

Chapter S11: Marine Spatial Planning and Marine Renewable Energy
Questionnaire circulated to Participants

Consent Form

Do you consent to participate in this study?

Yes

No

Question 1

Does a formal Maritime Spatial Planning process exist in your country? If yes, please describe this process with links to key documents and legislation. Please also specify whether this applies to coastal waters.

If no formal MSP system yet exists in your country please describe the current strategic planning system that applies to marine renewable energy developments, in this question and the following questions. This could include processes that operate in parallel, those that incorporate adaptive management, participatory approaches etc.

Question 2

Is there a specific marine renewable energy strategy in place in your country? How does this interact with MSP? *What targets exist for offshore wind, wave and tidal energy? Are these reflected in the Marine Spatial Plan?*

Question 3

To what extent does the Maritime Spatial Planning process in place incorporate Marine Renewable Energy as a specific sector? Is this the same for offshore wind, wave and tidal energy?

Question 4

How were the requirements of the Marine Renewable Energy sector taken into account in the development of the Maritime Spatial Planning process? *For example, did the findings of a Strategic Environmental Assessment [or equivalent] of marine renewables inform the process, were there meetings with key industry players or trade associations, etc.?*

Question 5

How has scientific information been incorporated into Maritime Spatial Planning? *In your answer please indicate the type of scientific information included and whether this was derived from 'real-life' data, specially developed models, data from other industries etc.* Please also explain how findings from Strategic Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, where applicable, are incorporated in MSP.

Question 6

How have cumulative impacts been addressed in your national Maritime Spatial Planning system?

Question 7

Have there been any conflicts between different marine sectors / users such as fisheries, conservation, recreation etc.? How does your marine planning system address this issue? Please give examples, where possible.

Question 8

Are there any specific marine/coastal areas where development of Marine Renewable Energy projects is absolutely prohibited? *This could include, for example, military training areas, Marine Protected Areas, fishing zones etc.*

Question 9

What tools are used to implement Maritime Spatial Planning system in your country? Tools could include a specific Geographic Information System (GIS), zoning for specific uses, specific regulations etc.

Question 10

If there are zones / preferred locations designated for marine renewable energy development in your country, please explain how these operate. *Do they exclude other marine uses or users? Is there a pre-existing level of environmental data for these areas? Are the zones / preferred locations binding on developers and authorities? Can marine renewable energy developments be sited outside these zones/preferred locations?*

Question 11

How do licensing/consenting decisions on marine renewable energy developments reflect the Marine Spatial Plan? *For example, does the marine plan require regulatory authorities responsible for decision-making to take their licensing/consenting decisions in accordance with the Marine Spatial Plan?*

Question 12

What are the key limiting factors to implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning in your country? *This could include, for example, limited marine data availability, limited human and/or financial resources, lack of priority attributed to marine development etc.*

Question 13

How have the public been involved in Maritime Spatial Planning?

Further comments

Should you wish to add any supplementary information or comments on Maritime Spatial Planning and/or Marine Renewable Energy in your country, please add them here.

Thank you sincerely for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.