



# MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING

## Next planning process steps and stakeholder engagement opportunities

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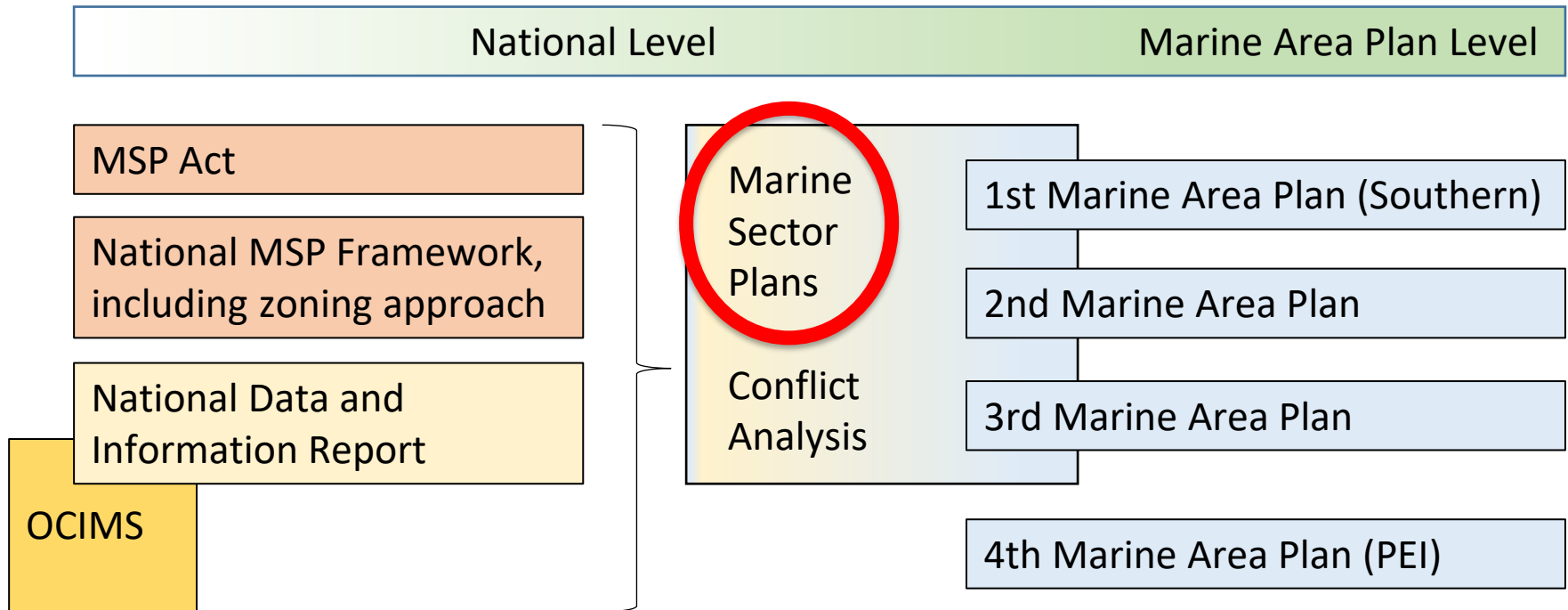


# Presentation outline

- Next planning process steps
- Stakeholder engagement opportunities



# Next step: Marine Sector Plans



# Role of Marine Sector Plans

- They specify the overall development objectives and priorities of each marine sector for the coming two decades from a national point of view.
- They specify and outline the spatial claims and interests of each sector for marine area as a whole – the “spatial ask” of each marine activity and interest.
- This includes proposed zones and spatial regulations including their location and extent.
- They therefore summarise the national spatial and sector priorities that each marine sector would like to see translated into the marine area plans across the marine planning areas.

# Marine Sector Plans are ...

## **NOT the final marine area plans!**

- Rather, they are critical inputs for the next step of developing integrated cross-sectoral marine area plans.
- The marine sector plans serve as the sectors' proposals that will then need to be further discussed and negotiated across sectors as part of the marine area plan's development processes.

# Marine Sector Plan Content

Sector plans will consist of the following sections:

- Introduction to Marine Sector Plans
- Background on the sector
- Sector development objectives
- Sector development guidelines
- Proposed marine zones for each sector and associated spatial regulations
- Maps
- Future outlook

# Marine Sector Plan Development Process

- Each sector is leading the development of its sector plan
- The respective Department/Agency is supported in this by the MSP Secretariat
- The draft sector plans are to be finalised by 05/2021 at the latest
- The final drafts will be submitted to the Director-Generals Committee on MSP for approval
- Stakeholders will be invited to comment on the draft sector plans

# Stakeholders will be engaged by the MSP-NWG on:

MSP in  
general

The Marine  
Sector  
Plans

The Marine  
Area Plans





# Stakeholder engagement opportunities I

## On MSP in general:

- Beginning in 2021, interested stakeholders are engaged on MSP in general. Comments are specifically invited on the steps taken to-date and the forthcoming MSP process.
- Background and information material will be made available on the MSP website, as well as guidance on how feedback, comments and questions can be submitted.
- A live virtual event for any interested stakeholders is planned for early March 2021 to respond to the feedback, comments and questions received.

# Stakeholder engagement opportunities II

## On the marine sector plans specifically:

- Towards end of 02/2021, stakeholders will be invited to participate in the development of the sector plans.
- The draft sector plans will be made available on the MSP website.
- Spatial information contained within the draft sector plans (e.g. proposed sector priority zones) will be accessible via the OCIMS MSP Support Viewer.
- Stakeholders are then invited to answer guiding questions within a given period in order to provide input on each of the draft sector plans.
- Thereafter, live virtual meetings are planned to respond to the stakeholder feedback, showing if and how comments have been considered in the draft sector plans, and to answer additional or open questions.
- Further information and guidance will be released on the accessibility of the draft sector plans and commenting procedures.

# Stakeholder engagement opportunities III

## On the marine area plans:

- Towards beginning of 2022, stakeholders will be invited to participate in the development of the first marine area plan (for the southern planning area).
- This engagement process will include virtual and contact meetings with single-sectors and stakeholder groups as well as multi-stakeholder meetings.
- Further information on the specific details for the stakeholder engagement process as part of this MSP phase will be made available before and in time.

# THANK YOU!

**For more information please contact:**

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