

CFP & MSFD

A sea of opportunity...

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Overview of CFP

- Introduced 1983 (but older in concept)
- Move from member state to centralised management, and annual decision making
- Reform in 2002 moved to regionalisation e.g. through RACs
- Current reform process – major WWF response

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Current problems with CFP (I)

- Fish stocks still declining
- 88% of monitored fish stocks in the EU are fished beyond sustainable levels
- Nearly half of stocks have quotas set above recommended levels

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Current problems with CFP (II)

- Problems with central management – buy-in; decision time, regional relevance
- Lack of integration with environmental legislation – and disconnect with member state level decision making



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WWF's priorities for reform of CFP (I)

By 2020-

Restore European fish stocks to a level of abundance sufficient to ensure their resilience, sustainability and profitability...

...and make EU fleets accountable for results both in European waters and throughout the world's oceans

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WWF's priorities for reform of CFP (II)

- Eliminating overcapacity
 - Technical approaches : long-term management plan
- Managing through an Ecosystem Approach
 - reduce discards & bycatch
 - Adopting ecosystem based long-term management plans
 - Address critical/sensitive habitat
- LTMP a key approach

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WWF's priorities for reform of CFP (III)

- Improving Governance
 - improving system through scientific advice, stakeholder involvement, more regional control
- WWF Green Paper available



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Links to MSFD

- The Marine Strategy Framework Directive explicitly refers to the Common Fisheries Policy:
- *(9) '[the MSFD should]...foster the integration of environmental concerns into other policies, such as the Common Fisheries Policy, the Common Agricultural Policy, and other relevant Community policies.'*
- *And...*

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Links to MSFD

- *(40) ‘The Common Fisheries Policy, including in the future reform, should take into account the environmental impacts of fishing and the objectives of this Directive’*

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Commonalities between CFP & MSFD

- Ecosystem Approach
- Closed Areas/MPAs
- GES – threat and opportunity
- Regionalisation



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Tensions between CFP & MSFD

- Socioeconomic
- Levels of management – central vs member state/regional
- GES..?
- Redistribution of fishing sector influence

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Integration between CFP and MSFD

- MSFD provides fundamental policy context for CFP
- Strengthen commitment to ecosystem approach
- Integrating objectives and indicators
- Regionalisation can improve coherence
- Maritime spatial planning as a tool for integration

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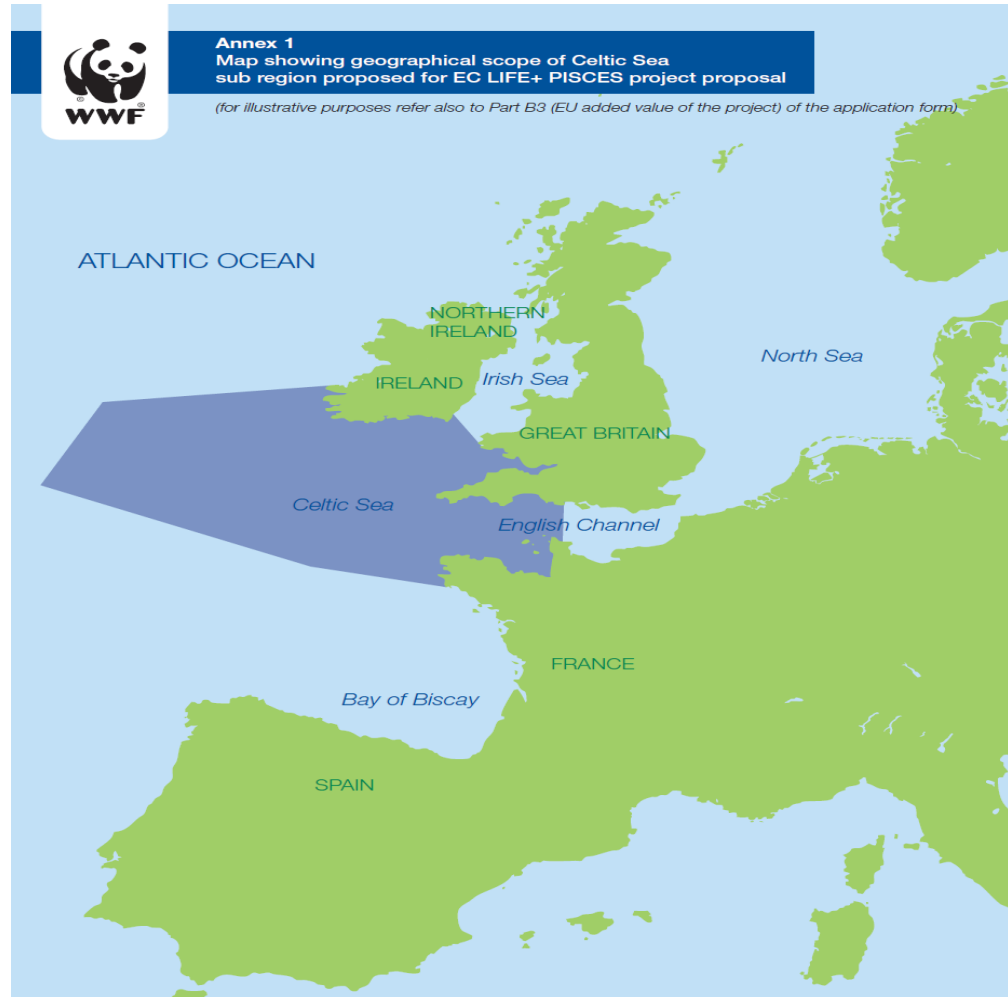
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- Sharing best practice is key to success of EU maritime policy
- Demonstration of ecosystem approach at local/regional level
- Led by stakeholders to ensure buy-in and compliance

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The Celtic Sea



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Where next?

- Use PISCES outputs to inform European policy
- Expand the approach to other sea areas



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