Marine Natura 2000 network

- More than 3000 marine sites (out of >27000)
- Covers 6% of EU seas (>360,000 km²)

CURRENT PRIORITY ACTIONS

- Completing the marine network - ensuring that all sites have conservation objectives and appropriate conservation measures (legal obligation)
- Management plans as useful strategic management tools
- Ensuring adequate financing opportunities (LIFE, EMFF, EU regional funds)
- Full stakeholder engagement and better regional cooperation
- Promoting socio-economic benefits: Study on socio-economic benefits of EU marine protected areas (2016)
Seminars on Natura 2000 management forum for discussions, networking and cross-border cooperation

- Setting conservation objectives
  - Habitats, highly mobile species
- Marine activities
  - Threats and pressures from fisheries
  - Fisheries management measures
  - Other marine sectors
- Regional integration
  - Cross-border collaboration
  - Regional networks
  - EU financing
Sharing good practices in MPA management

EU Ocean Governance initiative

Action: Achieving Aichi target and promoting the effective management of MPAs

- Promoting the exchange of best practices and support efforts towards coherent networks of MPAs
- Enhancing regional and international cooperation to develop long-term, sustainable financing mechanisms for MPAs
- Providing funding under Horizon2020 and LIFE for marine research essential for the establishment of marine protected areas in cooperation with international partners

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• promoting cooperation between MPA managers in countries and territories around the Atlantic Ocean
• stimulating exchange and sharing of best practice to improve the effective management of MPAs – TWINNING PROJECTS

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