



## Examples of Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic and Macaronesian Regions

1º Subregional Cooperation Meeting in the Mediterranean Sea  
Examples and outcomes of sub-regional cooperation in other marine regions

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## I- Competences of the entities



# COMPETENCES OF DGRM

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### General-Directorate for Natural Resources, Safety and Maritime Services

Is a central service in direct administration of the State, with administrative autonomy

Competent authority for the Maritime Spatial Planning of the Continent and Extended Continental Shelf Subdivisions (Ministerial Order n° 11494/2015, 14<sup>th</sup> October)

Competent authority for permitting the use of the maritime space (n° 1, art° 51°, Decree-Law n° 38/2015, 12<sup>th</sup> March)

National coordination - Maritime Strategic Framework Directive (n°1, art° 4, Decree-Law n° 201/2012, 27<sup>th</sup> August)



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# COMPETENCES OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONS

## **Autonomous Region of Azores**

Regional Directorate for Maritime Policies (DRPM)

Regional Secretariat for the Sea and Fisheries  
*and*

## **Autonomous Region of Madeira**

Regional Directorate of Fisheries and Sea (DRPM)

Regional Secretariat for the Economy, Sea and Fisheries

Competent authorities for the Maritime Spatial Planning of their adjacent marine areas (Azores and Madeira Subdivisions)

Permitting the use of the maritime space of their adjacent marine areas (Azores and Madeira Subdivisions)

Regional authorities for the Maritime Strategic Framework Directive



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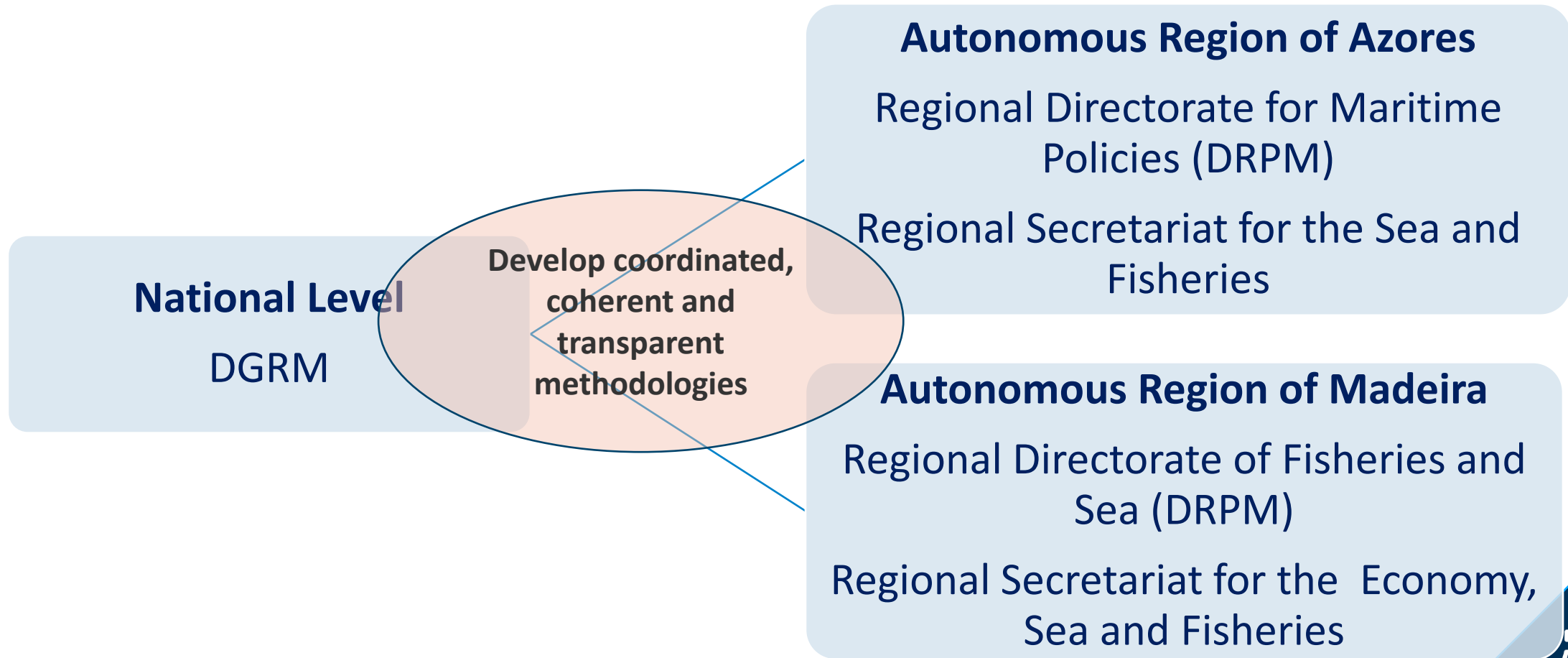
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III- National coordination and cooperation - Maritime Spatial Planning and in the implementation and the Marine Strategic Framework Directive

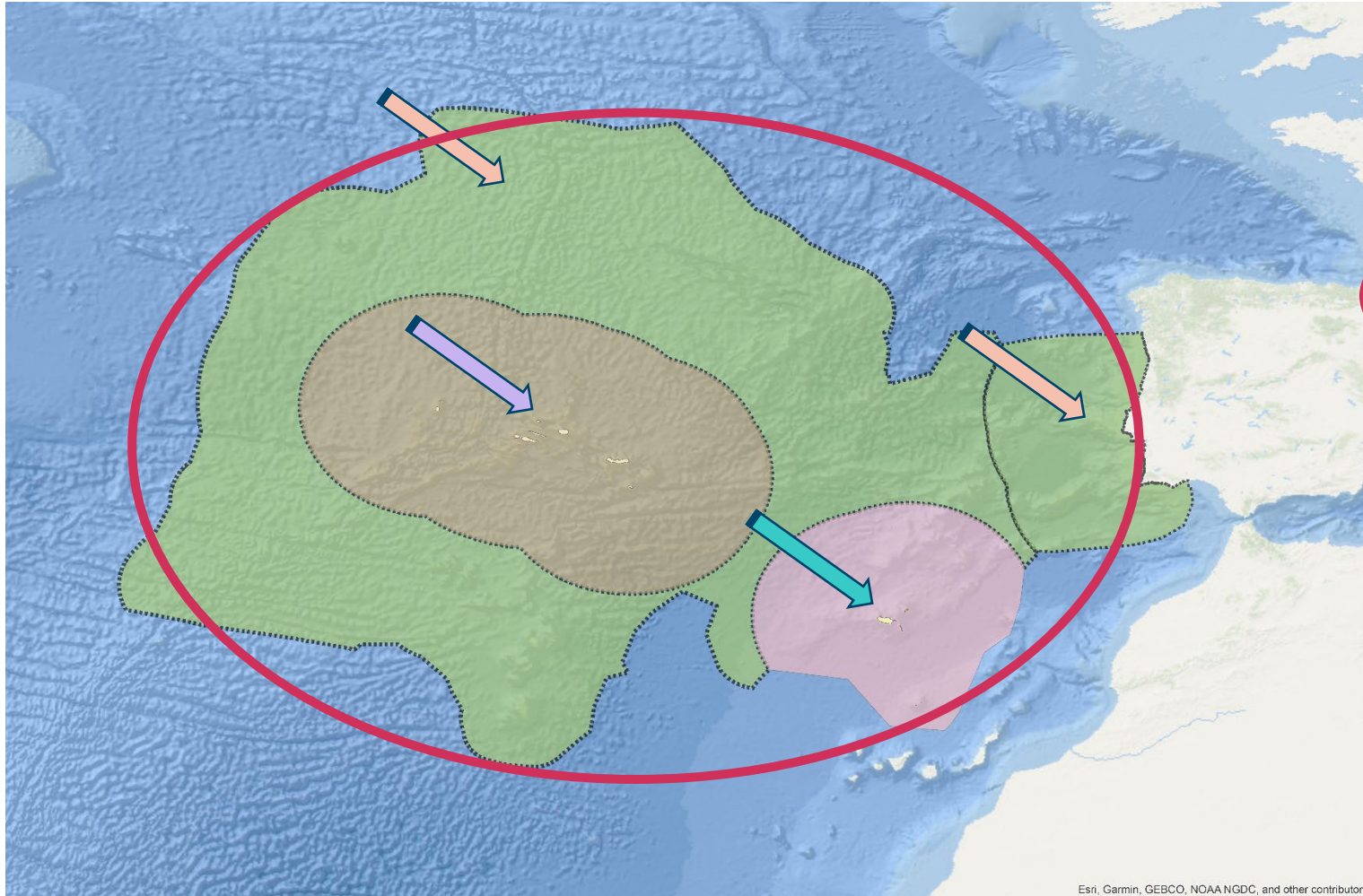


# NATIONAL COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

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# PORTUGUESE MARITIME SPACE



Esri, Garmin, GEBCO, NOAA NGDC, and other contributors

Portuguese Republic (km <sup>2</sup> )	92 090
Portuguese maritime space (km <sup>2</sup> )	> 4 000 000

## Portuguese maritime space:

- Continent and Extended Continental Shelf subdivisions
- Azores subdivision
- Madeira subdivision



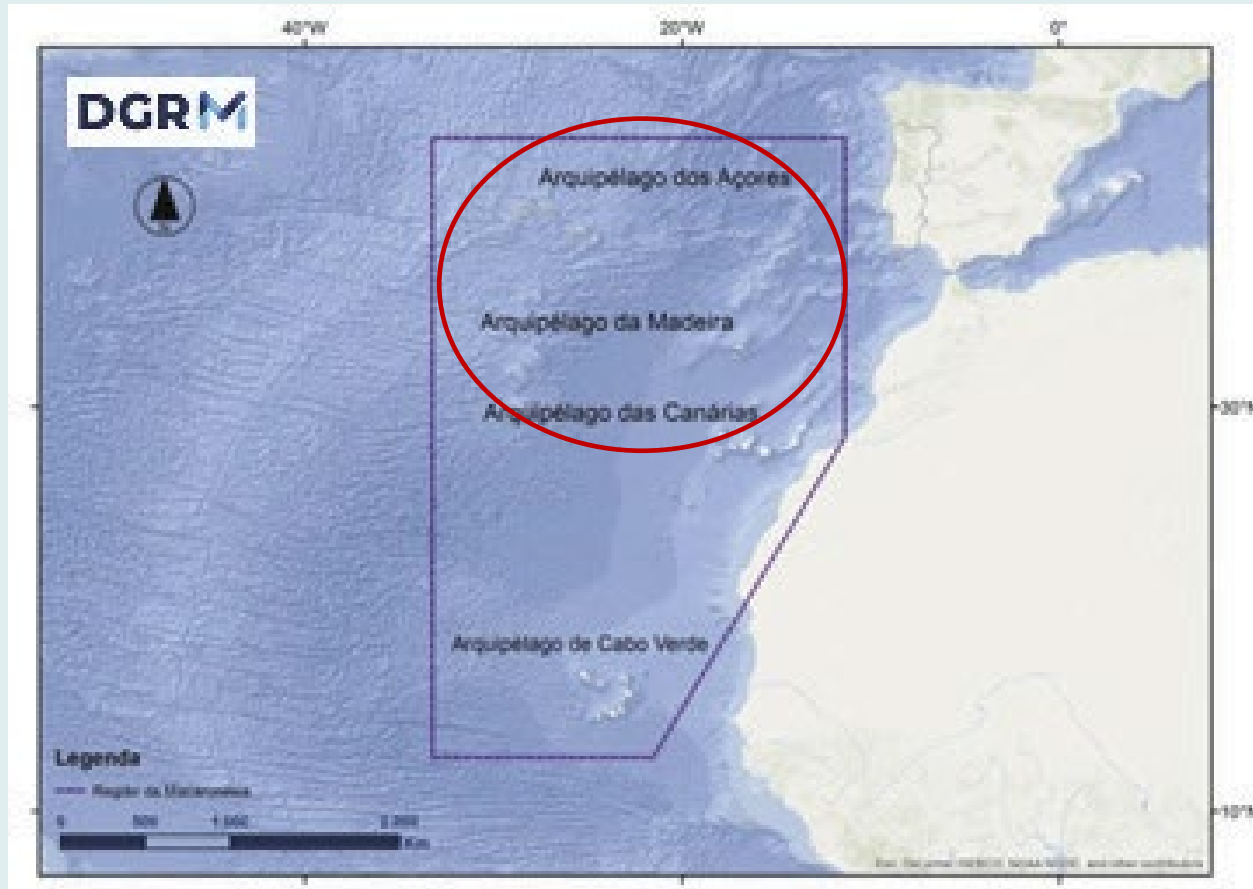
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## IV- Examples of cooperation in marine regions



# EXAMPLES OF COOPERATION IN MARINE REGIONS



MSP & MSFD - Macaronesian Marine Waters



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## Macaronesian Maritime Spatial Planning

**Countries:** PT (Azores and Madeira Islands), SP (Canary Islands).

**Project coordination:** Regional Science and Technology Fund (FRCT)

**Partners (Azores and Madeira):** DRAM, DROTA

Jan '18 – Dez '19

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### Objectives:

**Developing Maritime Spatial Planning schemes in the three Outermost Regions of Macaronesia (Azores, Madeira and Canary Islands),** considering their particularities and different stages in the processes.

Building the necessary **capacity and tools** for implementing the MSP Directive in the Macaronesian region, including **mechanisms for cross-border cooperation**.

**Develop management tools** that are relevant to the environmental and socio-economic settings of **each archipelago** of Macaronesia

**Strengthen the position of Macaronesia** in the world context



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## Outputs:

**Mapping existing and potential maritime uses and activities**, while analysing the associated constraints, restrictions, conflicts and synergies, as a precursor of MSP fiche.

Development of specific **MSP objectives**, tailored to the Outermost Region, by applying a participatory approach.

Fostering **stakeholder engagement** in the current stage of the MSP process, namely via stakeholder workshops, bilateral meetings and sectoral interviews.

Filling **knowledge gaps**, namely compiling existing information and collecting new data about the maritime space surrounding the archipelago.

**Describing each MPA** including their localization, constraints or forbidden activities, while also alluding to the natural, geological and ecological aspects underpinning their classification.

**Developing data interoperability and platforms** for each region - SIGMAR-Açores, Madeira Sea Portal, Plataforma MarSP Canárias and providing **capacity building** sessions on use of data infrastructures, data management and use of the MSP data mode.

Promoting **cross-border cooperation** among the national and regional authorities of PT and SP, by proposing cross-border mechanisms towards functional coherence between plan.

**More info:** <https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/projects/marsp-project-macaronesian-maritime-spatial-planning>



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## Macaronesian Maritime Spatial Planning

**Countries:** PT (Azores and Madeira Islands), SP (Canary Islands) and FR (French Guiana)

**Project coordination:** Regional Science and Technology Fund (FRCT)

**Partners (Azores and Madeira):** DRPM, DRM

### Objectives:

Support MSP competent authorities in PT (Azores and Madeira) and SP (Canary Islands) on advancing the **implementation of the next phases** of their MSP processes.

Support MSP competent authorities in **FR (French Guiana) to build the early stages of MSP** process, advancing with knowledge, providing grounds to launch and adopting the principles of MSP.

Provide a **common ocean governance platform** which provides all partners with a virtual arena to compile and exchange information, participate and build capacity.

Filling **knowledge gaps** & advancing the **ecosystem-based approach, monitoring and evaluation** in MSP in the Outermost Regions.



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Sep '21 – Aug '24

## Outputs:

Setting common guidelines for **MSP monitoring and evaluation (M&E)** in the Outermost Regions, identifying and testing indicators and developing a proposal for M&E plan.

Fostering **stakeholder and expert's involvement** to support MSP, namely in the topic of M&E and sectoral aspects.

Filling knowledge gaps, namely collecting **new bathymetry data** about the maritime space surrounding the archipelago.

Developing a case study of MSP downscaling for the Portuguese **marine protected areas Great Meteor and Madeira Tore.**

Fostering cooperation between competent authorities towards the clarification and harmonized implementation of the **permitting system under MSP (TUPEM)**, including meetings about the underlying platform (BMar).



**More info:** <https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/projects/advancing-maritime-spatial-planning-outermost-regions-msp-or>



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# EXAMPLES OF COOPERATION IN MARINE REGIONS



I – 2015/2017

II - 2017/2019

III - 2019/2021

**MISTIC SEAS I** - Macaronesia Islands Standard Indicators and Criteria: Reaching Common Grounds on Monitoring Marine Biodiversity in Macaronesia (D1)

**MISTIC SEAS II** - Applying a subregional coherent and coordinated approach to the monitoring and assessment of marine biodiversity in Macaronesia for the second cycle of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (D1)

**MISTIC SEAS III** - Developing a coordinated approach for assessing Descriptor 4 via its linkages with D1 and other relevant descriptors in the Macaronesian sub-region (D4)

**Countries: PT (Azores and Madeira Islands), SP (Canary Islands).**

**Project coordination:** Regional Science and Technology Fund (FRCT)

## Objectives:

I - Defining a **common methodology for monitoring marine biodiversity** in the **Macaronesian region**, focusing on populations of marine species of cetaceans, turtles and birds, and establishing a **common roadmap** to improve coordination in implementing the directive

II – Support the **reassessment of the environmental status of Descriptor 1** –, as well as the review of Monitoring and Measurement Programs, in the 2nd cycle of the MSFD

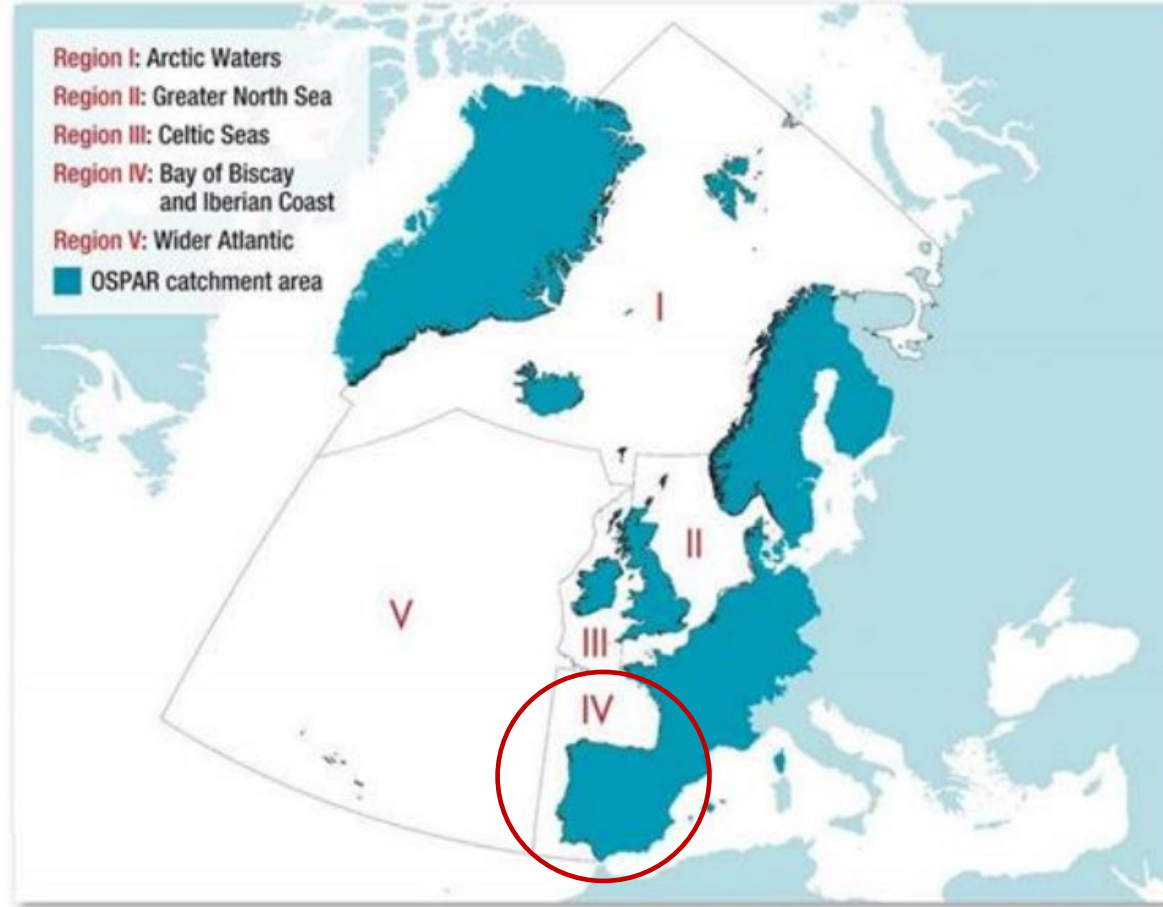
III - Development of a **coordinated assessment of Descriptor 4**, trophic webs, in accordance with the criteria defined by the European Commission

**More info:** <https://misticseas3.com/pt-pt>



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MSP - Bay of Biscay and North Western Marine Waters of Iberian Coast





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## Supporting the Implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning in the North Atlantic Region

**Countries: PT, SP and FR**

The project area: marine waters of **Portugal, Spain, and France of the Ospar region IV.**

**Project coordination:** French Naval Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service (SHOM)

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### Objectives:

Supporting the **implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning** in EU Member States.

Launching and carry out concrete and **cross-border MSP initiatives** between Member States.



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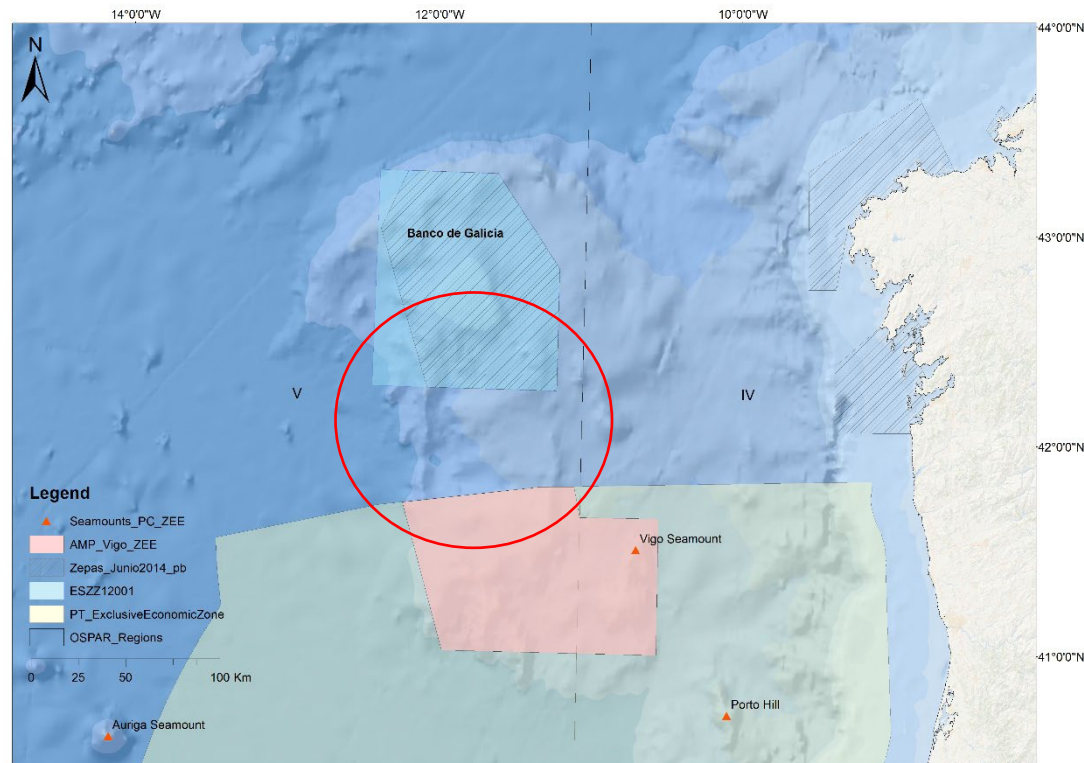
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SIMNORAT was developed simultaneously with the implementation of the MSP Directive. **Portuguese maritime spatial planning process (Situation Plan – PSOEM)** begun in 2015 → mutual benefits

**Case study PT/SP:** “North Western marine waters of Iberian Coast” Marine protected area Mount Vigo-Mount Galiza and Vasco da Gama → identified as MPA in the Situation Plan.

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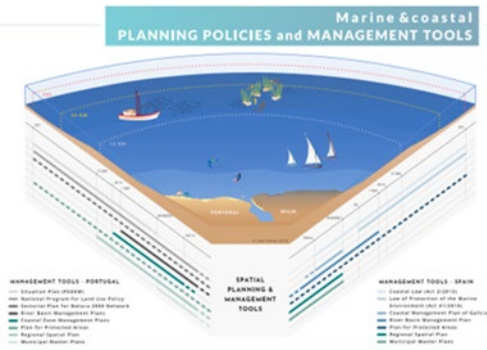
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The case study exercise focused on the following **objectives/steps**:

- Identification of the **existing uses and activities**, as well as the major **pressures**;
- Analysis of the **governance framework in Spain and Portugal** regarding marine conservation and maritime spatial planning;
- Comparative analysis of Portuguese and Spanish **marine and coastal planning policies and management tools**;
- Development of a **roadmap for a cross-border MPA** between Spain and Portugal.



Five **management goals** were defined for the cross-border MPA:

- Promote **scientific knowledge** of offshore marine ecosystems;
- Promote **stakeholders involvement** in a transboundary context;
- Develop, test and disseminate **management measures** of oceanic MPA's;
- Reinforce **transboundary cooperation** between Spain and Portugal;
- Promote the achievement of **conservation goals**.



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**Results** from the workshop involving stakeholders from PT and SP:

- Expected **conflicts are not that relevant** (distance from coast, where most uses and activities are concentrated)
- Need to create **platforms for exchange of information** that optimize investment in research and advance knowledge about the resources of the area
- Need to create stable **communication mechanisms** between governments and stakeholders and in different levels of dialogue
- Need to **optimize and harmonize data** and promote the “**open access**” to information to some sectors, as research.

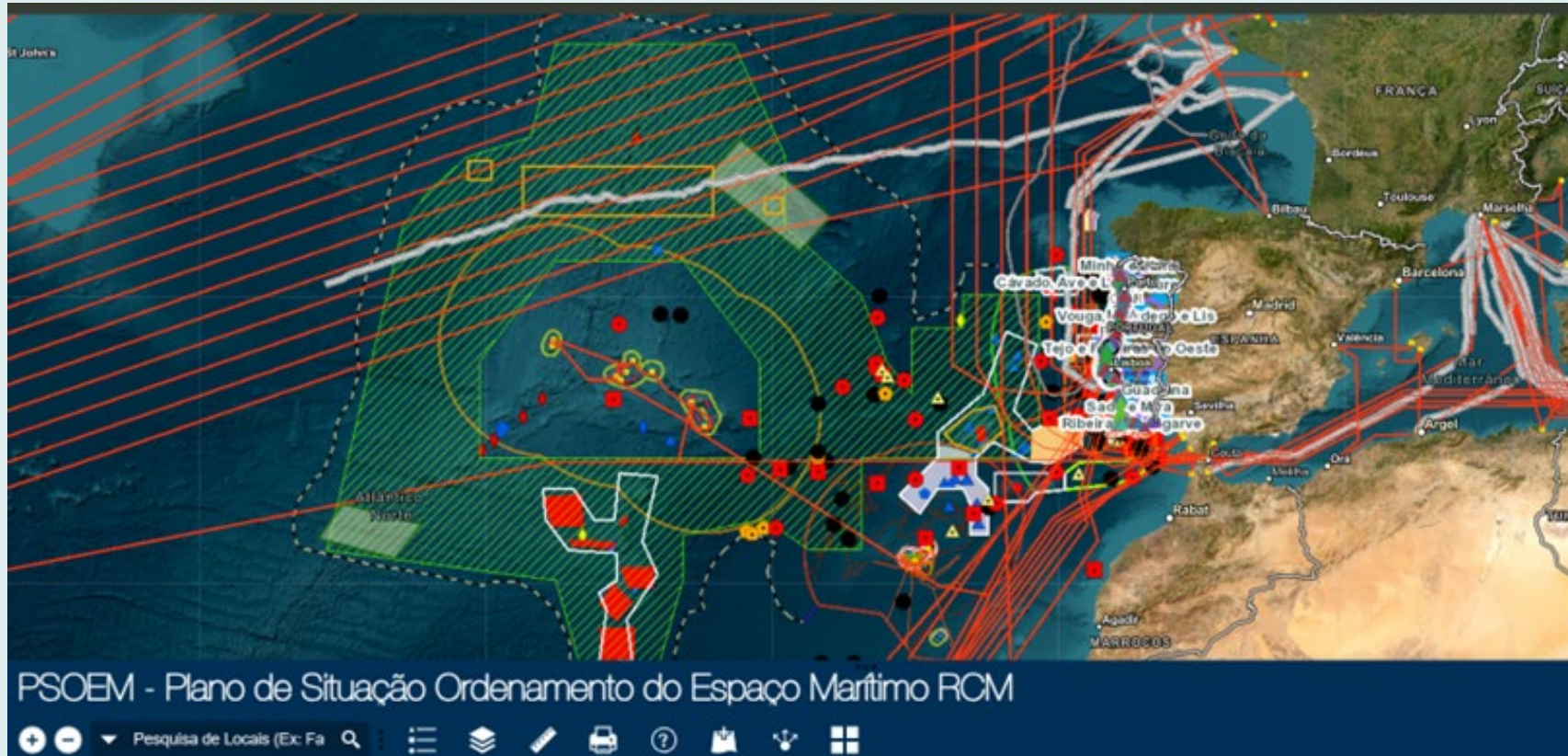
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MSP –  
Transboundary  
Consultation



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## **Situation Plan (PSOEM) and the Allocation Plan for renewable energies (PAER)**

Decree-Law nº 38/2015, art. 6º : ensure the transboundary cooperation and coordination in the preparation, alteration, revision or suspension of the planning instruments.

### **Transboundary consultations:**

- **Government of the Kingdom Spain** under the protocol with the government of the Portuguese Republic, 19th February 2008, regarding the PSOEM and PAER .

Final version of the **PSOEM** (Council of Ministries nº 203-A/2019, 31<sup>st</sup> December) includes:

- A chapter dedicated to the transboundary impacts of the Plan and the assessment of the effects of the plan on the Spanish Natura 2000 → Created a new chapter Environmental Report (Chapter 10, volume V).
- Withdraw the reference to the transboundary MPA Banco da Galiza – Monte de Vigo e Vasco da Gama

- **Kingdom of Morocco** (PSOEM): we didn't receive the transboundary consultation contribution.



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