



Marine Spatial Planning Pilot

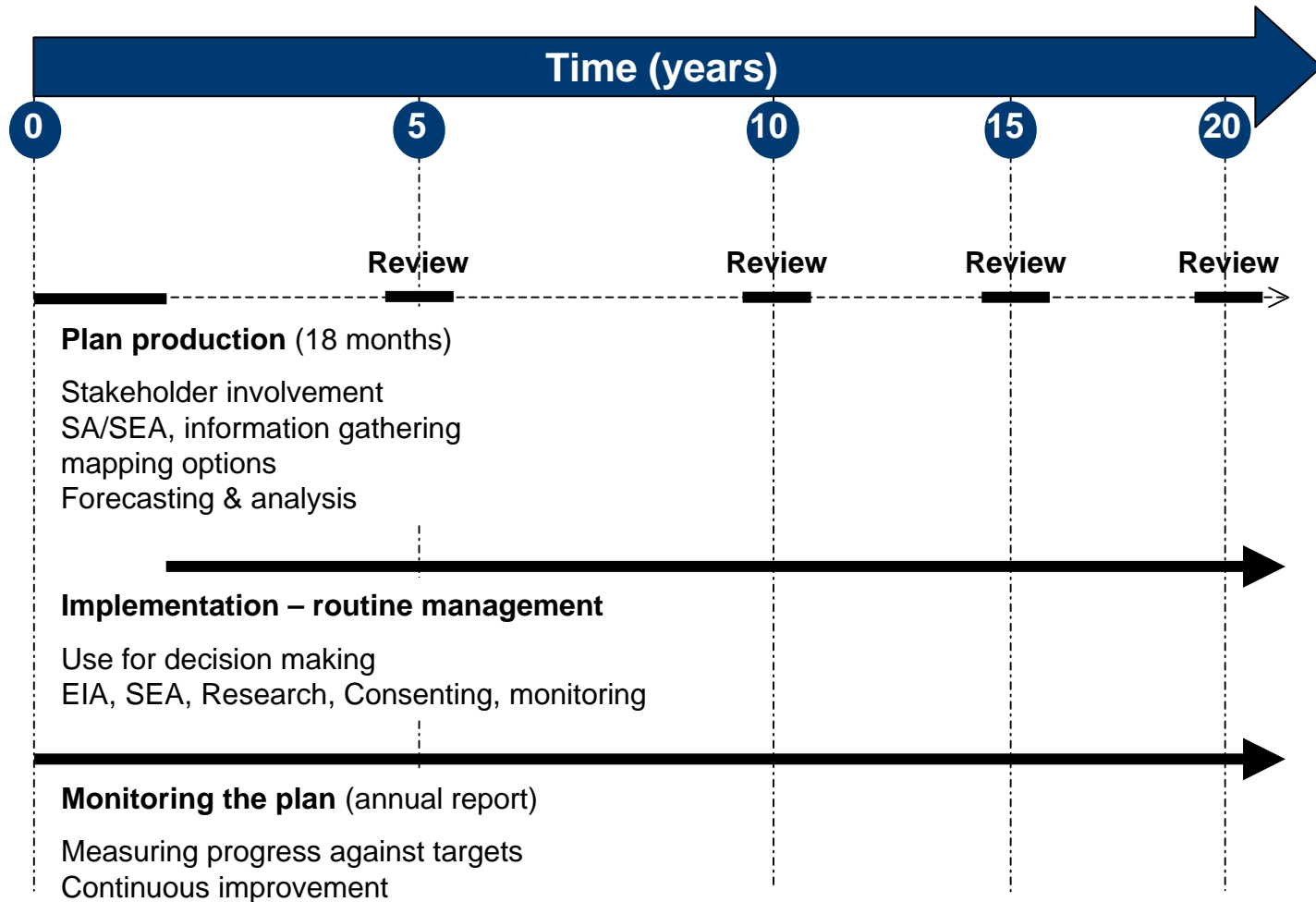
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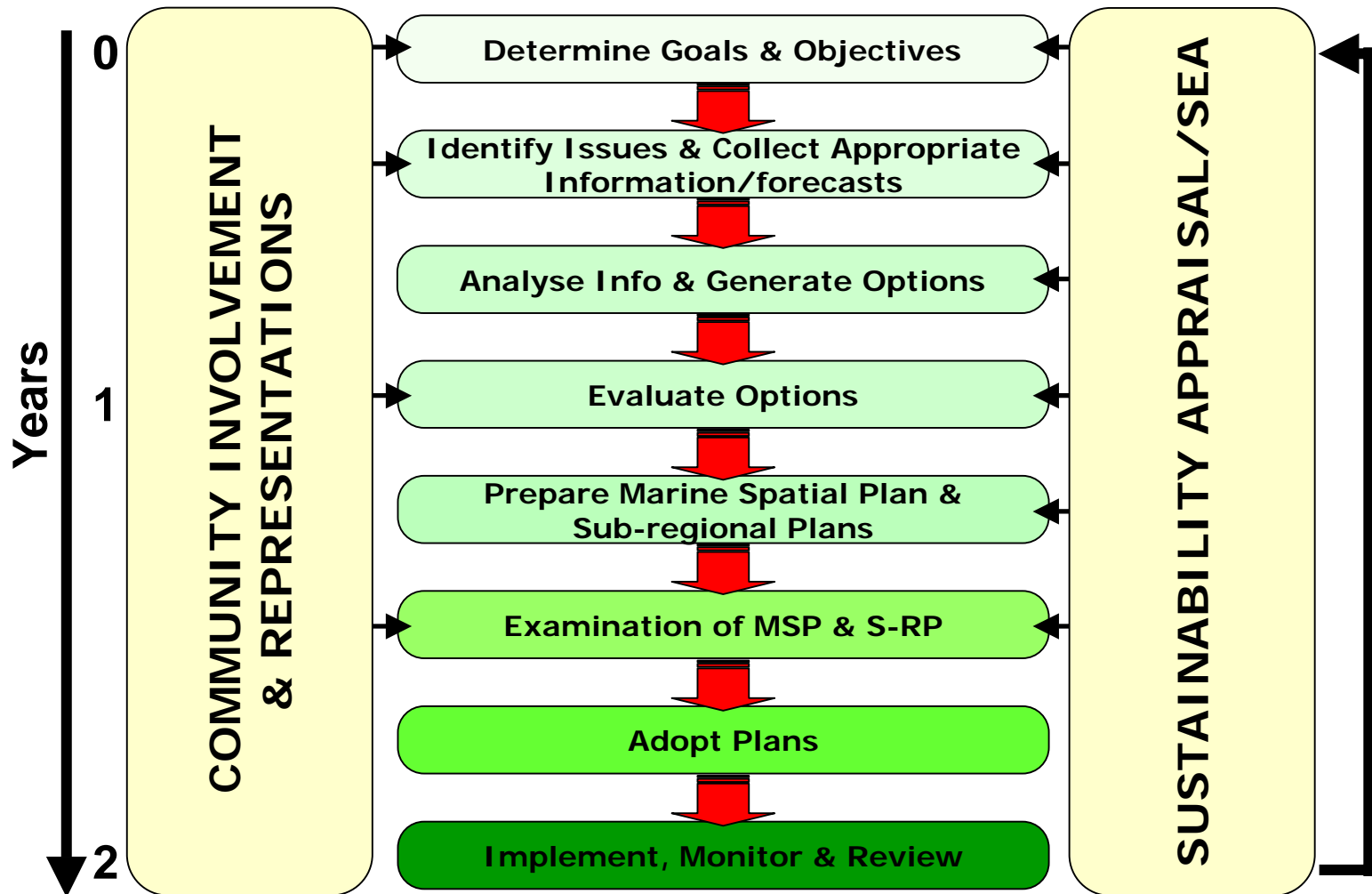
The Vision for MSP

- A strategic plan for regulating, managing and protecting the marine environment;
- Encompassing existing and future development and activities.

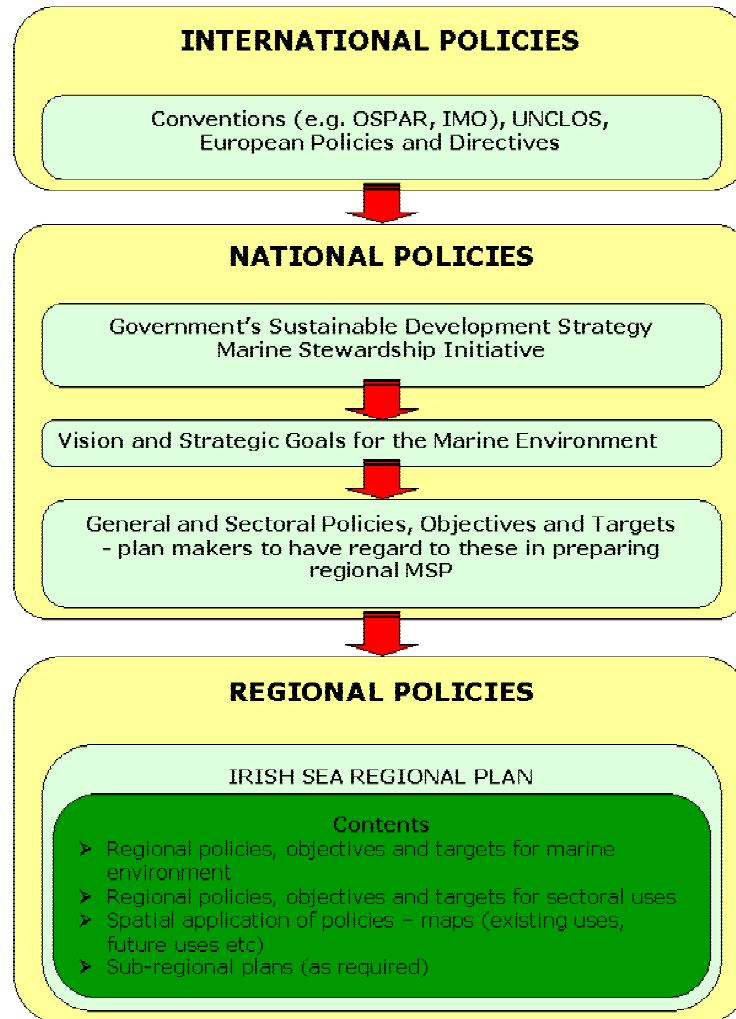
Plan Programme



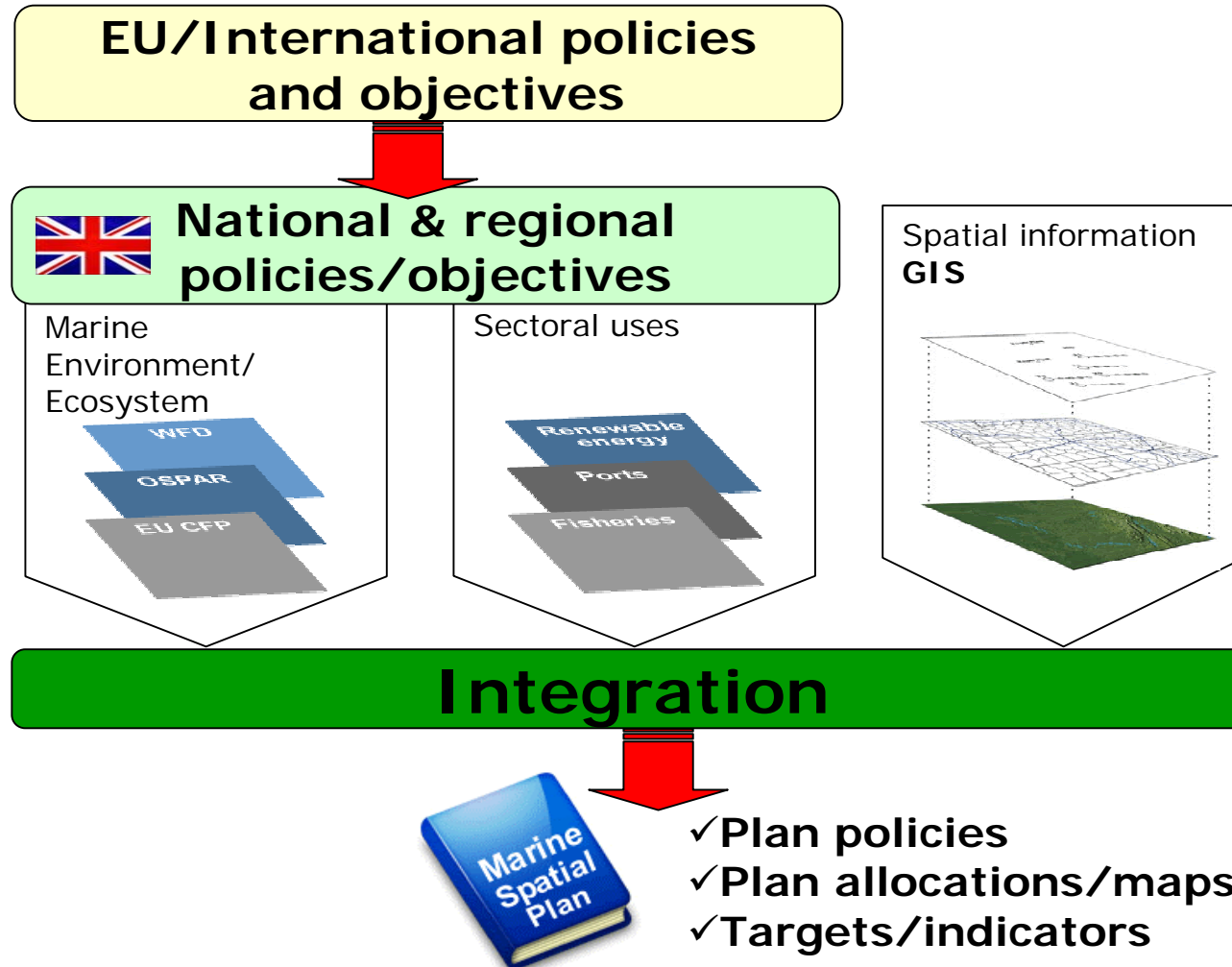
Plan Production Process



Policy Hierarchy



A Marine Spatial Plan



Benefits

- **Mechanism to deliver SD**
- **Environmental benefits:**
 - **Clear environmental objectives, ecosystem approach, management framework**
- **Socio-economic benefits:**
 - **Optimization of sea use, greater certainty, cost reduction (consenting)**
- **Administrative benefits:**
 - **Plan led approach to decision making, consent streamlining, info availability and co-ordination, stakeholder focus, forum for conflict resolution**

Drawbacks

- **Data availability**
- **Administrative boundaries**
- **..and lots of other lesser issues:**
 - **Certainty/flexibility**
 - **Bureaucracy/complexity**
 - **Legal competence**
 - **Conflict with existing regimes**
 - **Requirement for stakeholder engagement**
 - **Too green/ not green enough**
 - **Dynamic nature of marine environment**

Added Value

- **Collective spatial information system**
- **Clearer national and regional sectoral policies**
- **National marine planning framework and Marine PPS**
 - **Provides integration and delivery mechanism, sea use optimization**
- **Co-ordinated management**
 - **Secures the above**

Food for Thought

- **In the Eastern English Channel, a total of 74.8km of live cable route is located within the current marine aggregate prospecting areas. This roughly equates to 75 million tonnes of sterilised aggregate with a market value of around £640 million.**

MSP Recommendations

- **Support statutory/binding system of MSP**
- **Regional scale implementation**
- **Co-ordination of the plan-making and management process (MMO in England?)**
- **Integration of SEA and public participation**
- **Marine Spatial Plan Framework and Scheme**
- **Plans must be flexible to cope with change**
- **Twenty year horizon with 5 year review**
- **Data issues need to be addressed**