACHES**
Cooperation at EU and regional level



MSFD Implementation Steps



GES 2020

2013: First COM Report on Implementation

MSFD Scoreboard

Status at 28 January 2013

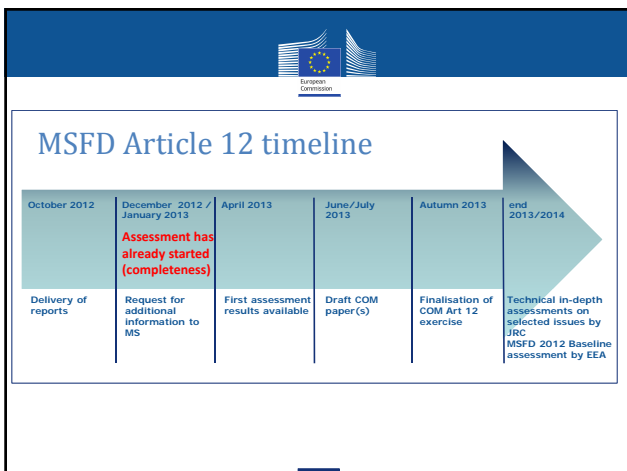
Country	Article 11			Article 12			Article 13		
	Progression	Implementation	Implementation	Progression	Implementation	Implementation	Progression	Implementation	Implementation
BELGIUM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
BULGARIA	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
CYPRUS	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
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SPAIN	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
SWEDEN	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
UNITED KINGDOM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/eu-coast-and-marine-policy/implementation/scoreboard_en.htm


Article 12: Key elements

Commission empowerment

- to assess compliance with the Directive
- to ask for additional information
- to analyse coherence between marine (sub-) regions and within EU
- to make recommendations for modifications




- ### MS reports: Early indications
- Often extensive amount of qualitative information (many pages)
 - Very limited precise/quantifiable GES and targets
 - Low level of ambition, basically repeating existing policies
 - No or limited coherence between MS and between marine regions
 - No or limited forward-looking perspective, no integrated and holistic policy vision per marine region
 - Variety of assessment scales (spatial, temporal) and aggregation limiting comparability and coherence of assessments
 - Gaps in information and knowledge identified without always a clear plan to address them
 - Limited pressure and impact analysis (e.g. accumulation of pressures) and limited link between Article 8 and Articles 9/10



MSFD: Next steps


MONITORING & MEASURES

- Implementation of Monitoring Programmes (Article 11) – deadline 15 July 2014
- Development and implementation of Programmes of Measures (Article 13) – 2015 / 2016
 - Including spatial protection measures contributing to coherent and representative networks of MPAs
 - MSs shall make publicly available MPA information by 2013



MSFD: Monitoring programmes

- The core purpose for the establishment and implementation of coordinated monitoring programmes is the **“on-going assessment of the environmental status”**.
- Monitoring programmes have to be **“coordinated”, “compatible”, “coherent” and “consistent”**.
- Build upon and **integrate**, as much as possible, existing well established monitoring programmes fit for MSFD purpose, under Habitats and Birds Directive, Water Framework Directive and other relevant EU legislation as well as under Regional Sea Conventions and other international agreements.



MSFD & SEAS-ERA's

- WP1 • Strategic Analysis
- WP2 • Common Programmes
- WP3 • Joint Calls, i.e. *INVASIVES, MERMAID, CIGESMED*
- WP4 • Infrastructures
- WP6 • Atlantic Region
- WP7 • Mediterranean Region
- WP8 • Black Sea Region



Final remarks

- More research is needed to support an ecosystem based approach to the management of human activities having an impact on the marine environment
- The Marine Directive is a continuous effort, cyclic of nature, which will continue to demand new knowledge and insight

