

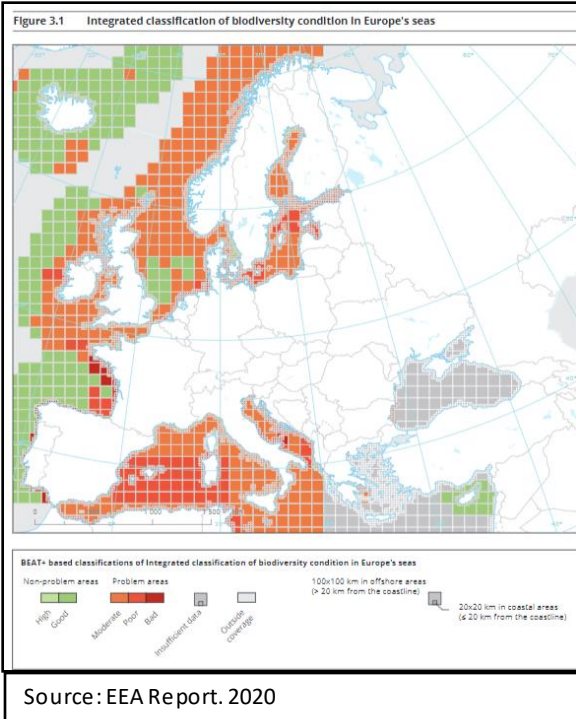


SEAS AT RISK

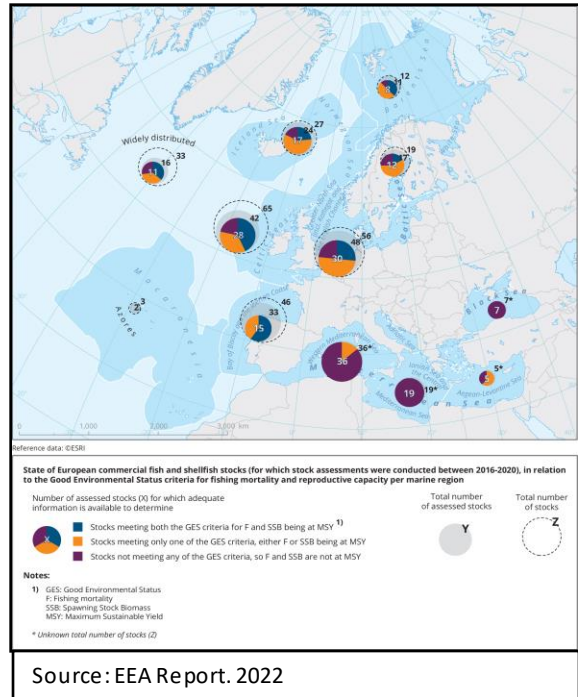
for the protection and restoration of the marine environment

THE MARINE DIMENSION OF THE NATURE RESTORATION LAW

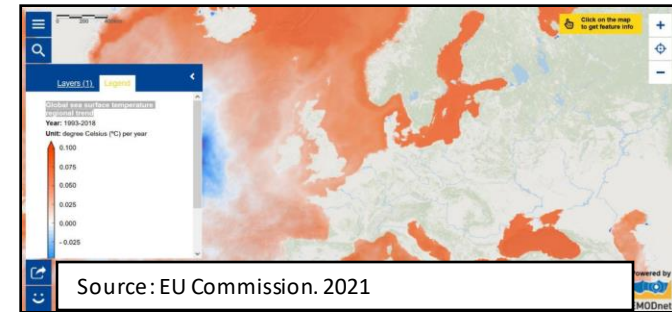
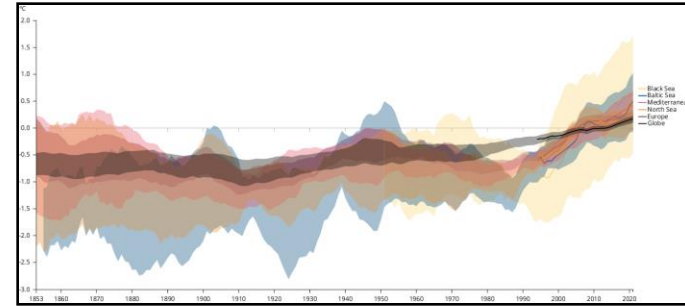




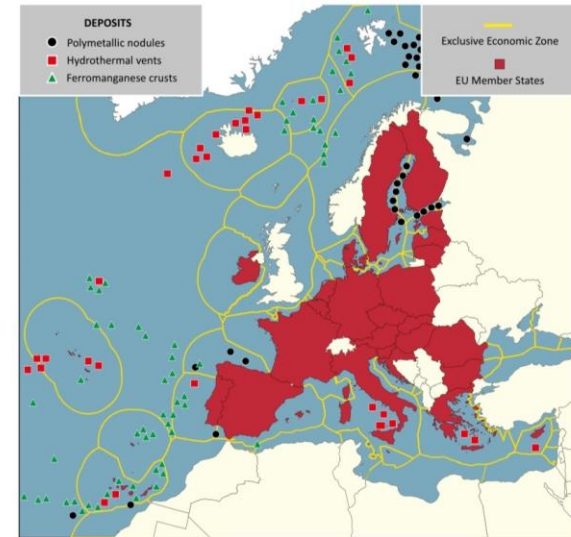
- ❖ The loss of marine biodiversity in Europe's seas has not been halted
- ❖ Ocean species are disappearing faster than those on land



- ❖ Overfishing persists
- ❖ Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea remain highly overfished.



- ❖ The average global sea surface temperature has risen by more than 0.3°C since the early 1990s
- ❖ In the past four years, it's been observed the warmest ocean surface temperatures since records began.



Source: The EU Blue Economy Report 2020. At: https://blueindicators.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2020_06_BlueEconomy-2020-LD_FINAL-corrected-web-acrobat-pro.pdf

- ❖ Increasing pressure for Deep sea mining
- ❖ wide range of potential impacts for seabed and marine ecosystem

Marine Nature matters



We live on planet ocean

Viewed from space, we clearly live on “Planet Ocean”. Seas and oceans cover 70% of the surface of our world.



The ocean slows climate change

By absorbing a large part of our CO₂ emissions and most of the excess heat generated by emissions, and by storing carbon from marine life, the ocean provides vital climate mitigation.



The ocean is home to a myriad of life

The world's seas and oceans contain millions of different kinds of life, many of them unknown to science.



Our well-being depends on nature

Healthy marine ecosystems are the basis for our own health & well-being, as well as our livelihoods.

Stay of play



European Commission

- **NON PAPER**
 - Introduce flexibility



European Parliament

- **AGRI and PECH rejected the proposal.**
- **ENVI:**
 - Rejected AM to reject proposal: **WIN!**
 - Adopted harmful AMs
 - Rejected the report on the **27th June**



Council

- **20th June. Adopted their position on the NRL: WIN!**
- **Conservatives' government supported it!**
- **Caveat: weakening of proposal**



NEXT STEPS:



Next step: Plenary (marine dimension)

Positive CAs were voted in favor in ENVI

CA 4 on article 5/marine ecosystems (but weaker, should be improved)

CA 11 article on preservation of the effects of restoration measures (but weaker, should be improved)

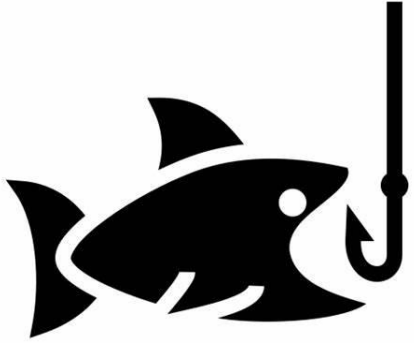
CA 13 (article 12, content national restoration plans incl. CFP safeguard)

CA 14, 15, 16, 18... (submission, assessment review NRP, public participation)

CAs were not

CA 1 Subject matter: **Objectives:** to align with CBD Kunming-Montreal agreement: 30% of EU land and sea by 2030; and all ecosystems in need of restoration by 2050 or at least come back to the EC proposal

CA 12 Preparation of the national restoration plans (+CFP!)



CFP

- Do not want to reopen the CFP!
- The national restoration plans shall include the conservation measures that a MS intends to adopt under the CFP
- Add provisions in case those deadlines are exceeded
- Include safeguard clauses



Non deterioration

- Ensuring that restoration measures have long-term impacts and benefits by avoiding that an ecosystem deteriorates again after it has been restored.
- The needed measures to avoid deterioration will depend on the ecosystem.
- In many cases, economic use will still be possible.
- Will also require some form of management



Passive restoration

e.g. no take zones, will be the most effective measures for offshore waters. **BUT**, most of these measures will need to go through the JR procedure...



Preparation of National Restoration Plans (Article 12)

- Art 12(1) – MS **shall prepare a national restoration plan** and carry out the preparatory monitoring and research necessary to identify the restoration measures, that respond to the relevant pressures and threats, and are required to meet the targets and obligations set out in Article [5]
- Art 12(4) – **MS shall identify synergies with climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation** and disaster prevention and prioritise restoration measures accordingly.
- Art 12(6) – MS shall take into account the **examples of restoration measures set out in Annex VI**, in consideration of specific national and local conditions, and the latest scientific evidence.
- Art 12(8) – MS shall ensure that the preparation of the restoration plan is open and inclusive and that the **public is given early and effective opportunities to participate in all stages of its development**

Content of National Restoration Plan – Article 13

- Art 13(1) MS to submit a draft national restoration plan to the Commission by **two years after the entry into force of the Regulation**
- Art 13(2) **details what elements need to be included in the restoration plan**, including spatially-explicit restoration measures. Must also specify which of the restoration measures will be within the Natura 2000 network. Need to also specify the timing for the implementation of the measures
- Art 13(3) - The **national restoration plans shall include the conservation measures a MS intends to adopt under the CFP**, as well as joint recommendations **proposed** by that MS or agreed between the proposing MS and the other MS having a fisheries management interest in accordance with the procedure set out in Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 and any relevant information on those measures.

Insights and recommendations

- **Abate Current tense political context**
- **Continue strong communications campaign to debunk fake news and win supporters**
- **Establish united and numerous front with supportive actors: NGOs, LIFE, grassroots, Scientists, Business, RE sectors...**
- **Use Council support to the NRL to gain MEPs**
- **Use EC non paper to gain MEPs**
- **Retable ambitious CAs and secure majority among the groups**
- **Be in contact with key MEP (delegation leads, new key countries...)**
- **Win supporters including the more sensible members of the European People's Party**
- **Go to Strasbourg and vote for the NRL!**



#RestoreOcean

Thank you

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