

Cooperative audit on the management of Marine Protected Areas

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Participating SAIs



● SAIs participating in the cooperative audit

● Other contributory SAIs

● Possible contributors

The Mediterranean Sea: a sea under pressure - video

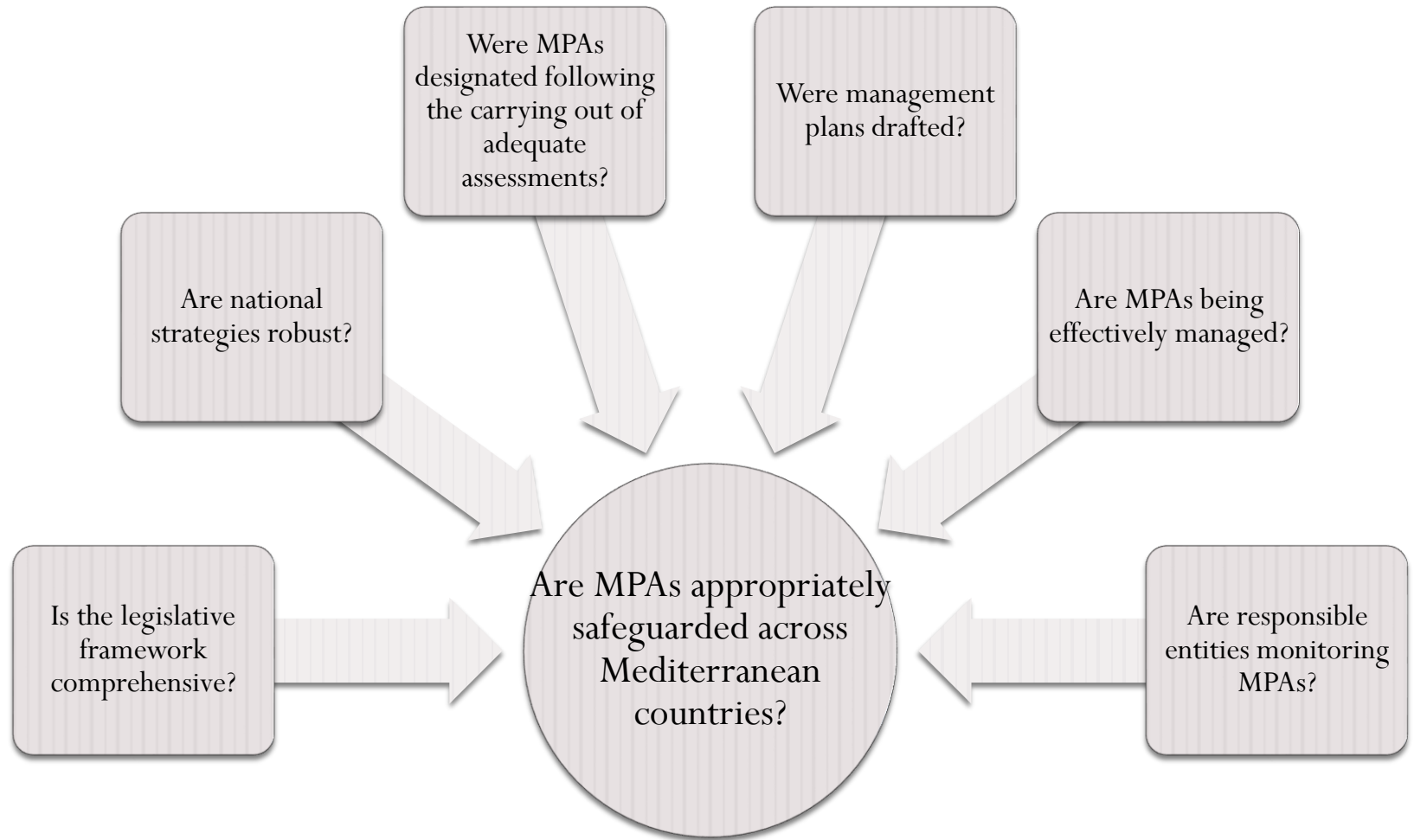
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Definition of Marine Protected Areas

A marine protected area relates to a site, which may have been already designated or is to be designated under an international, regional or national legal framework or other policy. The main objective of an MPA is to conserve and nurture the marine biodiversity while striking a balance with any economic activity permitted in the area.

For the purpose of this cooperative audit, this definition includes, but is not restricted to, Natura 2000 sites, SPAMIs designated under the Barcelona Convention, Artificial Reefs or designated Marine Parks.

Main audit questions



Preliminary audit findings

- **Legislative framework:**
 - National legislative framework reflects International Conventions and EU Directives
 - Fragmentation of responsibilities
- **Strategies:**
 - Recently finalised
 - Expenditure required and implementation timeframes were not always identified
- **Assessments:**
 - Carried out by experts in the area
 - However, limited in scope due to resource availability
- **Management Plans and Implementation:**
 - Not all management plans are in place
 - Not all management plans were comprehensive
 - Piecemeal implementation of initiatives
- **Monitoring of MPAs:**
 - Sporadic and incidental monitoring of sites
 - Monitoring mostly relates to the quality of water rather than to specific habitats

Progress to date

- Pre Kick off meeting –
Skopje, September 2016
 - Definition of MPAs
- Kick off meeting – Nicosia,
December 2016
 - Design Matrix + Timelines
- Progress Meeting – Slovenia,
April 2017
- Progress Meeting –
Teleconference, July 2017



Milestones



Thank You

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