

Anthropic impact on the Mediterranean Sea, other than climate change

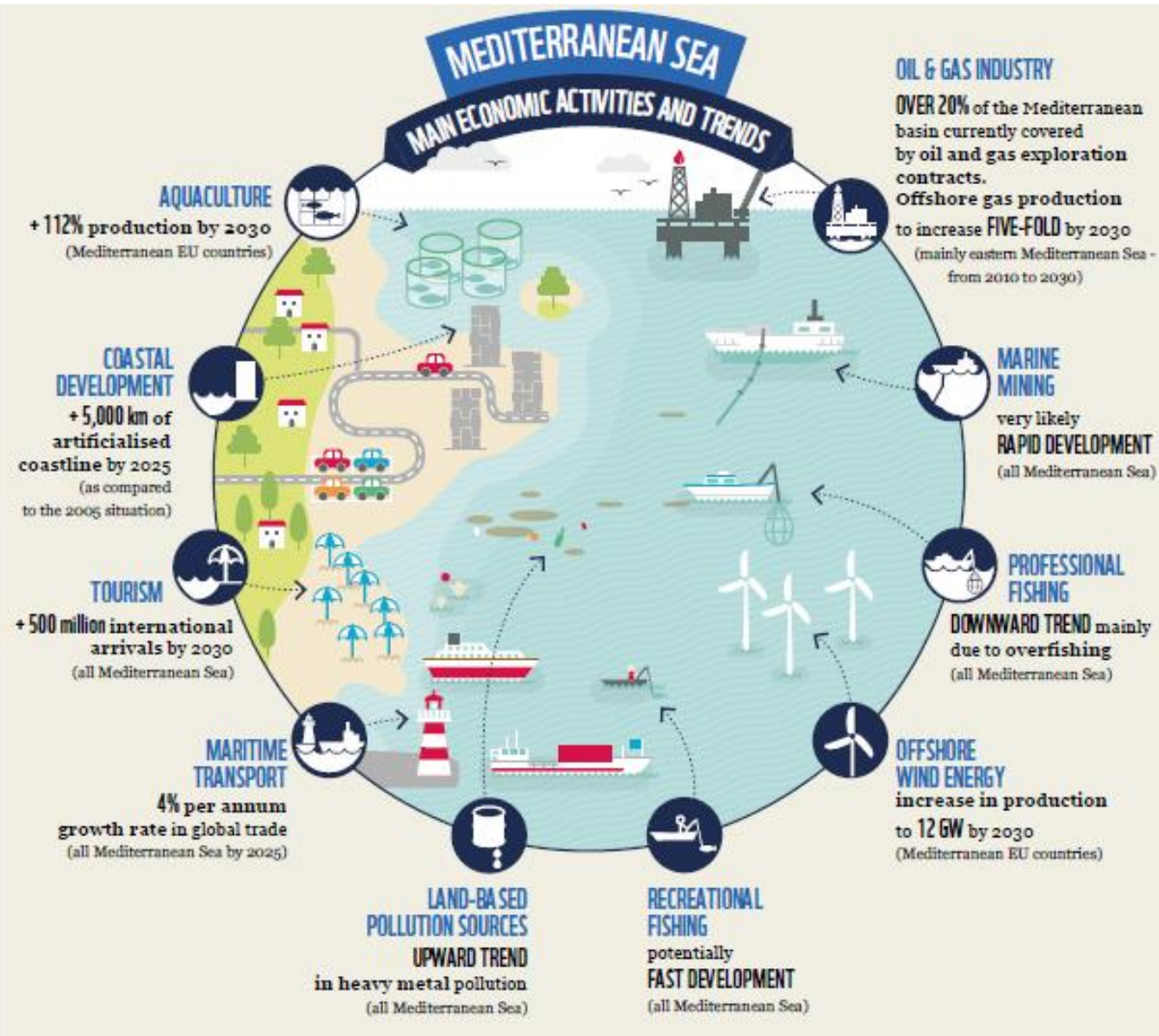
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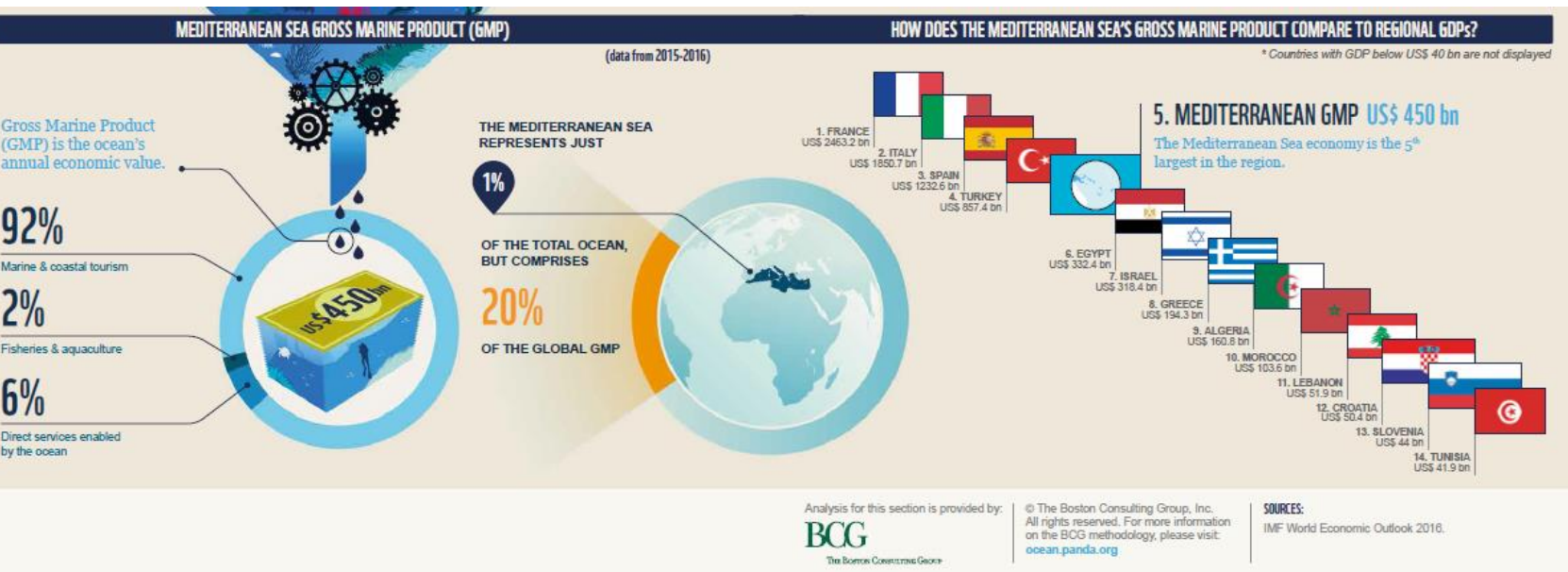
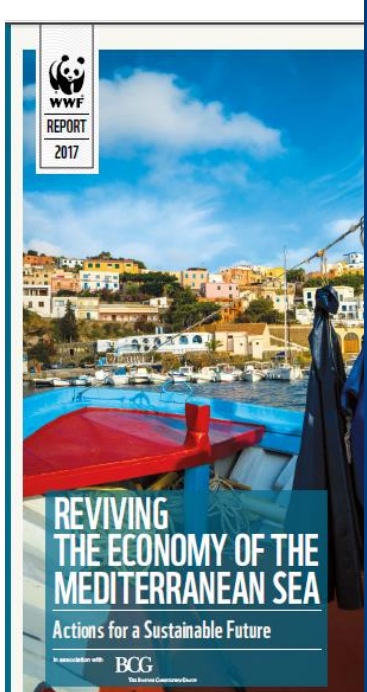
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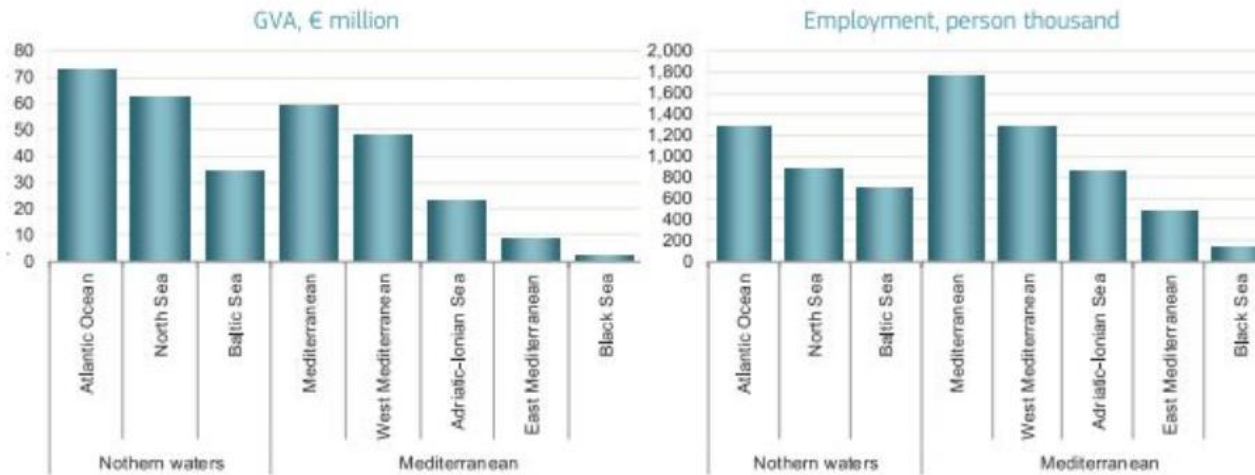
Mediterranean Sea: main economic activities and trends



1. Coastal development
2. Marine-based pollution sources
3. Maritime transport and ports
4. Offshore oil and gas exploration and extraction
5. Marine renewable energy
6. Marine mining
7. Marine aquaculture
8. Professional fisheries
9. Recreational fisheries
10. Tourism
11. Biotechnology



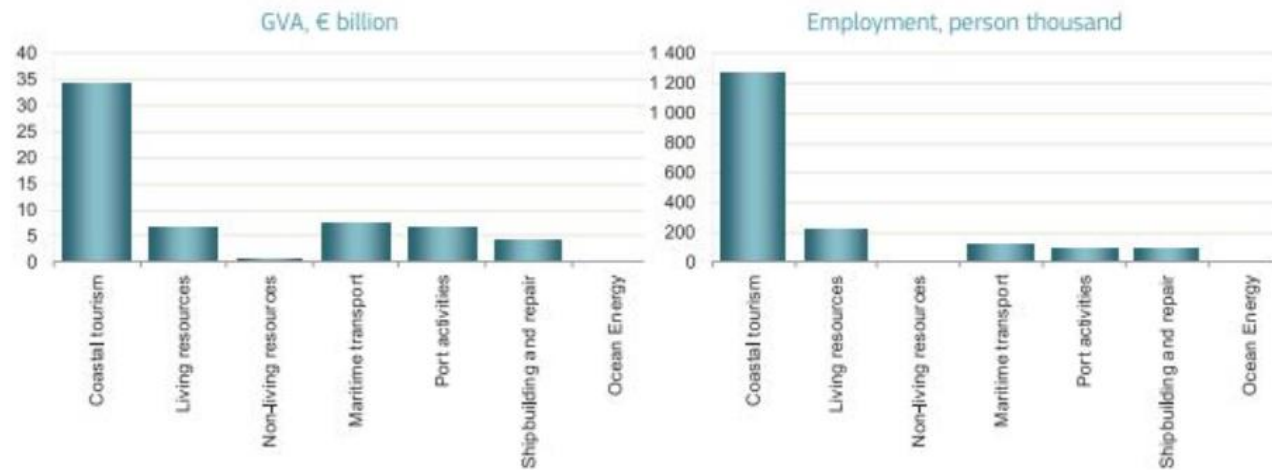
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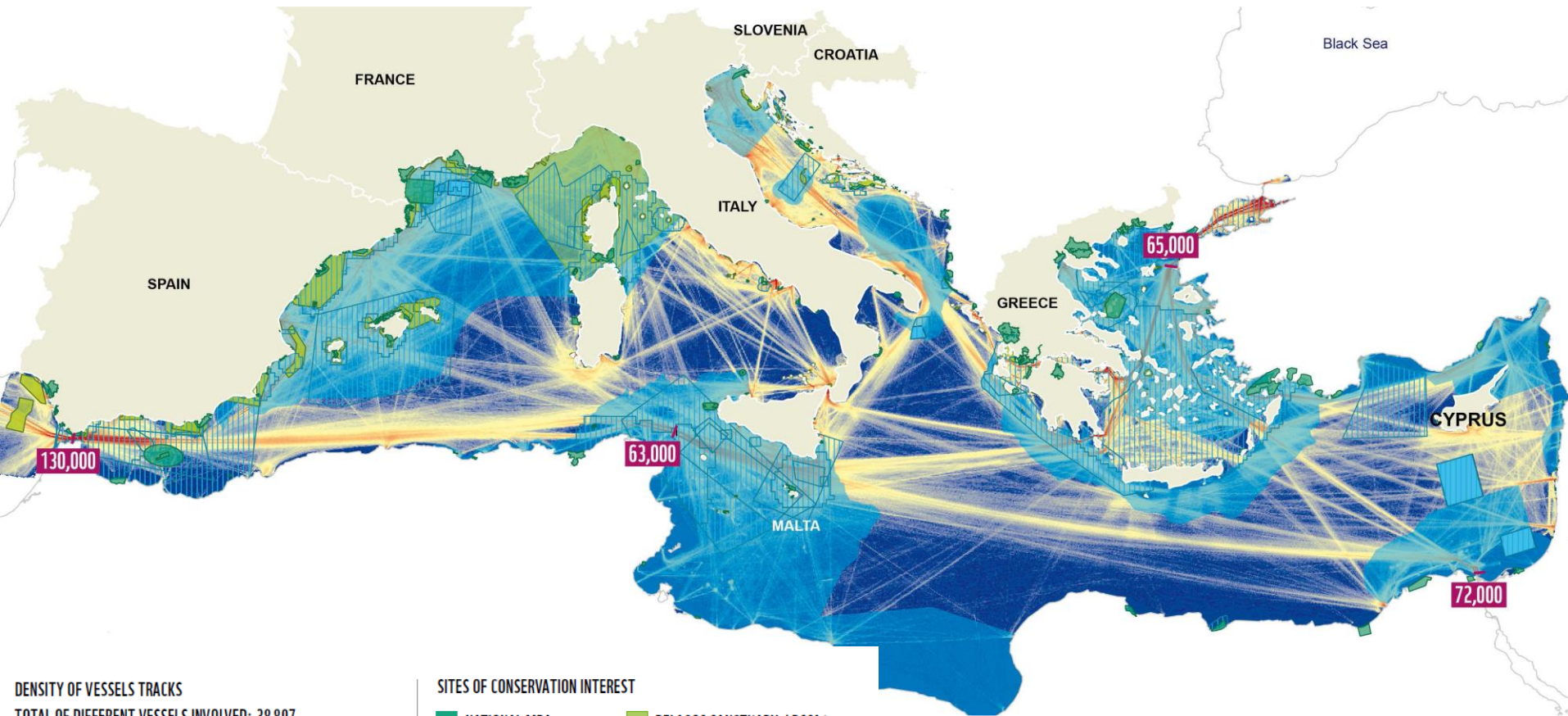
Source: Eurostat (SBS), DCF and Commission Services.

The Mediterranean Sea basin Blue Economy by sector, 2017: Gross Value Added (GVA) and employment



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Maritime transport and ports



DENSITY OF VESSELS TRACKS

TOTAL OF DIFFERENT VESSELS INVOLVED: 38 897
Interpolation / Log scaling / Year 2014



MAX = 169 966* MEDIAN = 418* MIN = 1*

*In 1 pixel of 1x1 km
Source: AIS density maps by **navama** technology for nature

■ APPROXIMATION OF NUMBER OF DENSITY TRACKS IN SHIP CHANNEL

SITES OF CONSERVATION INTEREST

- NATIONAL MPA
- PELAGOS SANCTUARY / PSSA*
- NATURA 2000 SITE
- ECOLOGICALLY AND BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT AREAS (EBSA)
- REPLACE BY FISHERIES RESTRICTED AREA (FRA)
- PRIORITY AREAS FOR CONSERVATION

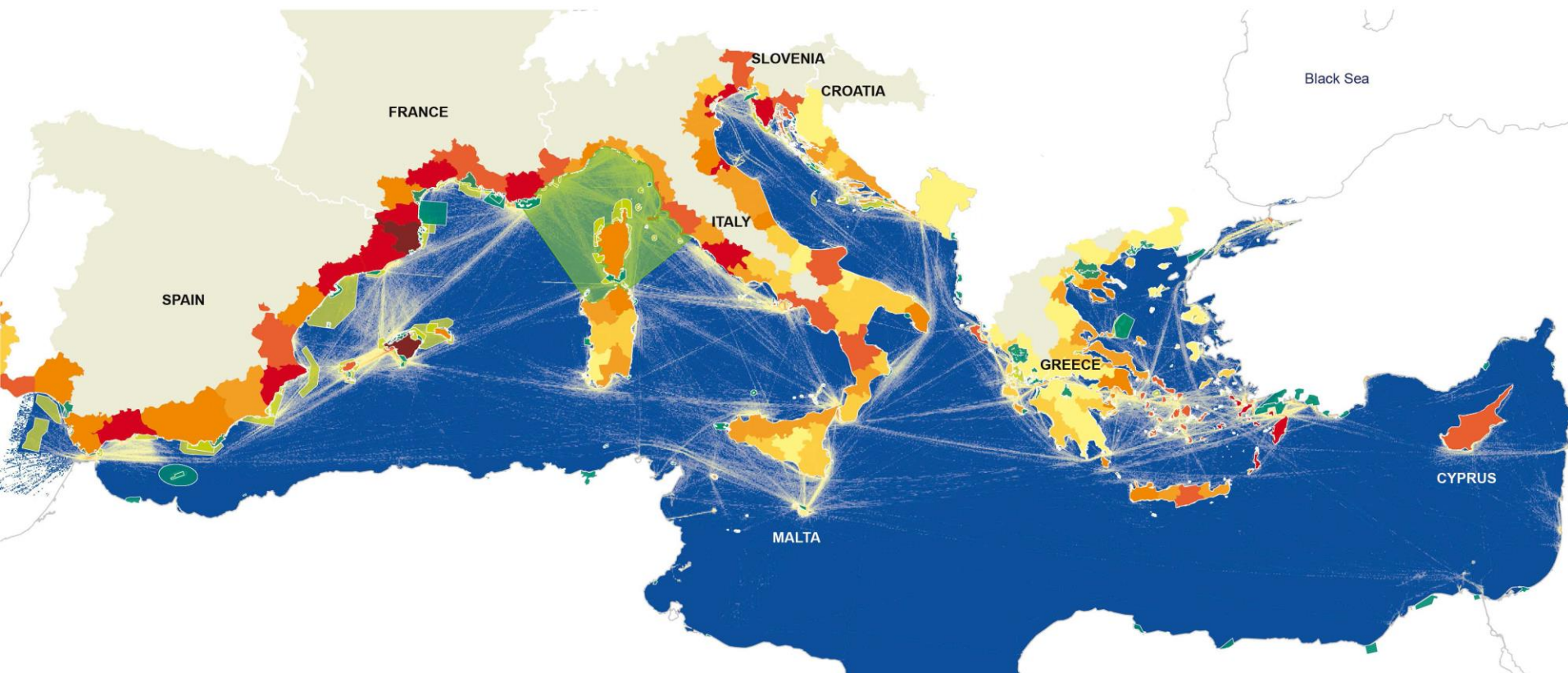
Sources: MAPAMED (2014) / UNEP RAC/SPA (2010 - 2014) / ACCOBAMS (2010) / IHO-IOC GEBCO / GFCM (2006 - 2015)
*Particularly Sensitive Sea Area

Density of all vessels equipped with AIS transmitters and areas of conservation (2014 – 38,897 vessels)

Maritime transport and ports

Tourism and MPAs

Pleasure crafts (2014 – 9,779 vessels)



PLEASURE CRAFTS
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HIGH **LOW**

MAX = 3462* MEDIAN = 60* MIN = 1*

NUMBER OF BED PLACES* BY NUTS 3 REGION IN EU COUNTRIES

< 10000	10000 - 25000	25000 - 50000	50000 - 80000
80000 - 135000	135000 - 225000	225000 - 370000	

Source: Eurostat 2011 (EU countries only)
*Including: Hotels; holiday and other short-stay accommodation; camping grounds, recreational vehicle parks and trailer parks

CONSERVATION AREAS

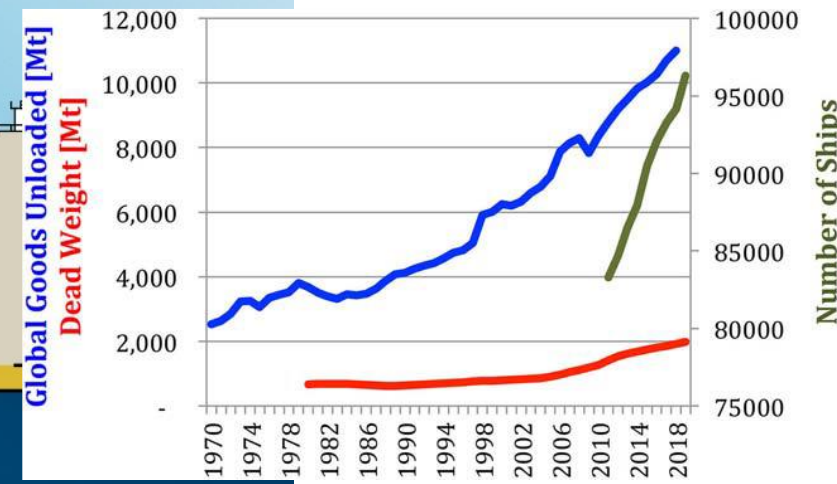
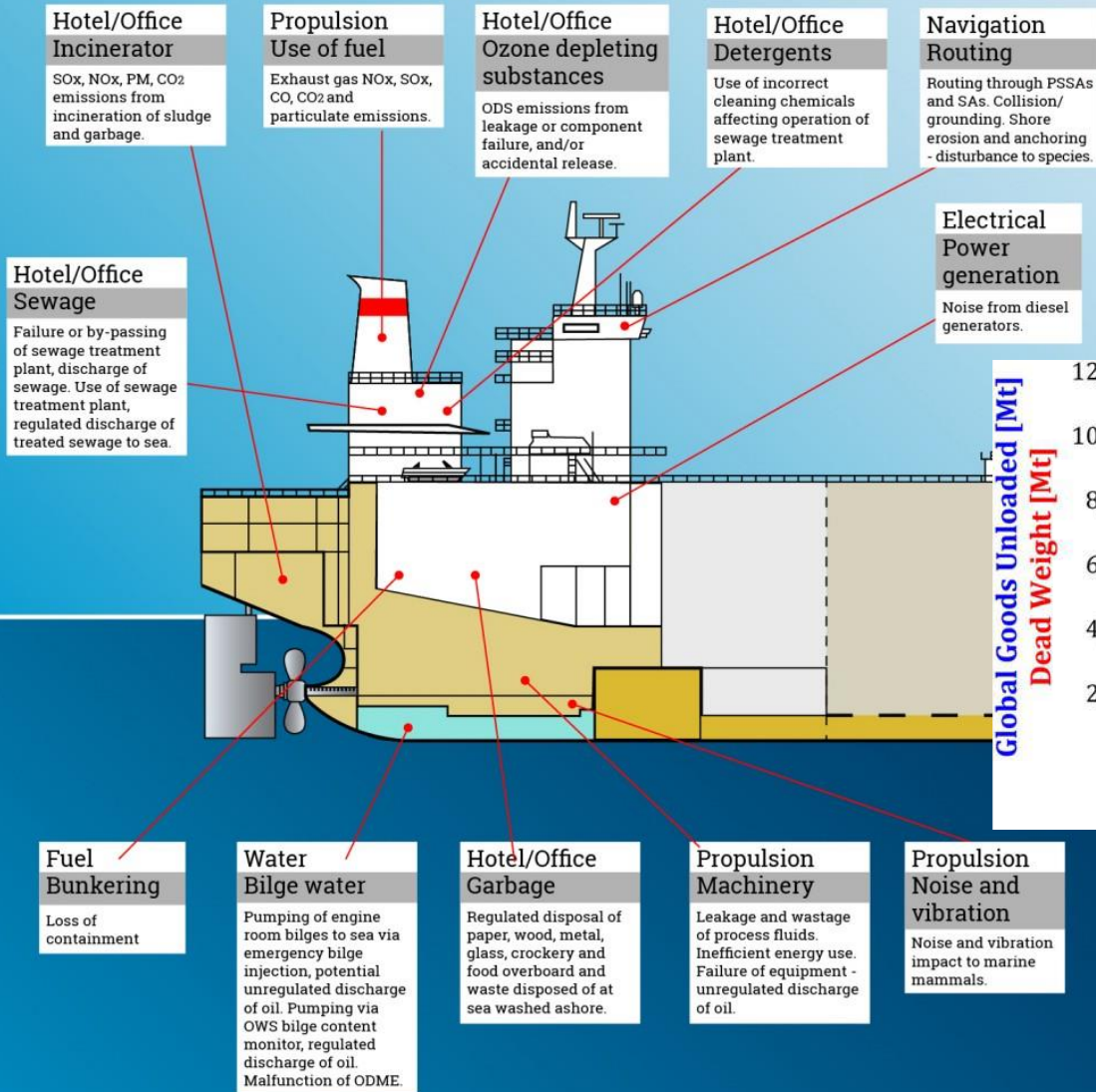
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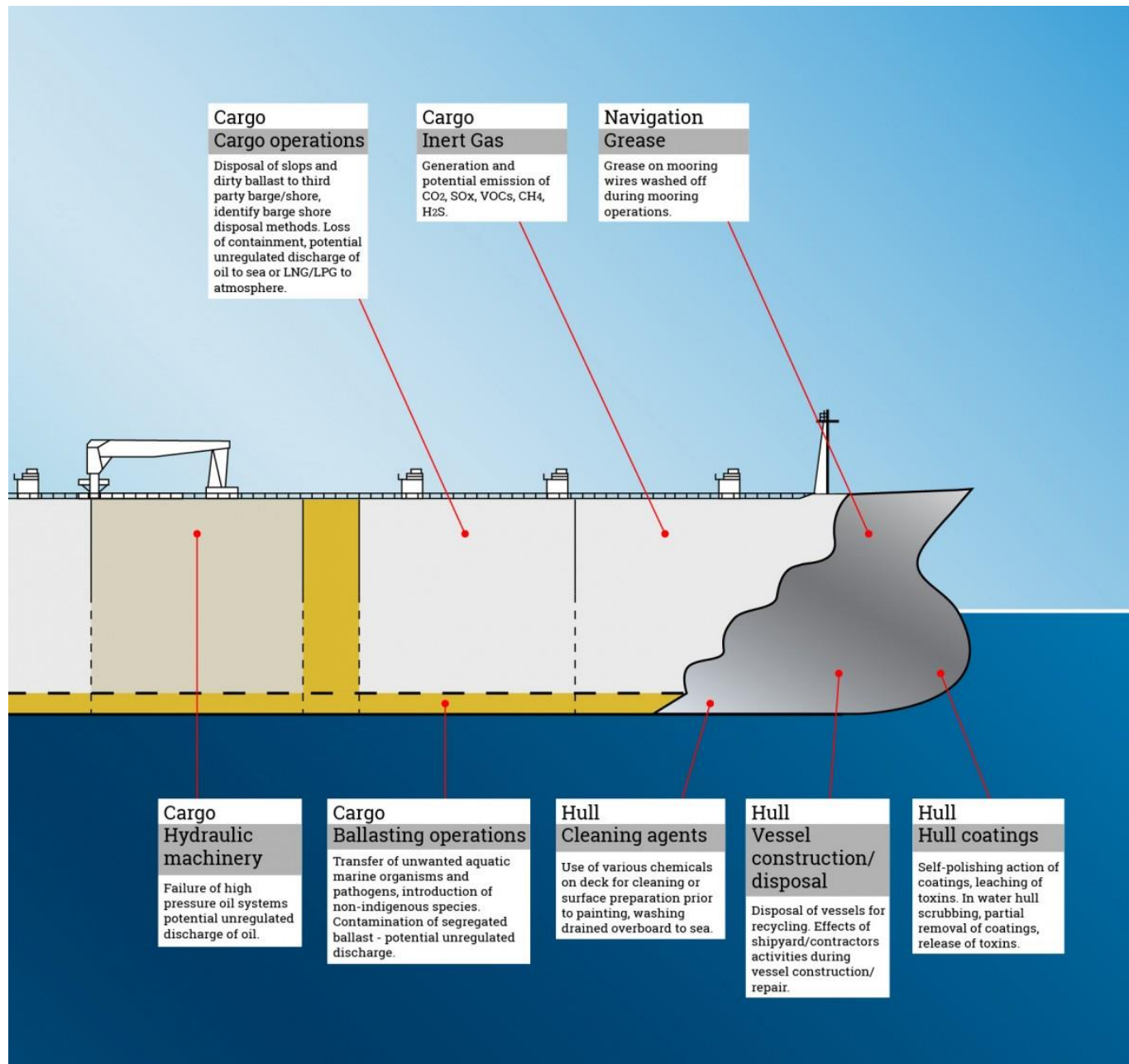
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Potential environmental effects from ships



Volume of global goods unloaded from ships (in million tons), dead weight of ships (in million tons), and number of ships¹

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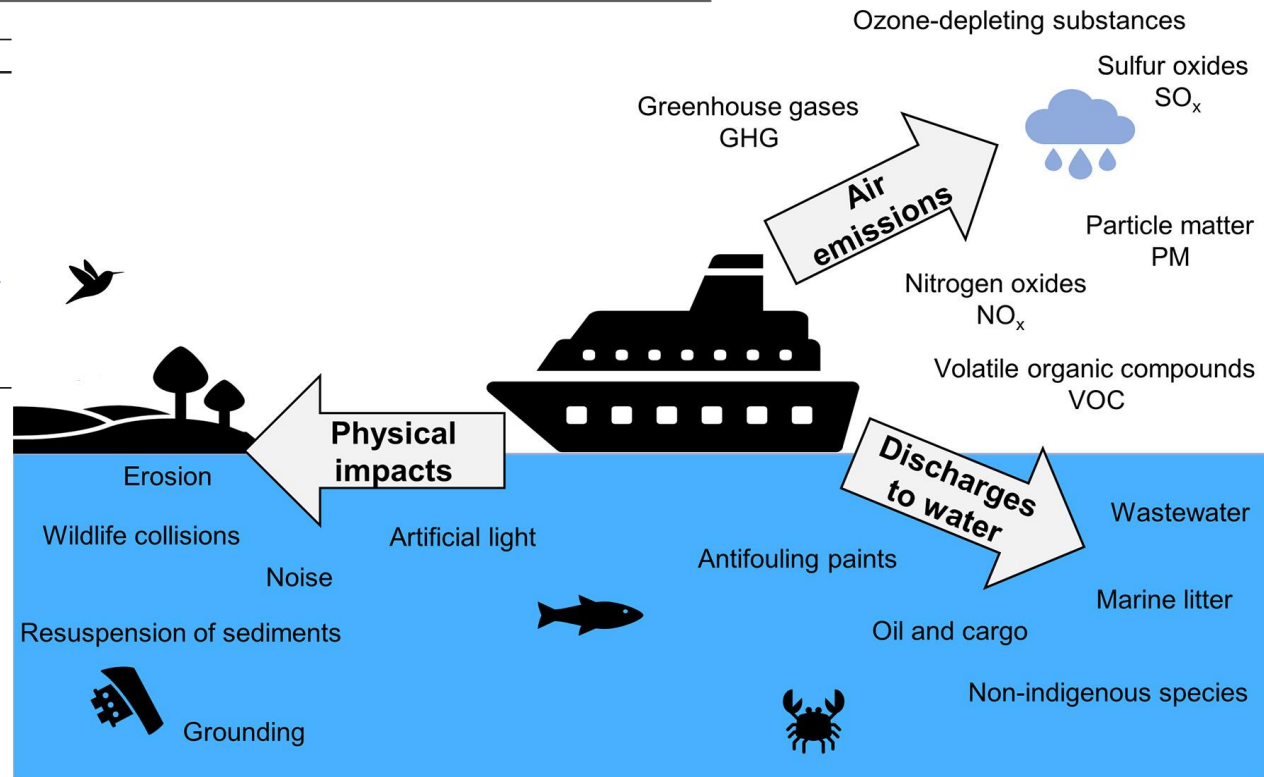
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Search terms and groups used in the database literature search.

Group I	Group II	Group III	
Maritime	Inland	Environment*	Scrubber*
Shipping	Water	Pollut*	Bilge*
Transport	Marine	Vibration*	Invasive*
Cargo	Freshwater	Light*	Noise*
Carrier	Coast	Ash*	Antifouling*
Tanker	Estuarine	Debris*	Paint*
Ferries	Baltic	Waste*	Diversi*
Cruise	Canal	Nitrogen AND oxide	Grey AND water
Vessel	Nearshore	Nitrogen*	Wildlife
Shuttle		SOx	Black AND water
Boat		Sulphur	Emission*
Yacht		Particle*	Erosion*
		Oil*	Plastic*
		Sewage*	





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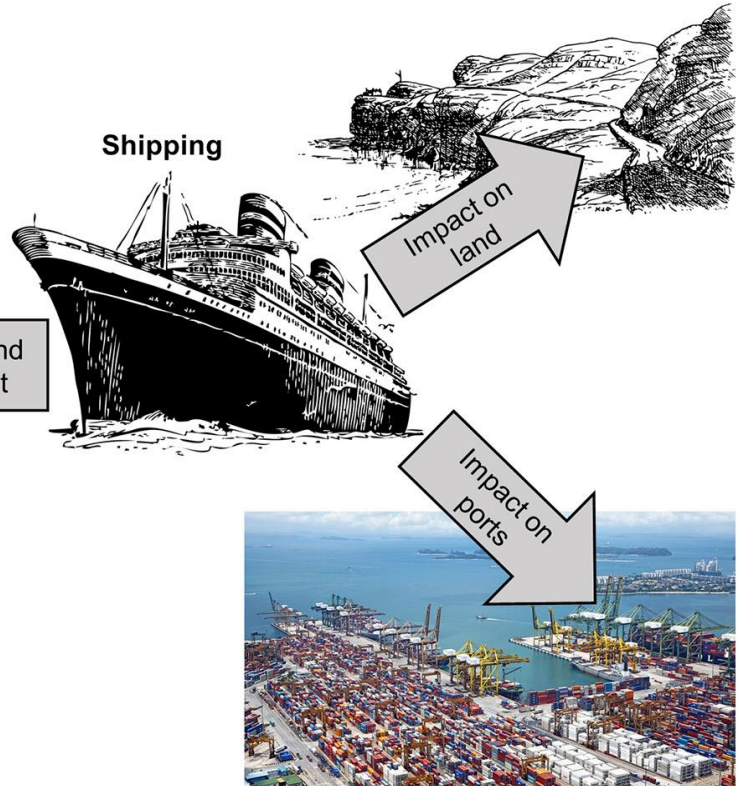
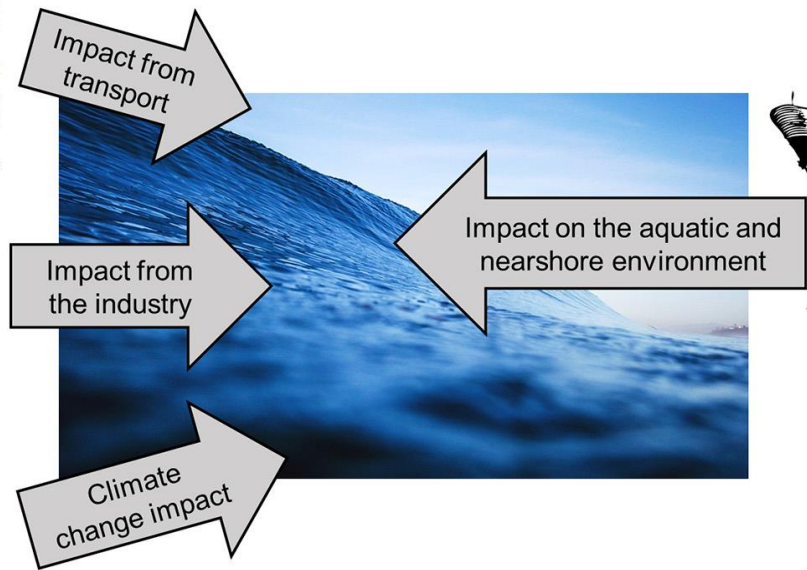
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- Main impact categories are water discharges, physical impacts and air emissions.
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- The shipping contribution to acidification has been quantified.
- A holistic approach and synergistic effects of parameters are missing.

Various anthropogenic impacts





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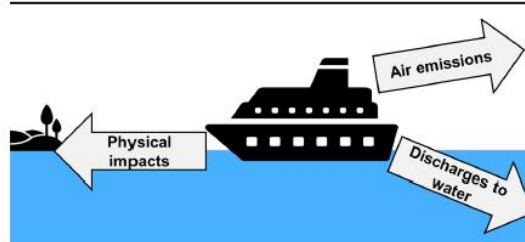
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GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



Environmental and ecological consequences

Water discharges

Oil

Broad, from DNA-damage to changes in community structure

Bilge water
HNSReproduction failure, changes in community structure
Toxicity, indirect ecological effects (e.g., changes in behavior)Dry bulk
Wastewater
Marine litter (plastic)Habitat destruction, eutrophication
Pollution, eutrophication, anoxiaNIS
Antifouling paintsPopulation decline, pollution
Loss of biodiversity, changes in community structure
Reproduction failure, reduced growth

Physical impacts

Noise

Affected navigation, communication, prey detection, etc.

Artificial light

Affected migration patterns, disorientation

Wildlife collisions

Loss of biodiversity, threat to endangered species

Erosion &
resuspension

Habitat loss, eutrophication

Grounding

Loss (or gain) of habitat, pollution

Air emissions

GHG (mainly CO₂)

Climate change (warming), acidification

SO_x

Acidification, pollution, climate change (cooling)

NO_x

Acidification, eutrophication, climate change (net cooling)

PM

Air pollution, climate change (cooling)

VOC

Air pollution, climate change (warming)

ODS

Changes in community structure (through increased UVB)

IMPACTS OF SHIPPING ON MARINE FAUNA



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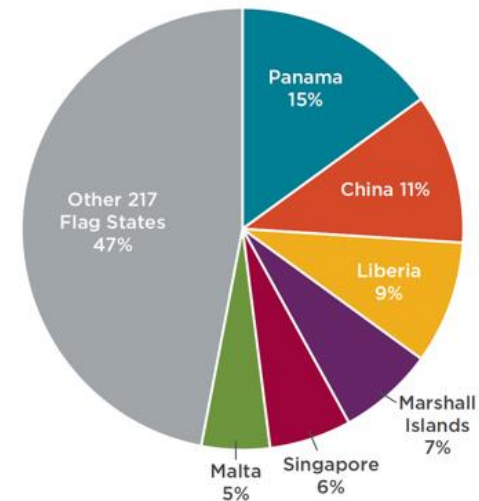
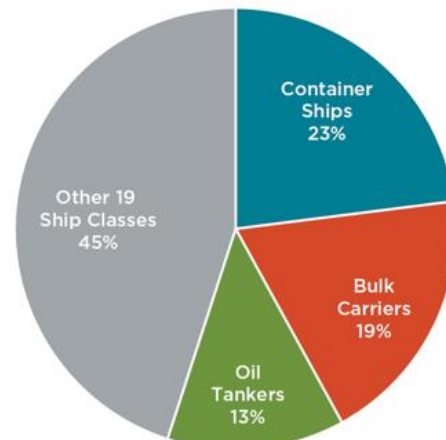
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A dead whale estimated to be 46 feet (14 meters) long was carried into New Zealand's Port of Tauranga on the bow of a Maersk container ship (Oct 2017)



Health risks of air pollution in Europe – HRAPIE project

New emerging risks to health from air pollution – results from the survey of experts



Share of CO₂ emissions by ship class (left) and flag state (right), 2013–2015 (source: <https://theicct.org/>)

Main findings

A total of 100 respondents completed the survey, completing 113 sets of questions.

The top six emission source categories (of a total of 16) posing an emerging health risk identified by respondents were:

1. road transport (40.7%)
2. space heating and air conditioning (15.0%)
3. shipping (8.8%)
4. energy production and distribution (6.2%)
5. industrial processes (metal industries) (6.2%)
6. agriculture (5.3%).





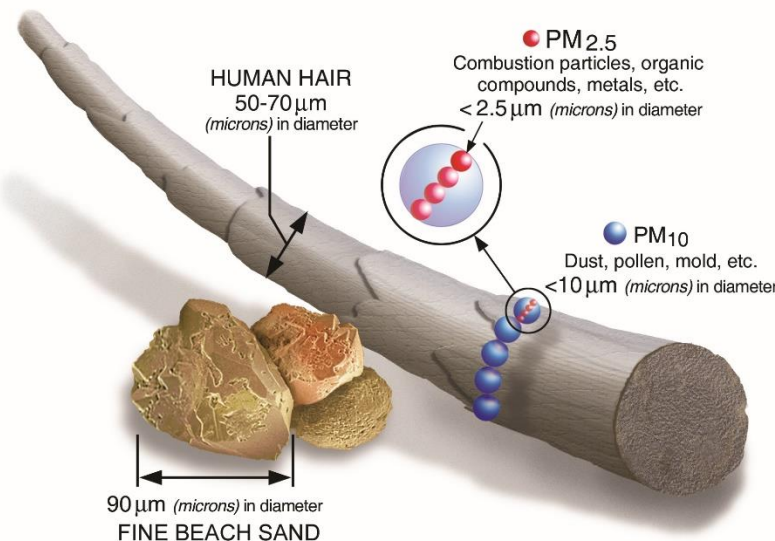
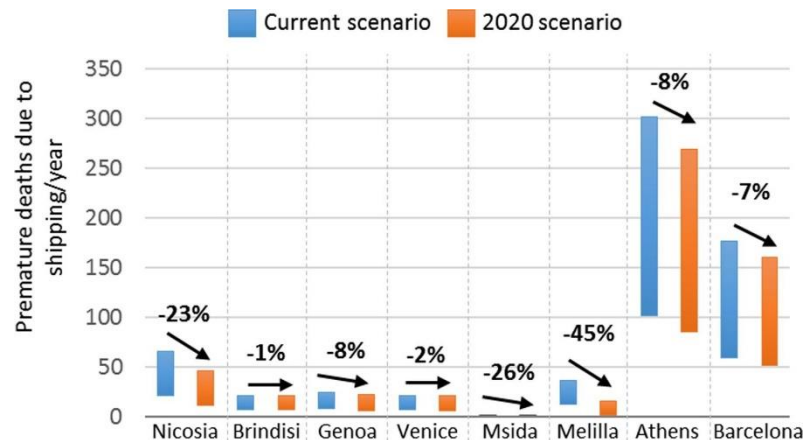
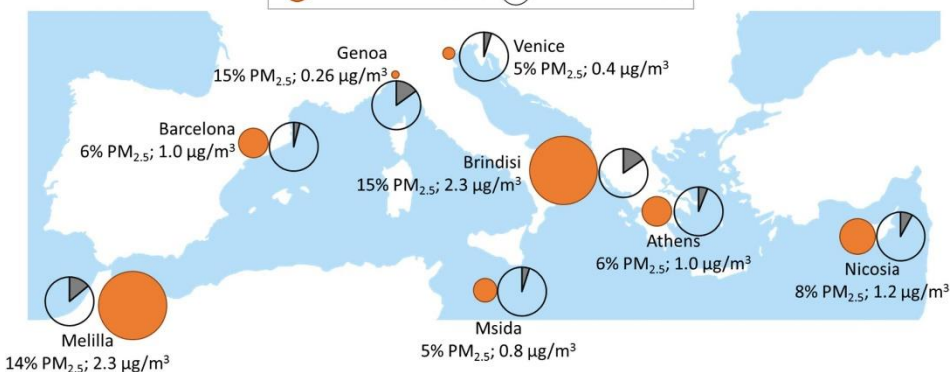
Estimated health impacts from maritime transport in the Mediterranean region and benefits from the use of cleaner fuels

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Shipping/oil combustion contribution to mean annual PM_{2.5}:

- Mass concentration (µg/m³)
- Relative contribution (%)



Source: EPA

<https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/particulate-matter-pm-basics>

Five beneficial changes from
IMO's **Sulphur Limit** for ships' fuel oil

Sulphur 2020



Cleaner air

77% drop in overall sulphur oxide (SOx) emissions from ships – annual reduction of approximately 8.5 million metric tonnes of SOx



Positive impacts on human health

Premature deaths, cardiovascular, respiratory and pulmonary diseases will all be reduced



Higher quality fuels

The majority of ships will switch to higher quality, low sulphur fuel oil to meet the limit.



Ship operators, owners + refineries have adapted

Guidance issued by IMO and other stakeholders to enhance preparedness ahead of the entry into force of Sulphur 2020



Changes for enforcement authorities

Flag and port State control will be making sure ships are compliant.



In total, of the **95,402** ships in the UNCTAD maritime database, 7.66 % have installed or ordered a ballast water treatment system, 1.58 % have installed or ordered a system to reduce sulphur-oxide emissions, and 0.53 % have installed or ordered a system to reduce nitrogen-oxide emissions as of 1 January 2019.



Selected environmental indicators by vessel type, 2019

Vessel type	Percentage of vessels fitted with ballast water treatment systems	Percentage of vessels fitted with scrubbers	Percentage of vessels compliant with tier III regulations to reduce nitrogen-oxide emissions
Bulk carriers	23.32	4.03	0.05
Chemical tankers	10.72	1.15	0.86
Container ships	18.88	5.05	0.19
Ferries and passenger ships	1.36	2.13	0.57
General cargo ships	2.16	0.65	0.21
Liquefied natural gas carriers	28.76	1.45	1.45
Offshore supply vessels	2.37	0.03	0.96
Oil tankers	11.99	3.71	0.46
Other/not available	2.82	0.30	0.19
Total	7.66	1.58	0.53

Source: Review of Maritime Transport 2019

https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/rmt2019_en.pdf

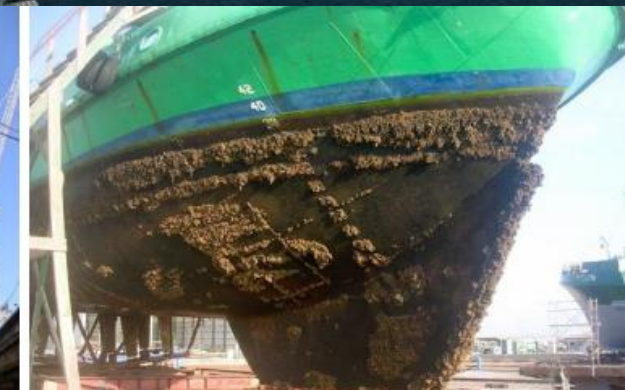
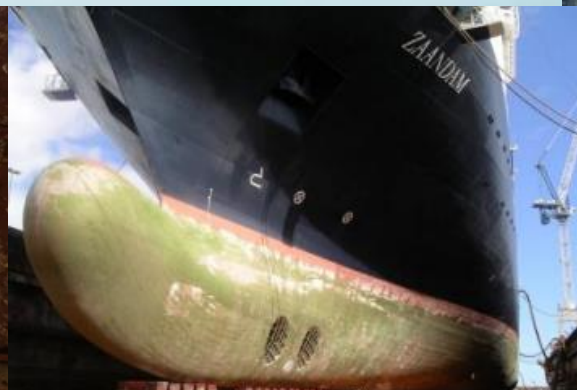
Ports impacts - Biofouling



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Toxicity

- Effects of TBT products on humans: irritated skin, headaches, colds, flu, fatigue dizziness, stomach ache, irritation of the eye and mucous membranes and prolonged exposure may cause liver and kidney damage.
- High levels of TBTO can affect the endocrine glands, upsetting the hormone levels in the pituitary, gonad and thyroid glands.
- Large doses of TBT have been shown to damage the reproductive and central nervous systems, bone structure and the gastrointestinal track of mammals.
- Studies have been conducted showing that TBTO causes depression of immune functions



Shipping noise



THE EFFECTS OF VESSEL UNDERWATER NOISE ON WHALES AND WHAT MARINERS CAN DO ABOUT IT

SOURCES OF NOISE

While there are plenty of naturally occurring sounds in the ocean, an increase in commercial vessel traffic is the main reason for increased underwater noise...

WHERE VESSEL NOISE COMES FROM

- ENGINE AND ONBOARD MACHINERY
- DRAG FROM POOR HULL MAINTENANCE
- BOW/STERN THRUSTERS
- PROPELLER
- CAVITATION

Sound travels **4.5 TIMES FASTER** in water than in air.

In the North Pacific Ocean, underwater noise has been **DOUBLING** in intensity **EVERY DECADE** for the past **60 YEARS**.

Most underwater noise from large vessels is caused by propeller cavitation.

NOISE INCREASES WITH SPEED.

IMPACTS

Underwater noise interferes with the ability of marine animals to transmit and receive acoustic information.

VESEL NOISE CAN AFFECT THE ABILITY OF MARINE ANIMALS TO...

- AVOID DANGER
- COMMUNICATE
- REST
- MATE AND REPRODUCE
- NAVIGATE

In some areas, vessel noise has reduced the ability of some whales to communicate by **90%**.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

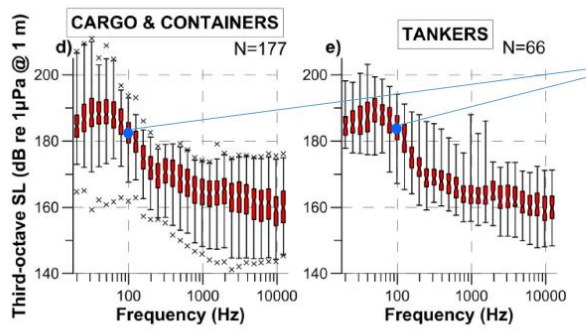
In 2014, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) recognized that underwater noise associated with shipping is something that can be mitigated.

Options to reduce ship noise underwater already exist!

- SLOW DOWN**: Operate below cavitation inception speed and avoid rapid acceleration.
- MAINTAIN**: Clean hull and maintain propeller.
- OPTIMIZE**: Insulate ship engine and use rickless mountings for onboard machinery. Modify propeller to prevent cavitation.
- DESIGN**: Incorporate vessel quieting technologies during outfit and new vessel construction.
- REROUTE**: Modify route to avoid what is in immediate vicinity and known sensitive marine areas.

READ THE GUIDELINES WWW. IMO.ORG

The Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program is a Vancouver Fraser Port Authority-led initiative aimed at better understanding and managing the impact of shipping activities on at-risk whales throughout the southern coast of British Columbia, Canada. For more information and footnote references, please go to portvancouver.com/echo



>180 dB
1/3 octave

Simard et al. 2016
Analysis of recordings from travelling vessels in combination with AIS data
(ANSI/ASA S12.64-2009 standard)

St. Lawrence Seaway, 255 ships

An indication of the relative merits of the different management and mitigation options

Source Type	Metric	Demand reduction	Alternative technology	Modify existing gear	MPAs and similar	Early planning options	Safety zones & shut-downs	Ramp-up	Mitigation sources	Isolation techniques	Operational measures
Seismic survey airguns	Viability	H	H	H	M-H	M-H	M-H	H	H	L	H
	Effectiveness	VH	M-H	L-M	M	M	(L-M)?	?	L?	L	L-M
	Availability	S-F	I-S	I	I	I	I	I	I	S	I
Navy sonar	Viability	L-M	?	M-H	M	M-H	M-H	H	M-H*	N	M
	Effectiveness	VH	?	H?	H?	H?	(L-M)?	?	?	N/A	M
	Availability	S?	F?	S?	I	I	I	I	I	N/A	I
Piledriving	Viability	?	M	H	M-H	M-H	M-H	H	L	H	N
	Effectiveness	VH	H	M-H	M	M	(L-M)?	M?	?	H	N/A
	Availability	?	I-S	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	N/A
Shipping	Viability	M	N	M-H	M	M	N	N	N	H	H
	Effectiveness	M-H	N/A	H	M	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	?	L-M
	Availability	I-S	N/A	I-S	I	I	N/A	N/A	N/A	S	I
Explosions	Viability	L?	?	N	H	H	H	H*	H*	V	N
	Effectiveness	VH	?	N/A	H	H	M-H	M?	M?	?	N/A
	Availability	I	?	N/A	I	I	I	I	I	I-S	N/A
Pleasure craft propellers	Viability	H?	M-H	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	M
	Effectiveness	L	H	N/A	H	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	(L-M)?
	Availability	I	S	N/A	I	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I
Echo-sounders	Viability	H	N	N	H	N	N	N	N	N	L
	Effectiveness	VH	N/A	N/A	H	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	L
	Availability	I	N/A	N/A	I	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	I
Multi-beam sonar	Viability	?	?	?	H	H	M-H	H	H	N	L
	Effectiveness	VH	?	?	H	H	(L-M)?	?	L?	N/A	L
	Availability	?	?	?	I	I	I	I	I	N/A	I

Source: WWF 2014.
Reducing Impacts of Noise from Human Activities on Cetaceans

Impacts of maritime transport on GES



MSFD Descriptor	Impacts on GES	Future trends
D1 Biodiversity	Collisions with marine mammals and turtles, antifouling biocide effects on marine fauna, oil/pollutant toxic effects on marine organisms/top predators, effects of litter in marine organisms	↗
D2 Non-indigenous species	Ballast waters, fouling	↗
D3 Commercial species		
D4 Foodwebs		
D5 Eutrophication	Sewage discharge (non-treated used water)	↗
D6 Sea-floor integrity	Direct physical effects of vessels on benthic habitats and species, abrasion	↗
D7 Hydrographical conditions		
D8 Contaminants	Oil pollution (releases/discharges), eventual or chronic, shipping-derived antifouling biocides	↗
D9 Contaminants in seafood		
D10 Marine litter	Littering, waste discharge	↗
D11 Energy	Shipping noise (damage, disturbance to/of marine mammals and fish)	↗

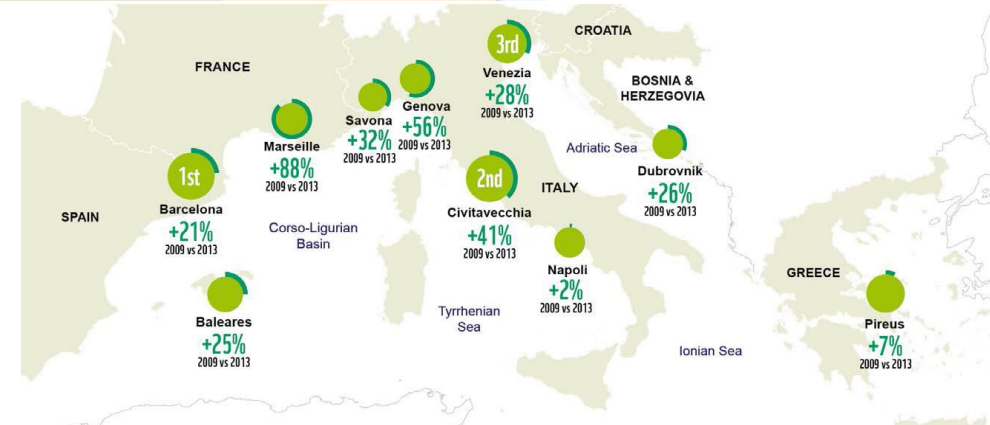
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Impacts of coastal tourism, cruise tourism and recreational boating on GES

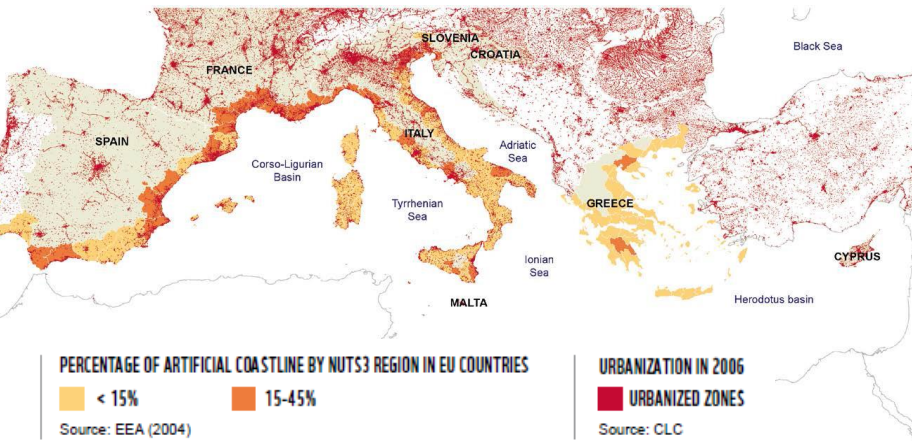


Source: <https://www.medqsr.org/tourism>

Growth of Med Cruise ports in number of passengers between 2009 and 2013



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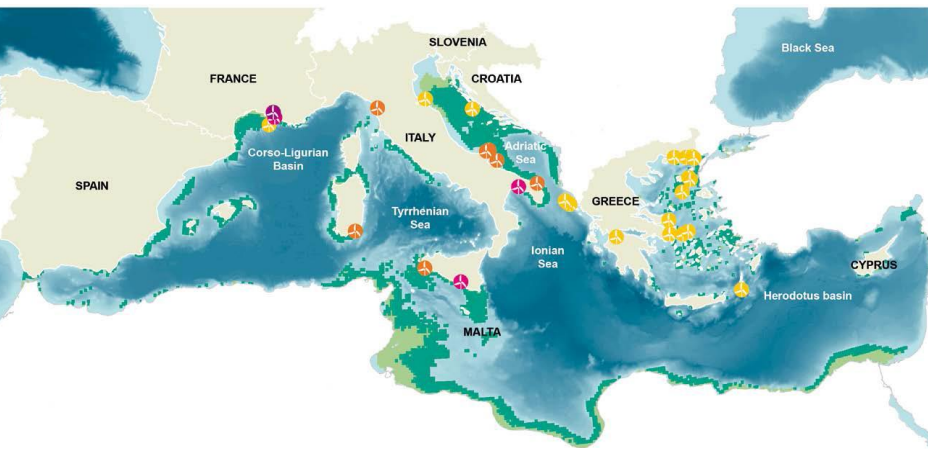
Coastal and cruise tourism, and recreational boating

Trends

D1 - Biodiversity	The construction of infrastructures (hotels, ports, marinas) affects marine biodiversity and habitat. Recreational boating cause also damage to species through collisions.	↗
D2 - Non-indigenous species	Cruise tourism and recreational boating can lead to voluntary or non-voluntary introduction of non-indigenous species	↗
D3 - Commercial species	Pollution from tourism and recreational boating can impact seafood	↗
D4 - Foodwebs	Pollution from tourism and destruction of habitat can impact foodwebs	↗
D5 - Eutrophication	Discharges from untreated wastewater	↗
D6 - Sea-floor integrity	Sealing due to coastal urbanisation	↗
D7 - Hydrographical conditions	Development of marinas can cause changes in currents and coastlines	↗
D8 - Contaminants	Release of oil and contaminants	↗
D9 - Contaminants in seafood	Pollution from tourism and recreational boating can impact seafood	↗
D10 - Marine litter	Beach/marine litter	↗
D11 - Energy	Recreational boating creates underwater noise affecting marine species	↗



Impacts of the development of marine wind farms on GES



POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR OFFSHORE WIND FARM

The points are characterized by annual wind speeds greater than 5m/sec at 80 m height above sea level.

WATER DEPTHS ■ <50M ■ 50 TO 200M

Source: FP7 Collaborative project - Towards COast to COast NETWORKs of marine protected areas (from the shore to the high and deep sea), coupled with sea-based wind energy potential (CoCoNET 2015)

WIND FARMS PROJECTS

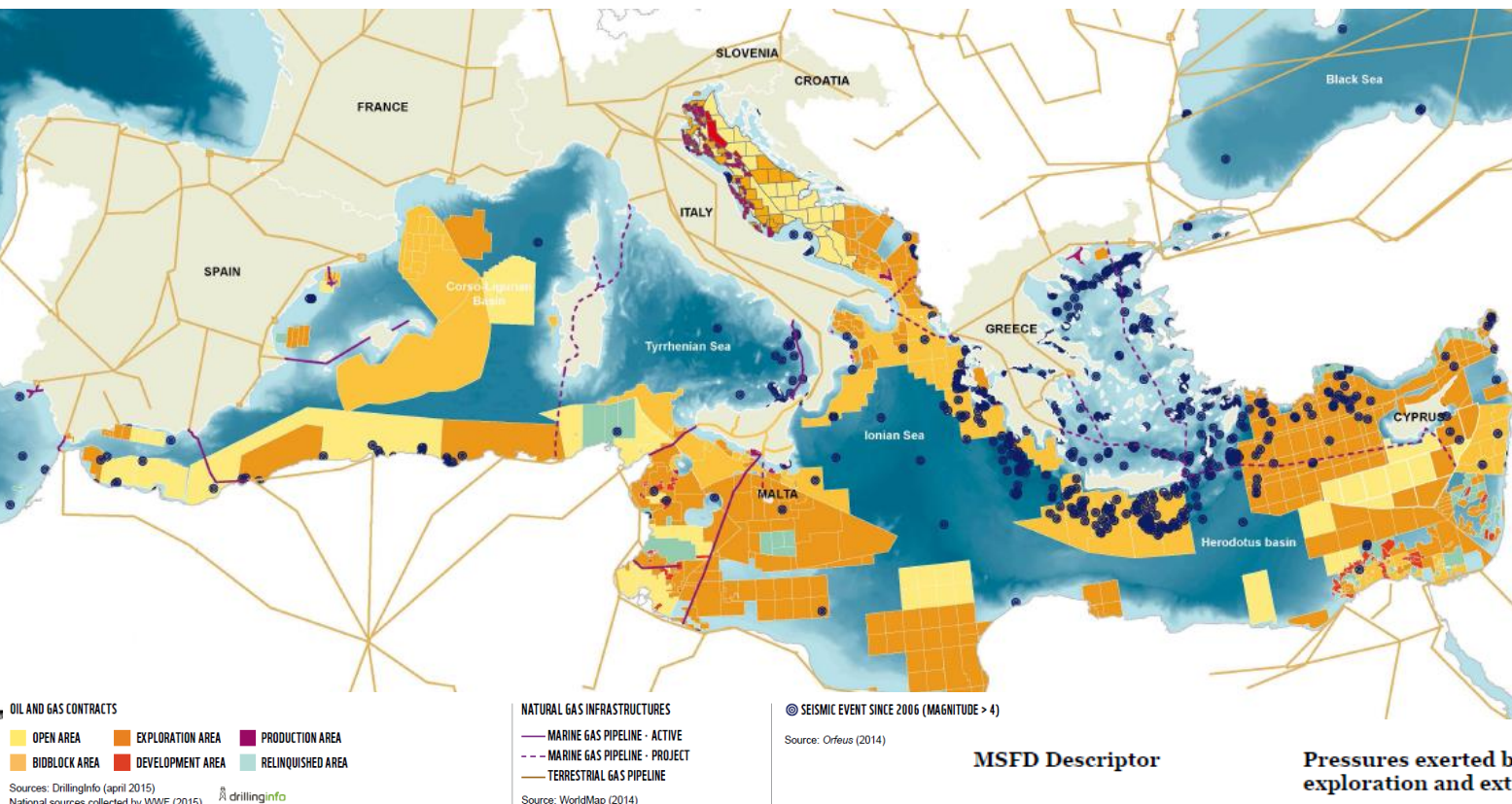
- CONCEPT/EARLY PLANNING
- CONSENT APPLICATION SUBMITTED
- CONSENT AUTHORISED
- PARTIAL GENERATION/UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Source: Offshore4C (2014)

MSFD Descriptor	Impacts on GES	Future trends
D1 Biodiversity	The construction stage leads to negative impacts on marine biodiversity (abrasion, substrate loss, smothering, death or injury by collision, etc.). At the operational stage, possible environmental benefits (artificial reef role, exclusion of some or all types of fishing) might increase biodiversity around wind turbines.	↗
D2 Non-indigenous species		
D3 Commercial species	At the operational stage, wind farms might act as an artificial reef that could benefit commercial species.	↗
D4 Foodwebs		
D5 Eutrophication		
D6 Sea-floor integrity	The construction stage affects seafloor integrity and habitats (sealing, laying cables, smothering, substrate loss, changes in siltation, abrasion)	↗
D7 Hydrographical conditions	Sediment resuspension, change of water flow rate	↗
D8 Contaminants	The construction of wind farms may lead to the introduction of synthetic and non-synthetic compounds in the sea.	↗
D9 Contaminants in seafood		
D10 Marine litter		
D11 Energy	Underwater noise mainly at the construction stage.	↗

Source: Piante C., Ody D., 2015. Blue Growth in the Mediterranean Sea: the Challenge of Good Environmental Status. MedTrends Project. WWF-France. 192 pages

Potential impacts of offshore oil & gas



MSFD Descriptor

Pressures exerted by Oil and gas exploration and extraction

Future trends

D1 Biodiversity

Smothering, sealing, Introduction of other substances, whether solid, liquid or gas



D2 Non-indigenous species

Introduction of non-indigenous species and translocations



D3 Commercial species

Potential impacts through contaminants and released polluted water



D4 Foodwebs

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MSFD Descriptor

Pressures exerted by Oil and gas exploration and extraction

Future trends

D6 Sea-floor integrity

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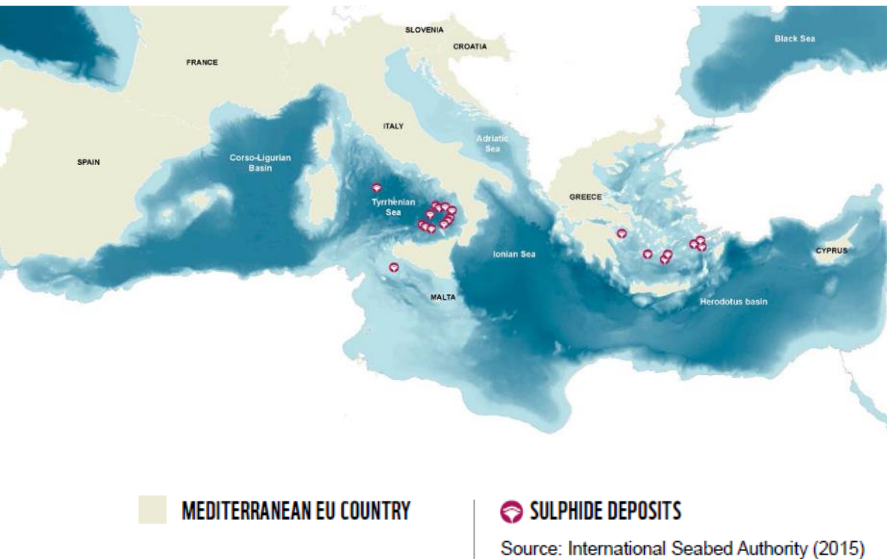
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Potential impacts of marine mining on GES



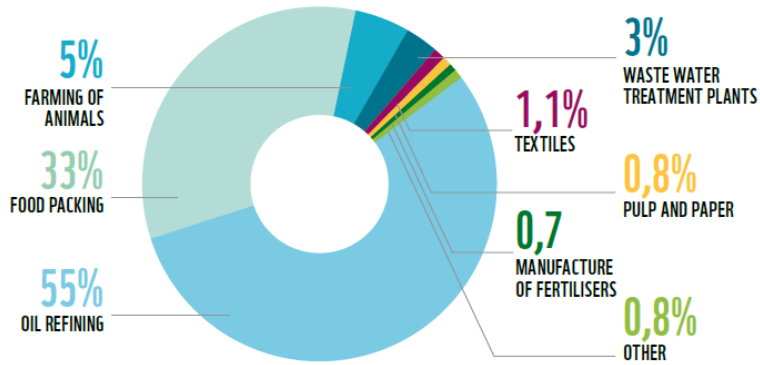
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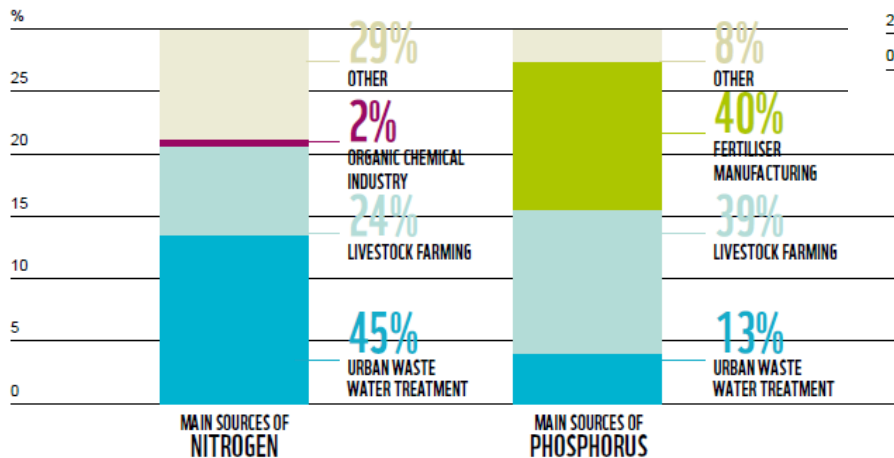
Future trends

D1 Biodiversity	Large-scale loss of habitat due to the extraction techniques, disrupted life habits of some organisms, impacts on pelagic organisms	↗
D2 Non-indigenous species		
D3 commercial species		
D4 Foodwebs	Chemical toxicity affecting foodwebs	↗
D5 Eutrophication		
D6 Sea-floor integrity	Disturbance of the largely unknown benthic layer	↗
D7 Hydrographical conditions		
D8 Contaminants	Increasingly toxic water column	↗
D9 Contaminants in seafood		
D10 Marine litter		
D11 Energy	Marine noise caused by extraction activities	↗

Land-based pollution sources



Major point sources of organic water pollutants in the Mediterranean

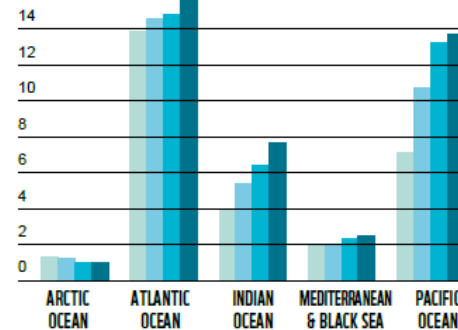


Main sources of nitrogen and phosphorous in the Mediterranean Sea

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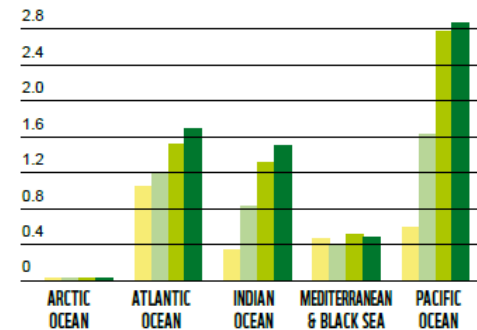
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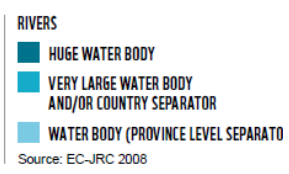
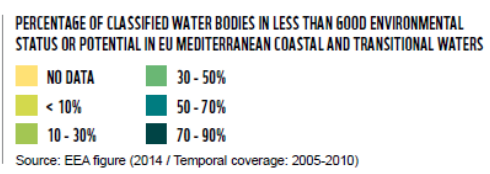
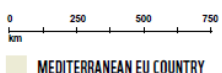
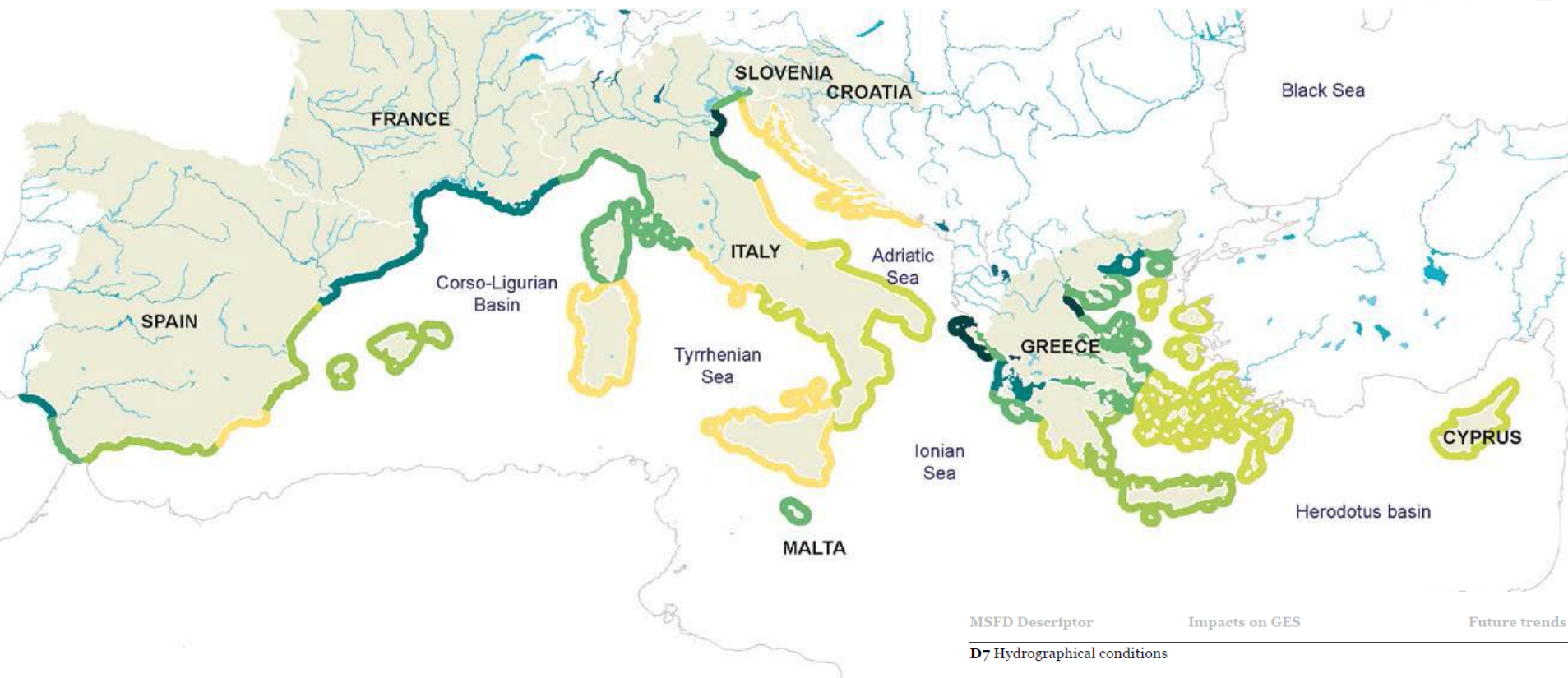


River discharges of nitrogen and phosphorus into the sea, 1970-2050

Land-based pollution sources

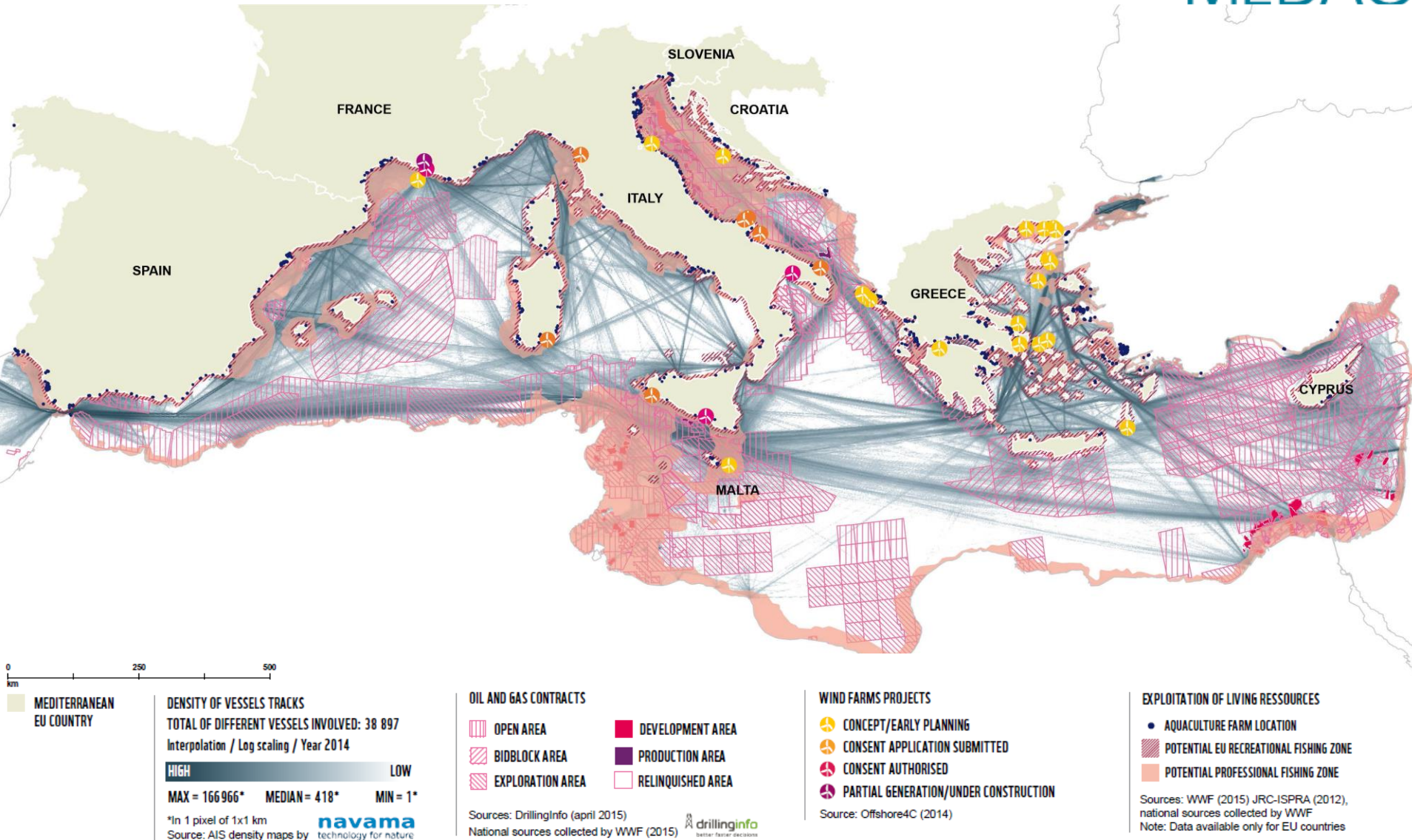


Percentage of water bodies classified as “less than Good Environmental Status or potential” in European coastal and transitional waters (Temporal coverage 2005-2010)

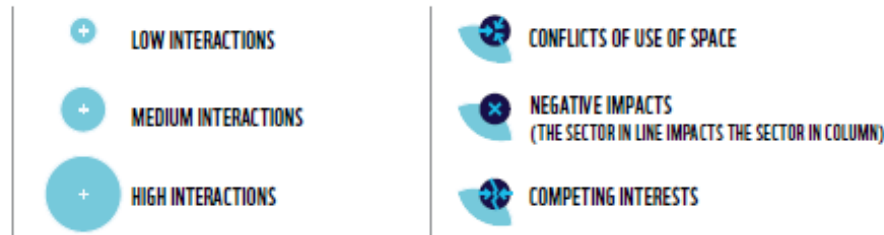
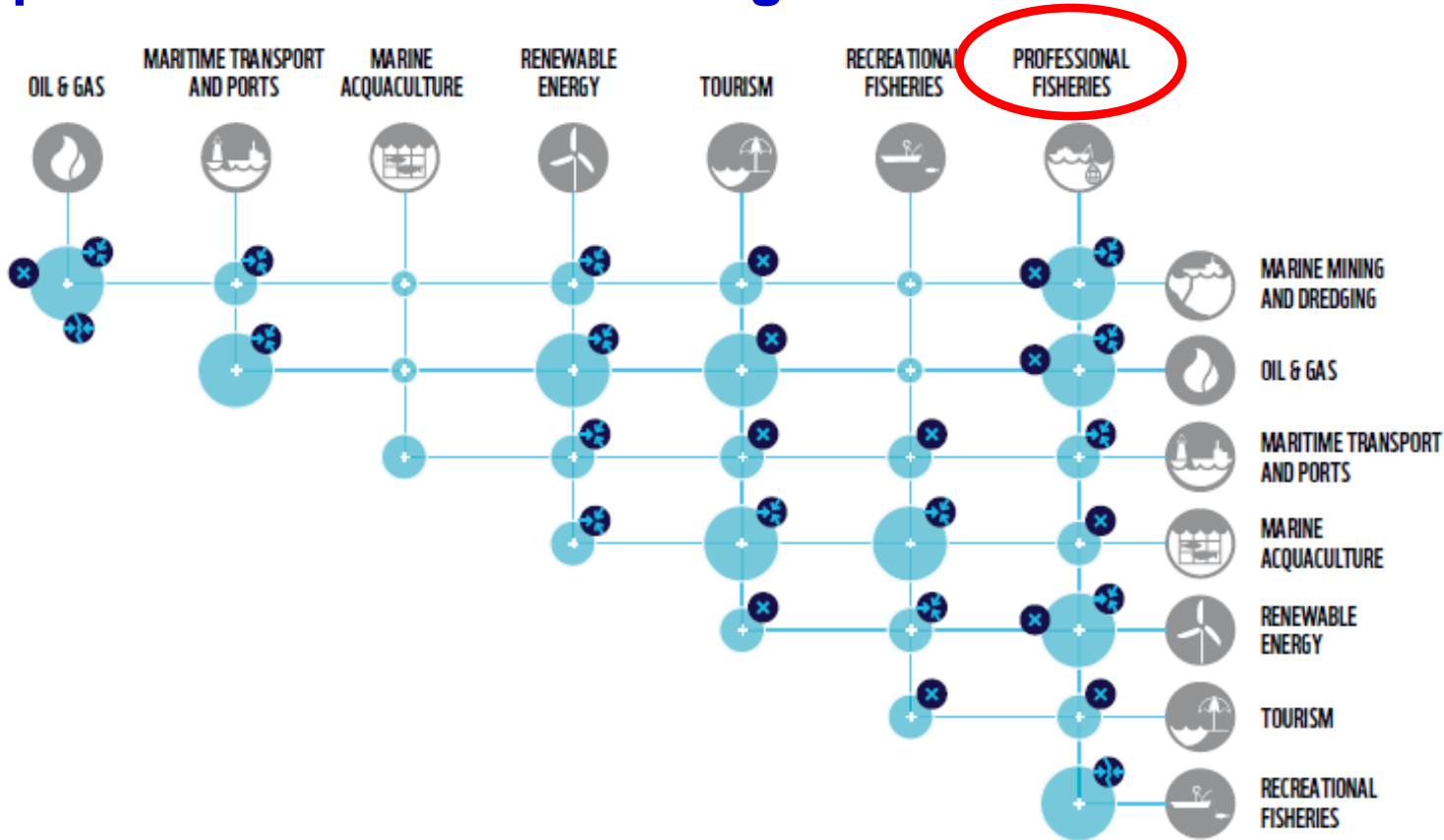


MSFD Descriptor	Impacts on GES	Future trends
D7 Hydrographical conditions		
D8 Contaminants	Land-based releases of heavy metals, nutrients, POPs.	↓
D9 Contaminants in seafood	Filter feeders such are vulnerable to toxic elements that they concentrate by filtering. POPs and heavy metals can accumulate in animal tissues which can be toxic for human health and the environment.	↓
D10 Marine litter	Entanglement or ingestion caused by marine litter, especially plastics. More attention is now being given to the impact of microplastics that can have also negative effects on organisms.	↓ ↑

Potential spatial interactions between sectors

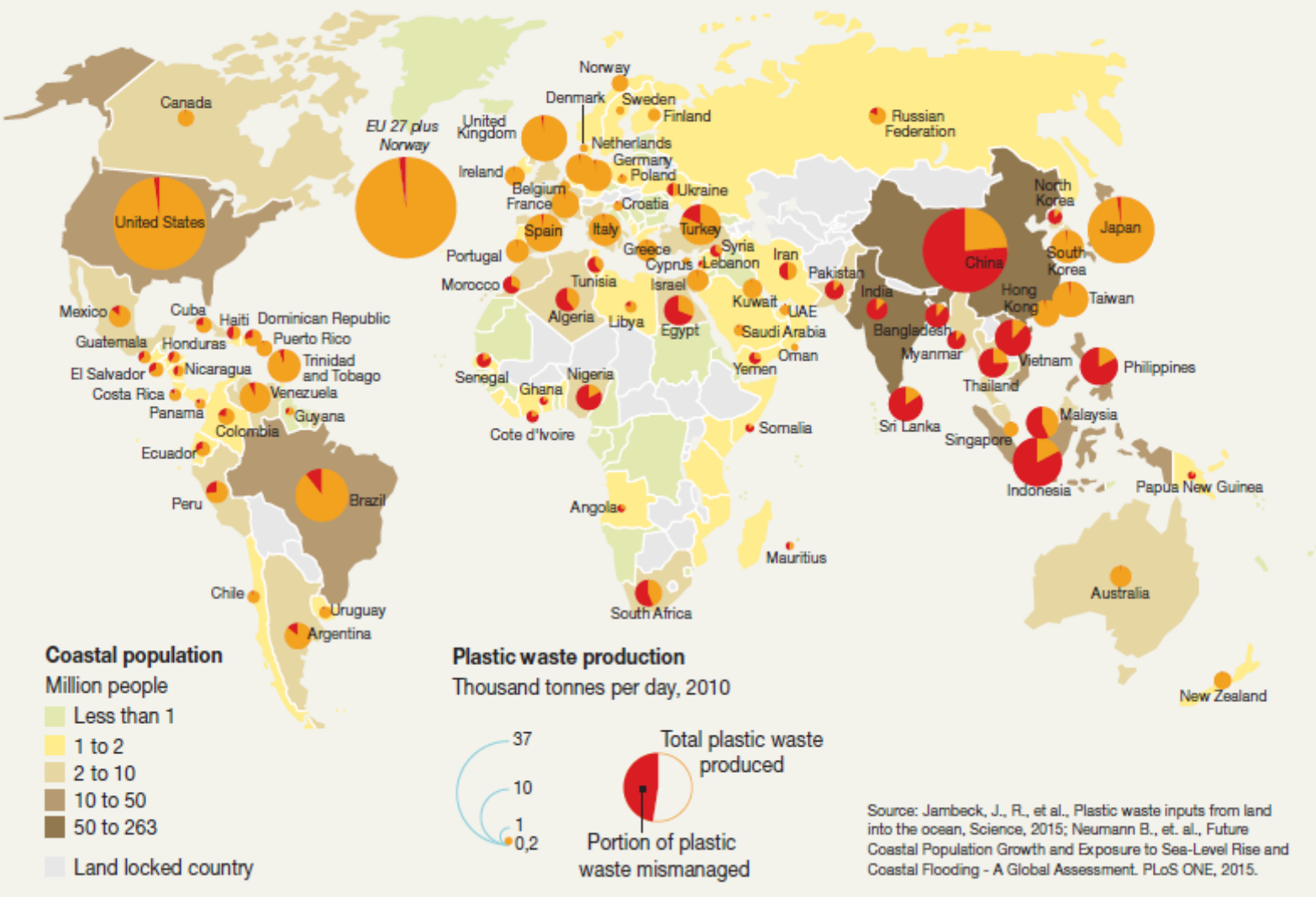


Compatibility between sectors and potential risks of conflicting interests



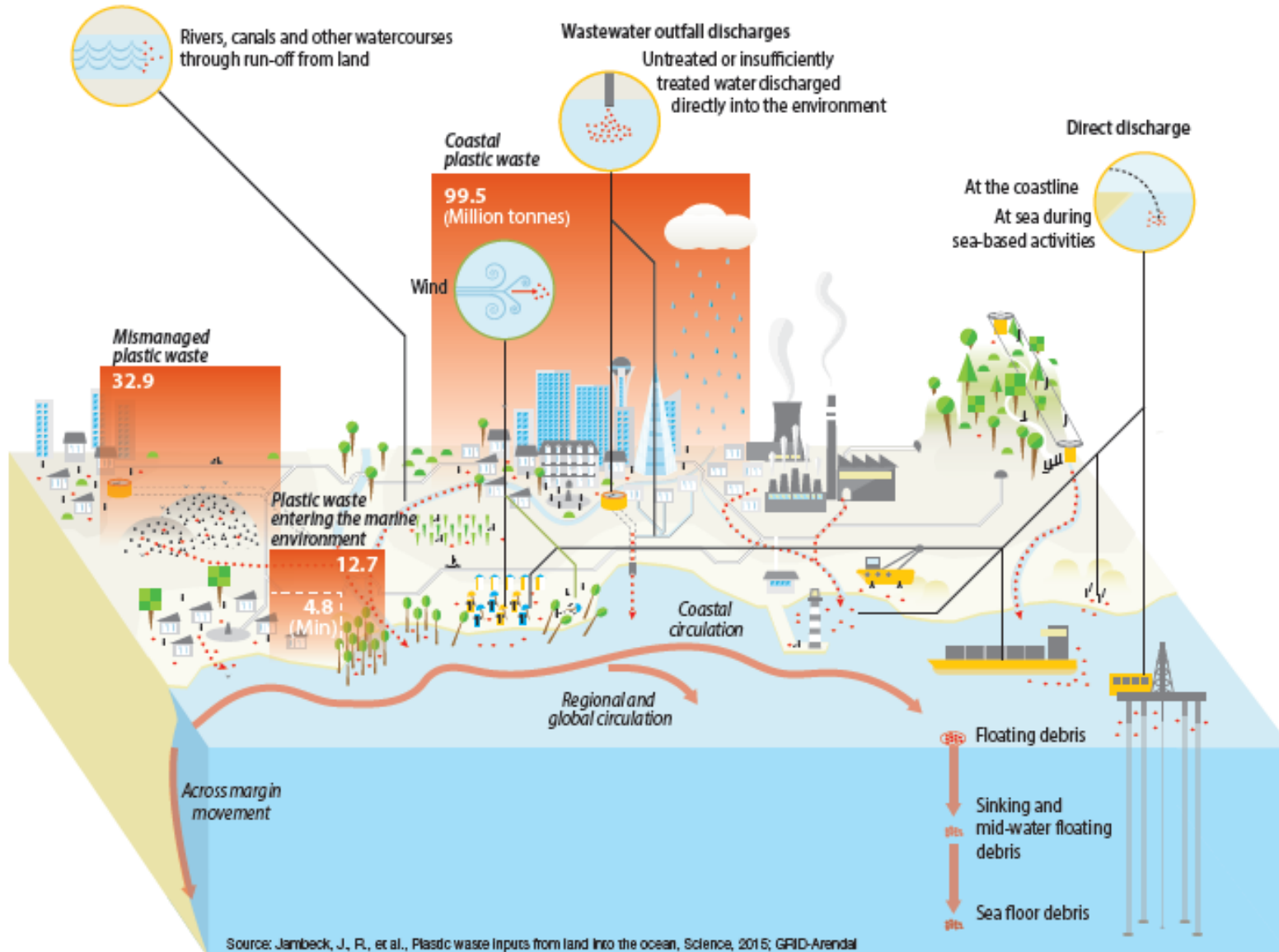
Marine litter

Plastic waste produced and mismanaged

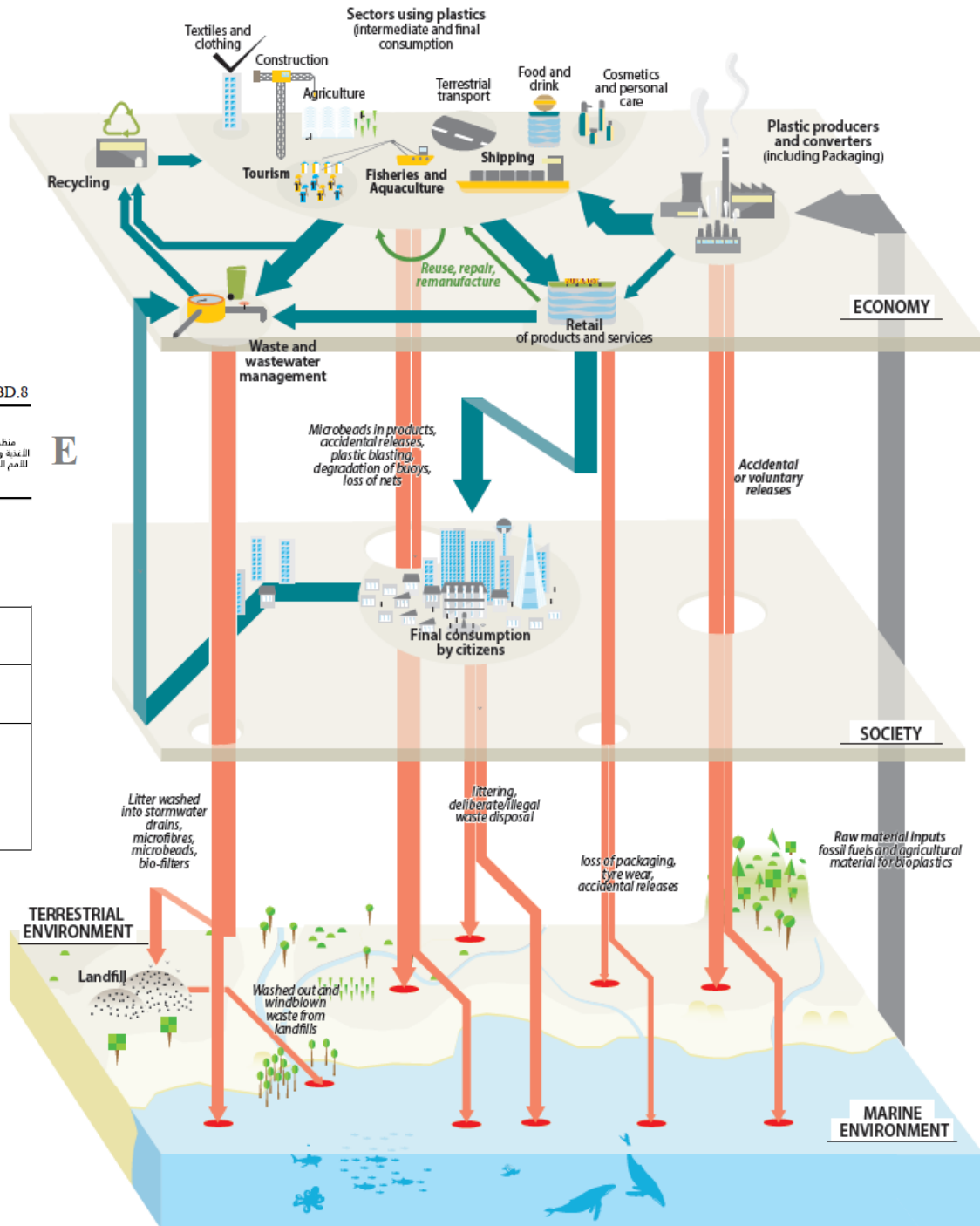


Marine litter has been defined by [UNEP](#) as “any persistent, manufactured or processed solid material discarded, disposed of or abandoned in the marine and coastal environment. Marine litter consists of items that have been made or used by people and deliberately discarded into the sea or rivers or on beaches; brought indirectly to the sea with rivers, sewage, storm water or winds; accidentally lost, including material lost at sea in bad weather (fishing gear, cargo); or deliberately left by people on beaches and shores”.

Marine litter: Pathways and fluxes of plastics into the oceans



Marine litter



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Marine litter - Solutions

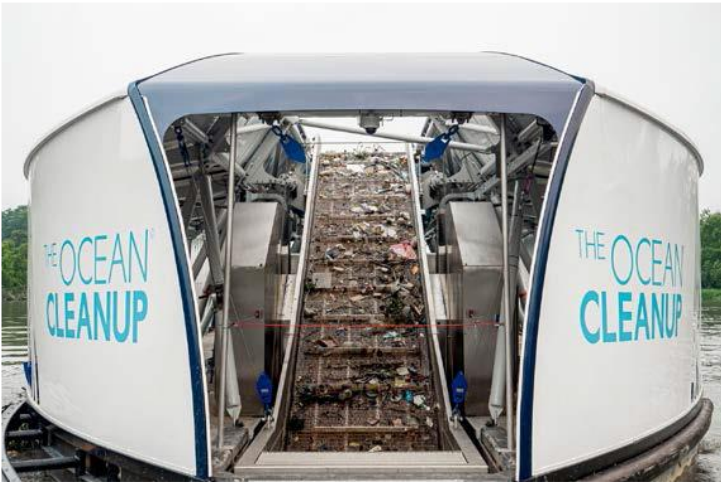
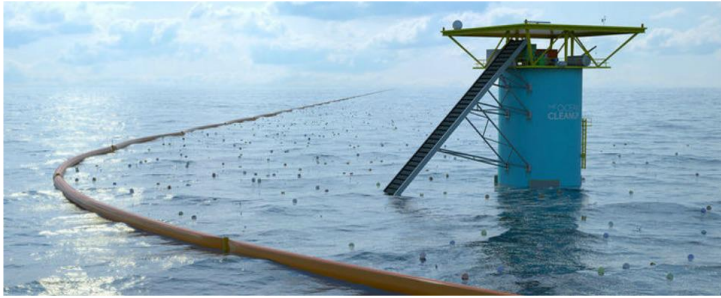


Main characteristics of marine litter monitoring devices

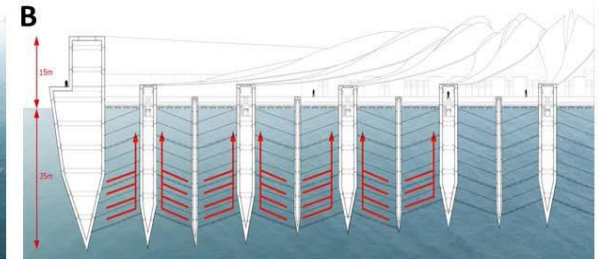
Litter monitoring device	Technology	Target	TRL
Litter Drone	Aerial drone	Beach	7 - System prototype demonstration in operational environment
Marine Litter Dronet	Aerial drone	Sea surface, water column, sea floor	8 - Technology demonstrated in relevant environment
Phantom 4 Pro and Sensefly eBee	Aerial drone	Beach	6 - Technology demonstrated in relevant environment
3DR Solo	Aerial drone	Riverine environment	6 - Technology demonstrated in relevant environment
DJI Phantom 3 Advanced (Adv)	AUV	Beach	7 - System prototype demonstration in operational environment
LIDAR	Litter detection and ranging device	Beach	6 - Technology demonstrated in relevant environment
Sealittercam	Visual Technology	Sea surface	6 - Technology demonstrated in relevant environment
Vessel-based photography survey	Vessel device with visual technology	Beach, water surface	7 - System prototype demonstration in operational environment
DJI Mavic Pro	Aerial Drone	Beach	7 - System prototype demonstration in operational environment

Marine litter - Solutions

Marine litter collection devices



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Marine litter - Solutions

Technologies for litter treatment/transformation



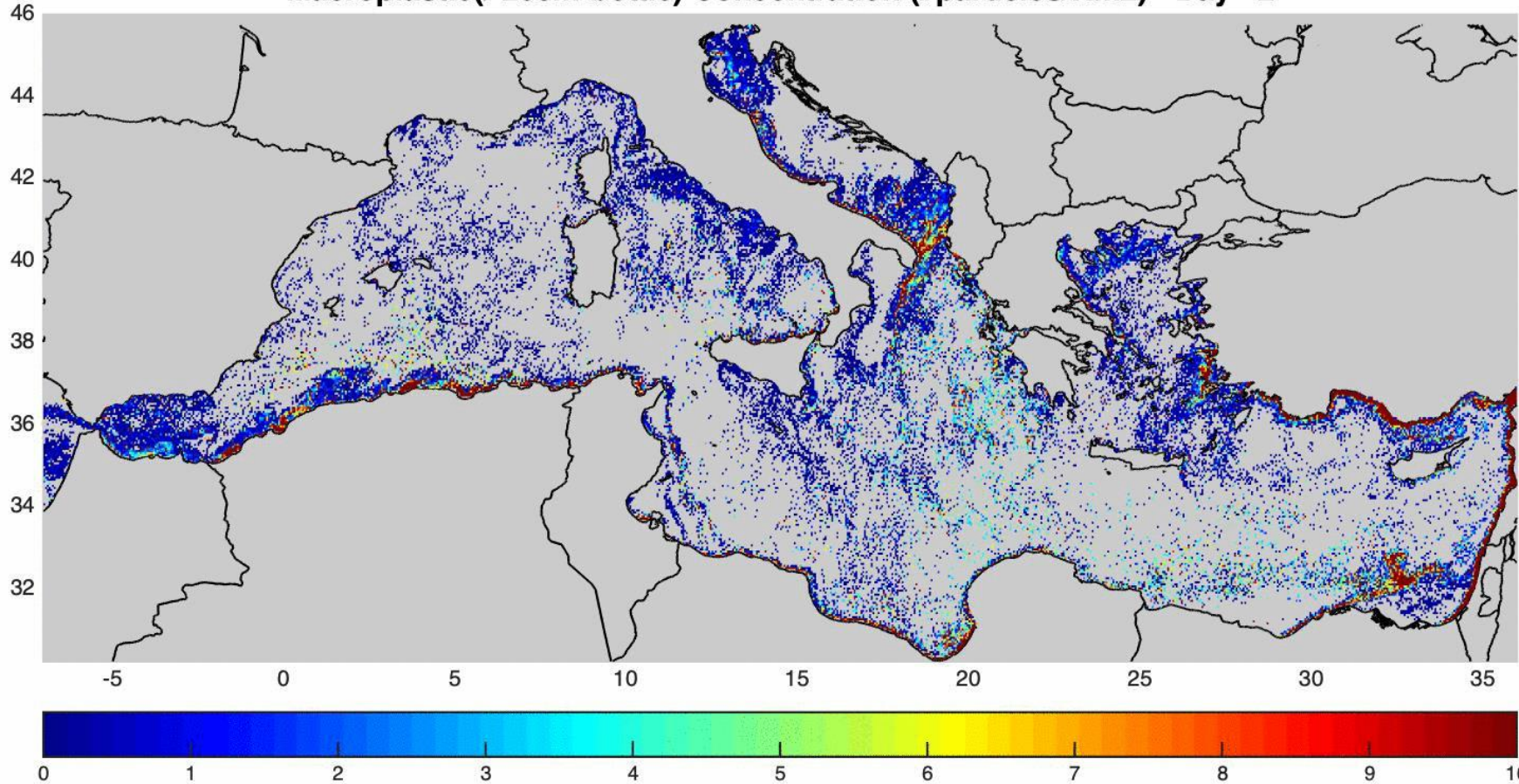
Litter Treatment/Transformation	Technology	Target	TRL
Agilyx Company	Polystyrene to styrene monomer technology	Land-based waste management	7-System prototype demonstration in operational environment
Recycled park	Floating platforms to retrieve plastic waste	Rivers, water bodies, harbor	7-System prototype demonstration in operational environment
Lindenau WRS-System	Onboard waste recycling technology	Islands, large coastal and river cities where no modern waste treatment plants can be installed	9-actual system proven in operational environment
Bioclean	Naturally derived polymers technologies	Waste water treatments, sea	3 - Experimental proof of concept
Sea Litter Critters	thermally treatment device with plasma technology	Near shores, tourist facilities, on board waste treatment	5- Technology validated in relevant environment
Plastic Odyssey	Boat	on board waste treatment	2 – technology concept formulated.
Seawer	Recycling	Ocean, open waters	2- Technology concept formulated
SeeElefant	Collecting and Recycling	Ocean, open waters	3 - Experimental proof of concept
PacMan	Collecting and recycling	Ocean, open waters	3 - Experimental proof of concept

Drift-dispersion models

- Forecasting plastic pollution (micro/macro)
- Identify hot-spot areas (micro/macro)
- Contribute to Fostering an ecosystem approach



Macroplastic(>20cm-bottle) Concentration (#particles/Km2) - Day =2



CLEAN TRASH system

CLAIM's **L**itter **E**ntrapping **A**utonomous **N**etwork
Tactical **R**ecovery **A**ccumulation **S**ystem **H**ellas



CLAIM's pyroliser



Energia pulita dalla plastica del mare

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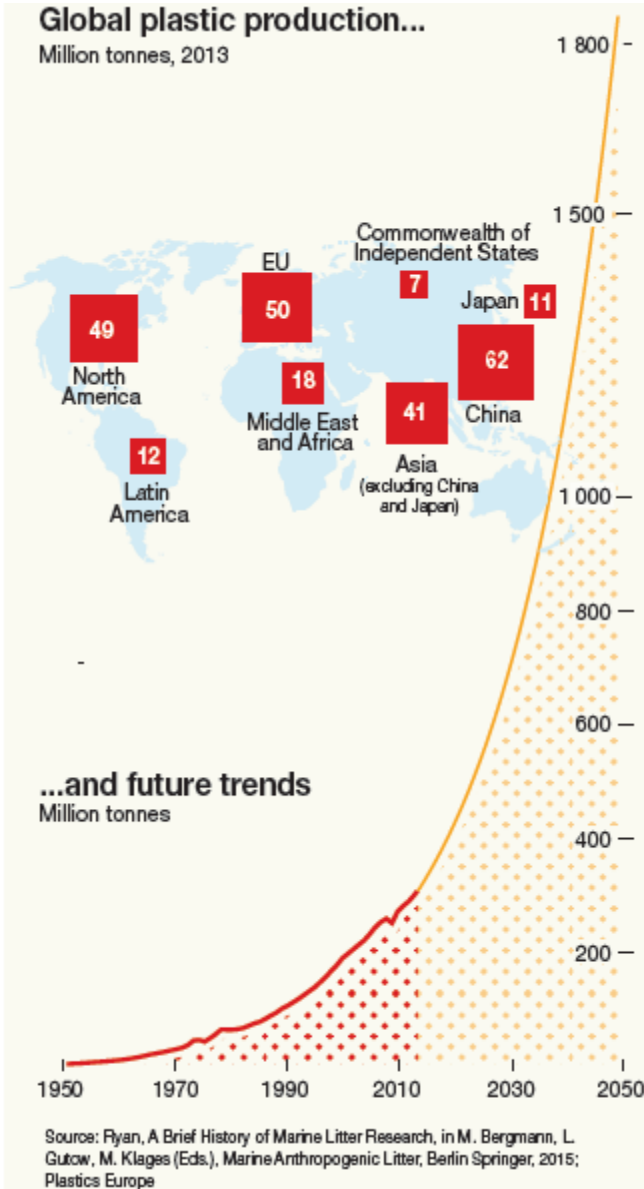


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Marine litter

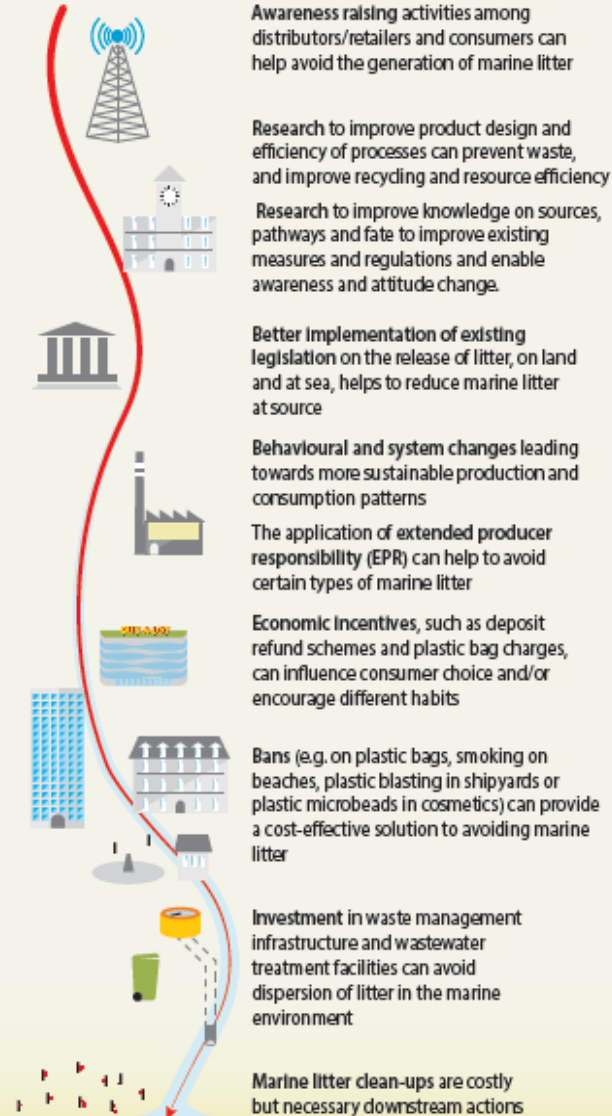
Global plastic production...

Million tonnes, 2013



Preventing is better than cleaning up

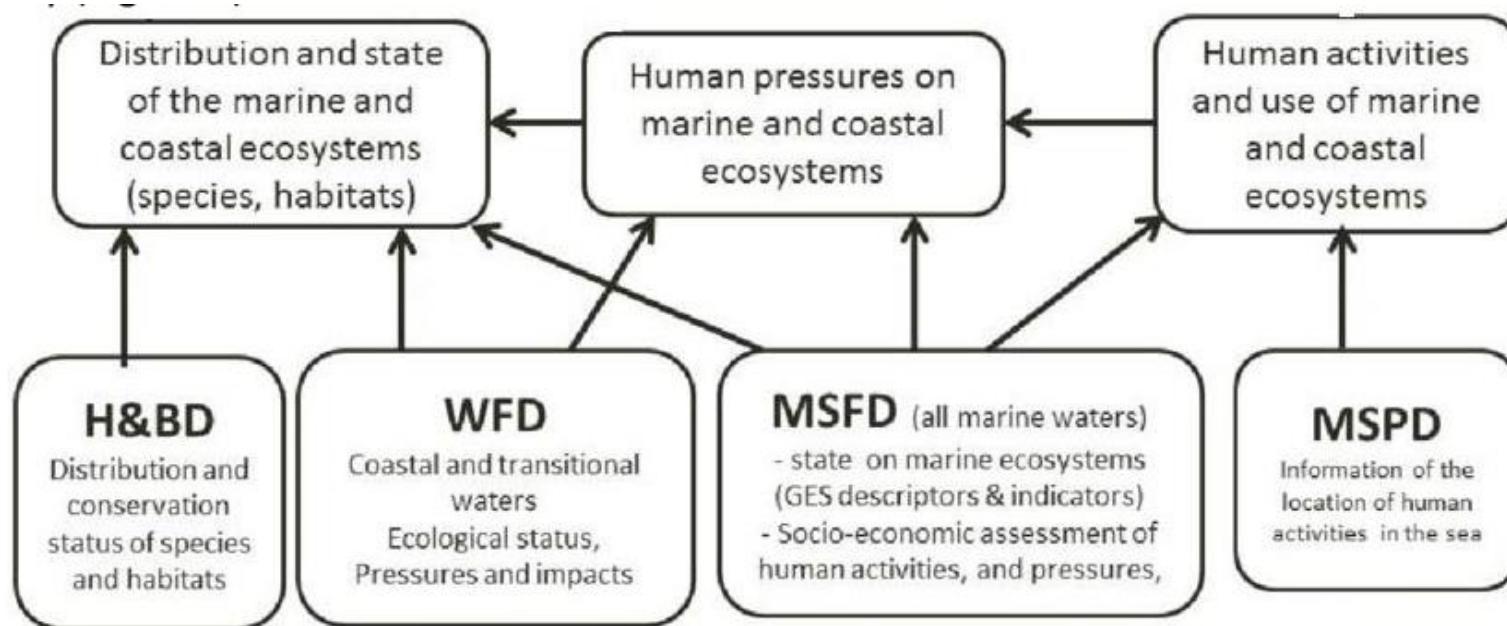
PREVENTION



CLEAN-UP

Fishing for litter can be a useful final option, but can only address certain types of marine litter





: Overview of the linkages between the MSFD, WFD, the H&BD and the MSPD illustrating how the assessments and data produced by these directives can feed into each other (source: Boon et al, 2015).

Bathing water quality 2015

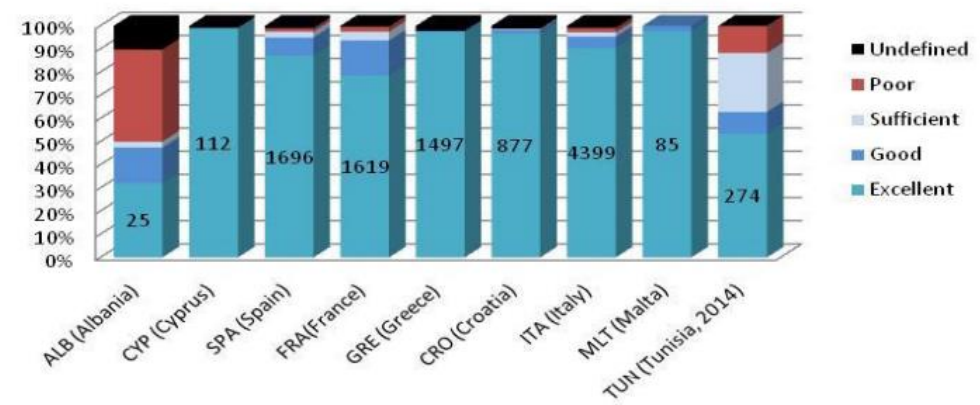






Figure 2: Percentages of the bathing water quality assessment with respect Common Indicator 21 in 2015 for some Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention. Please, note France and Spain data includes also the Atlantic coastal sites, in any case, with almost a

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Mediterranean Sea top priorities for research and innovation



	sustainable food production		understanding pollution impacts, mitigation and remediation		preparing to climate change and define adaptation and mitigation measures
	linking tourism, tourists and environment		effective maritime spatial planning		greening vessels, facilities and services
	towards an observing system of systems		open data, open science, open innovation		building capacities, blue skills and blue professionals
	exploring the potential of blue biotech		promote the role of marine renewable energies in the energy transition phase		strengthen synergies among science, industry, policy-makers and society
	from traditional maritime economic to blue growth activities	<p>13 priority goals were selected by countries of the Basin from the BlueMed Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda: their implementation will foster sustainable, non-conflicting Blue Growth in the Mediterranean.</p>		<p>On the basis of this selection of priorities, the countries prepared an Implementation Plan with the actions to address the identified challenges.</p>	



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Together with overfishing and marine habitat degradation, pollution constitutes a major challenge for fisheries in the Mediterranean region. According to IUCN, it affects 7.5% of native marine fish in the Mediterranean.

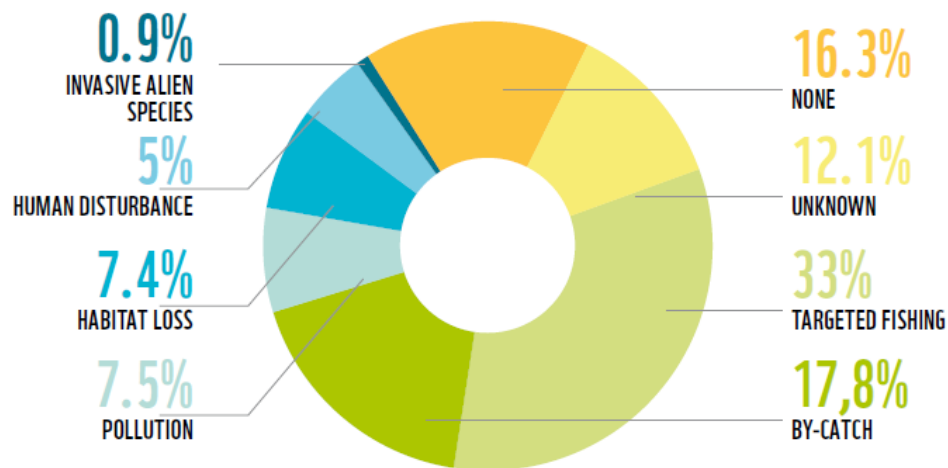


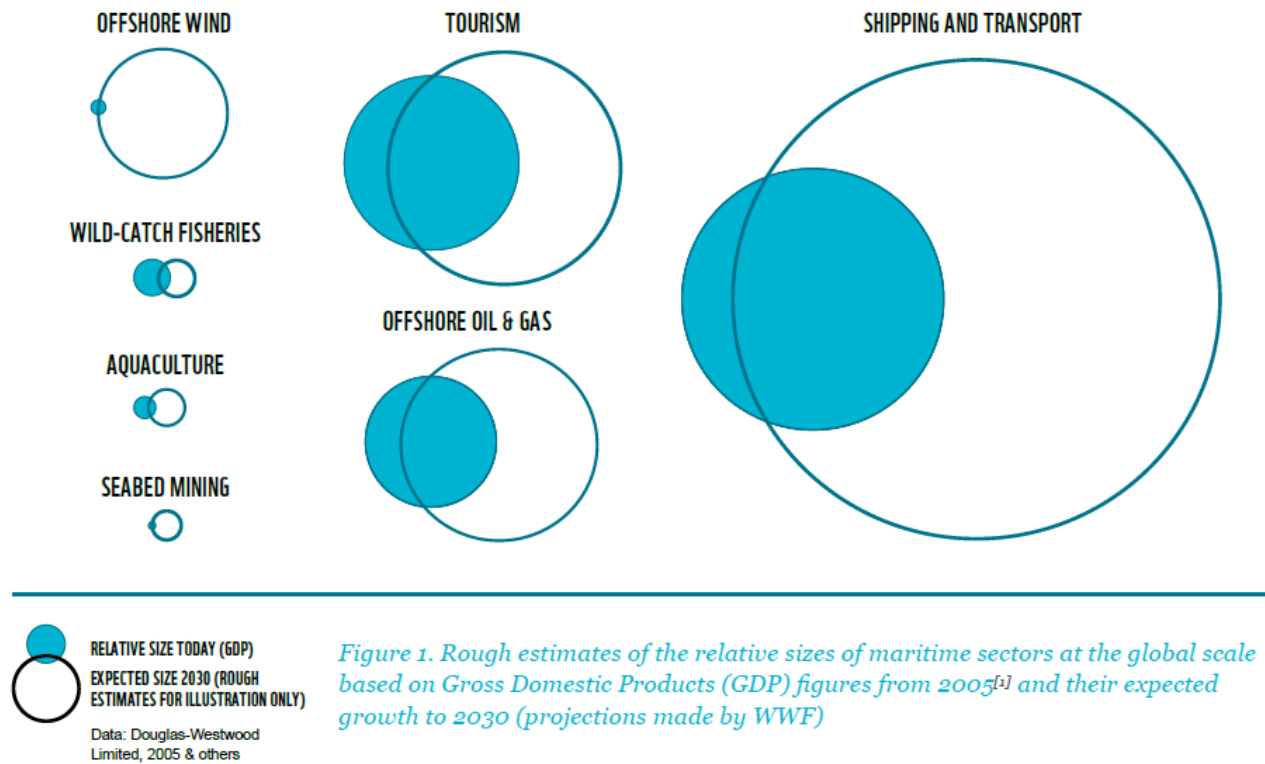
Figure 9. Major threats to native marine fish in the Mediterranean Sea^[1,2]

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Major threats to native marine fish in the Mediterranean Sea



Rough estimates of the relative sizes of maritime sectors at the global scale based on Gross Domestic Products (GDP) figures from 2005^[1] and their expected growth to 2030 (projections made by WWF)

Future trends of maritime sectors

Compatibility between sectors and potential risks of conflicting interests

Sector	Expected development trend of sector	Quantified estimates
 Oil and gas exploration and extraction		<p>Offshore oil production could increase by 60% between 2010 and 2020 at the Mediterranean regional level, rising from 0,7 mbd to 1,12 mbd.</p> <p>Offshore gas production could increase five-fold from 2010 to 2030, from 55 Mtoe/year to 250 Mtoe/year at the Mediterranean regional level.</p>
 Maritime transport and ports		4% per annum growth rate in global trade over the next decade can be anticipated and will be reflected on international maritime traffic routes at the Mediterranean regional level (Suez-Gibraltar axis, Aegean Sea, Adriatic Sea, and to a lesser extent the North-Western Mediterranean)
 Professional fishing		A downward trend is expected at an uncertain rate at the Mediterranean regional level.
 Recreational fishing		An upward trend is expected at an uncertain rate in the Mediterranean countries of the EU.
 Marine aquaculture		Forecast of fish aquaculture production in the Mediterranean countries of the EU anticipates a 112% increase between 2010 and 2030 . Production should jump from 280 000 tonnes to nearly 600 000 tonnes.
 Tourism (coastal tourism, cruise tourism, recreational boating)		International tourist arrivals in the Mediterranean should increase by 60% between 2015 and 2030 to reach 500 million arrivals in 2030 at the Mediterranean regional level. France, Italy and Spain will remain the three biggest destinations.
 Renewable energy		While no marine renewable energy was produced in 2014, predicted production of electricity by offshore wind farms could reach 12 gigawatts (GW) in 2030 in the Mediterranean countries of the EU.
 Marine mining		An upward trend is expected at an uncertain rate in the mid-term, mainly in the Mediterranean countries of the EU
 Coastal development		5,000 km of additional coastline will be artificialised by 2025 as compared to the 2005 situation at the Mediterranean regional level.
 Land-based pollution sources		<p>In the Mediterranean countries of the EU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollution from wastewater is expected to keep decreasing over the next 15 years. • Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) are expected to slowly decline. • An upward trend in heavy metal pollution can be observed for mercury and lead. • Nutrient discharges are expected to increase slightly over the next 15 years.