

# Analysis of Member States pledges Protected areas



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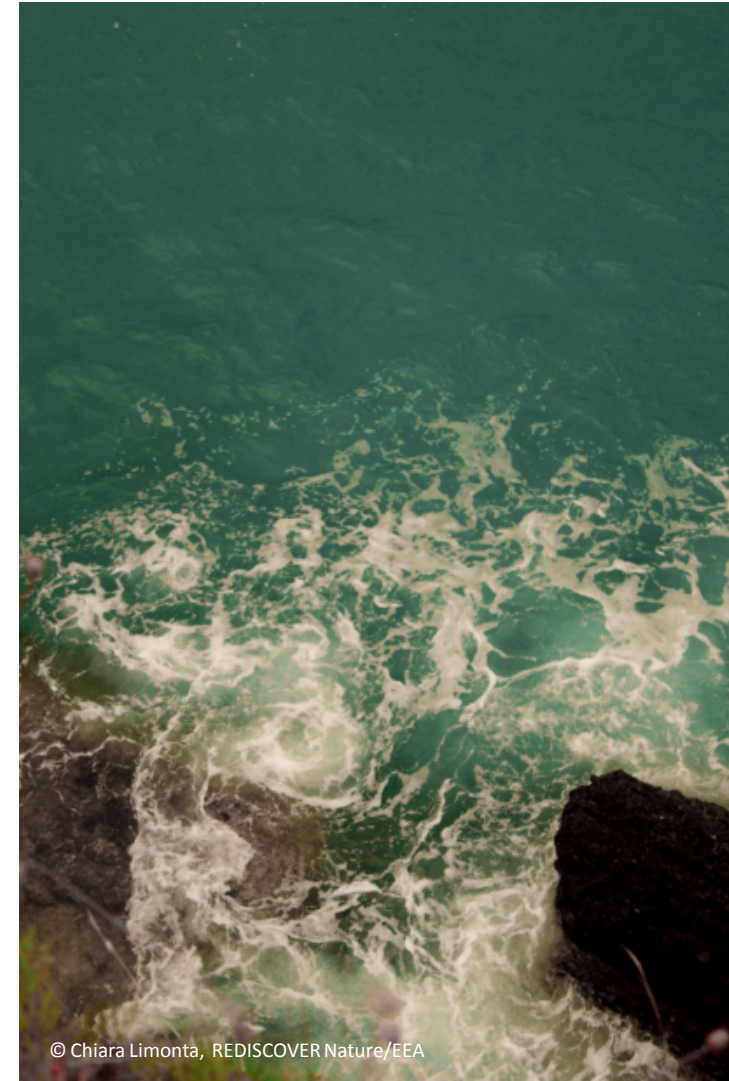
# EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030

- Legally protect a minimum of **30% of the EU's land area and 30% of the EU's sea area** and integrate ecological corridors, as part of a true Trans-European Nature Network.
- **Strictly protect at least a third of the EU's protected areas**, including all remaining EU primary and old-growth forests.
- **Effectively manage** all protected areas, defining clear conservation objectives and measures, and monitoring them appropriately.

## Pledge-and-review process

Each Member State is expected to submit to the Commission a list of existing protected areas (in addition to Natura 2000) which fulfil the criteria as well as **an initial pledge for new areas to be designated** explaining:

- (1) which criteria were used for their identification;
- (2) the scientific evidence that leads to their selection for designation; and
- (3) the mechanism that will be put in place to ensure their effective and adequate management and monitoring.



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# Structure and content of the pledges

## General information

- Protected areas extent per biogeographical/marine region – current and expected by 2030
- OECMs extent per biogeographical/marine region – current and expected by 2030
- Area under strict protection per biogeographical/marine region – current and expected by 2030
- Explanation on coherence of the network

## Existing nationally designated areas reported in CDDA that should be counted towards the 30% target

- Per designation type or individual sites

## Existing OECMs reported in CDDA that should be counted towards the 30% target

## Existing Natura 2000 sites and nationally designated areas that should be counted towards the 10% strict protection target

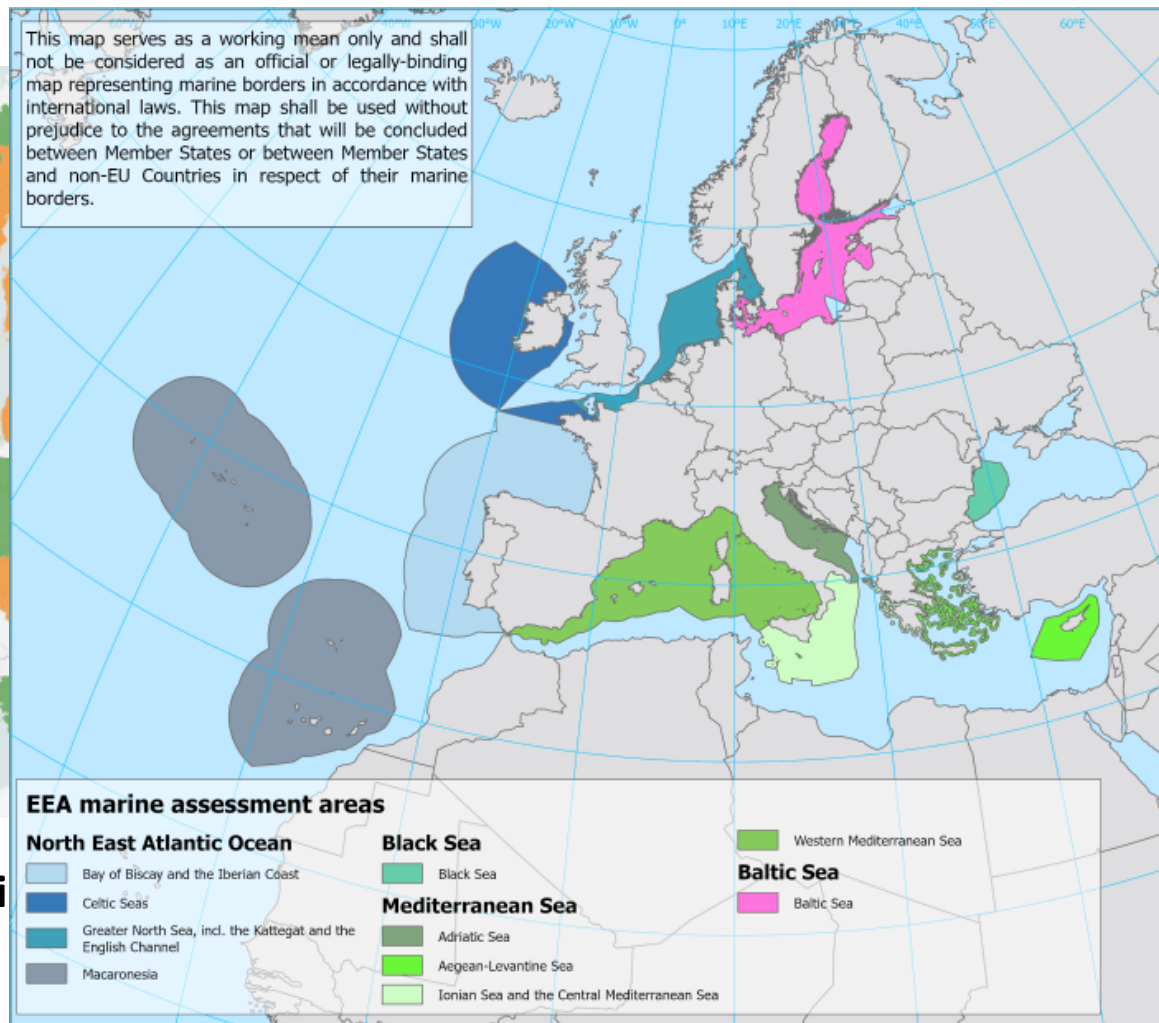
## Pledges for future protected areas and OECMs



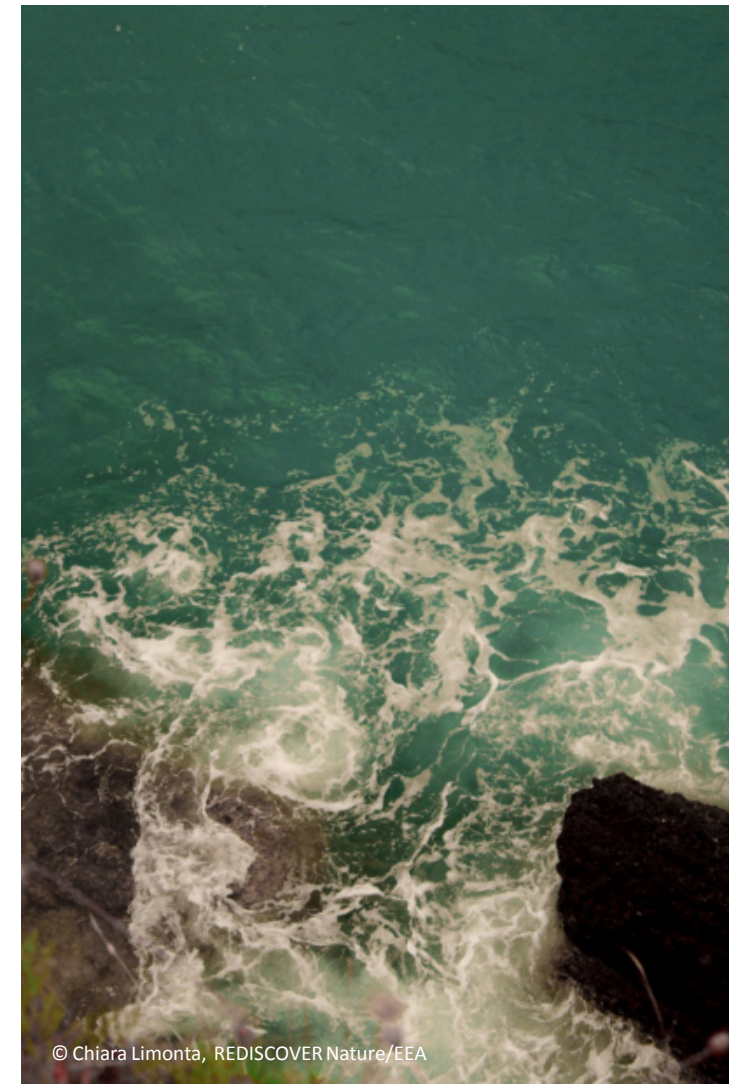
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# Overall analysis

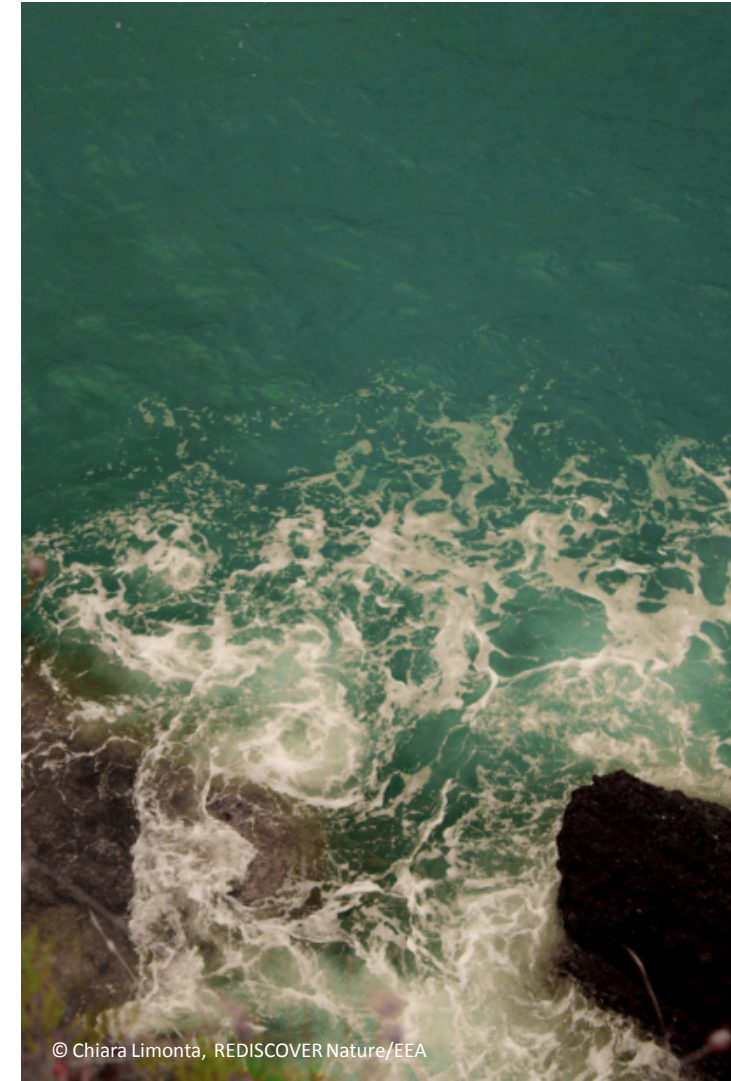
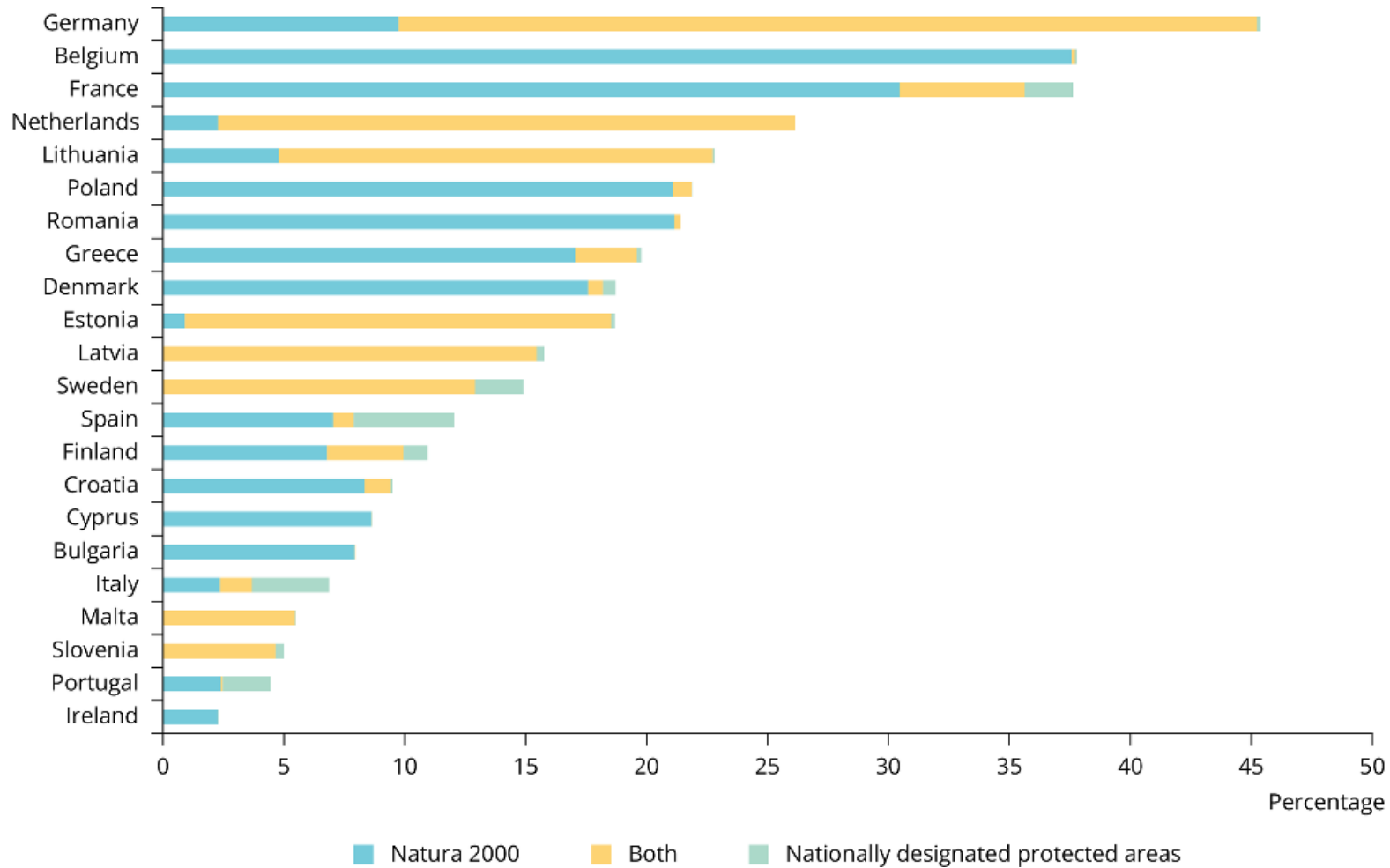
**Establishing the baseline** – all Natura 2000 sites and nationally designated areas and OECMs confirmed by the MS through the pledges as counting towards the 30% target



**Overall expected coverage in total**



# Overall analysis – current baseline



## Marine protected areas coverage in EU Member States, 2021

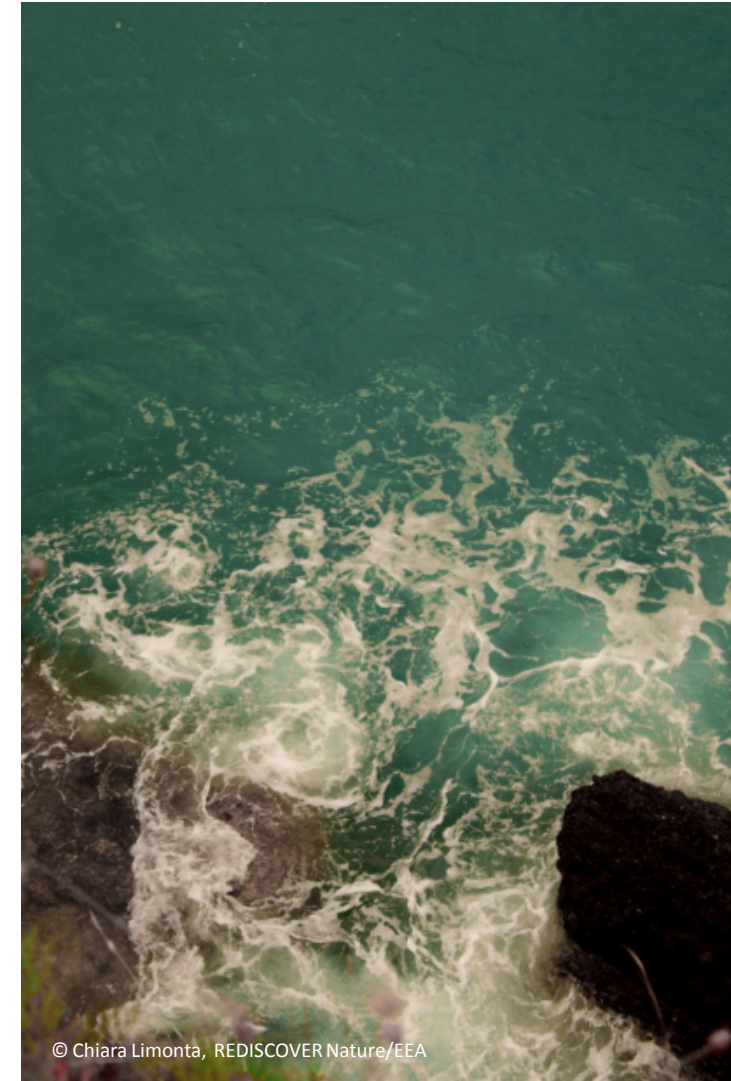
EEA indicator - <https://www.eea.europa.eu/ims/marine-protected-areas-in-europes-seas>

# Overall analysis – strict protection

**Establishing the baseline** – areas confirmed to be counted towards the 10% strict protection target

**Overall expected coverage under strict protection in 2030 by biogeographical/marine region and EU total**

Coherence of approach among Member States towards strict protection?  
Possible topic for discussion at biogeographical seminars



# Detailed analysis - management

- Legal, administrative or contractual arrangements in place for ensuring long-term conservation
- Conservation objectives identified
- Clearly identified managing bodies
- Effective management
- Adequate monitoring

Yes/Not yet  
If not yet, by when

- Baseline (all criteria already met) – how many sites/per MS
- All criteria met by which year

-> Identifying common issues and patterns – possible topics for discussion at biogeographical seminars



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# Detailed analysis – coherence/connectivity

Information from  
the pledges

- General information summarized from the MS responses – key common points/gaps for discussion at the biogeographical seminars

Comparing information  
from the pledges to  
other datasets

- Coherence, connectivity, representativity of the network – an analysis planned for 2023. Pledges results can then be assessed in light on this analysis



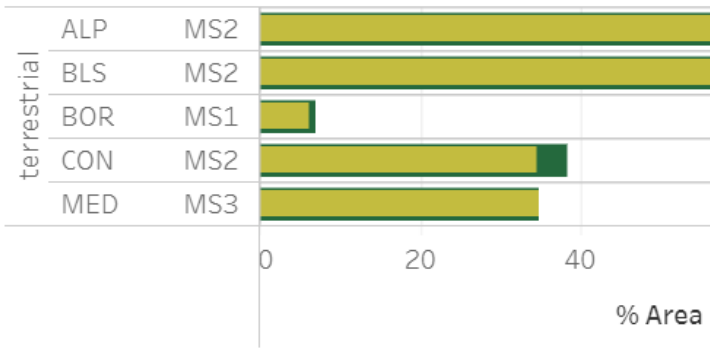
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# Dashboards to present the pledges – initial ideas

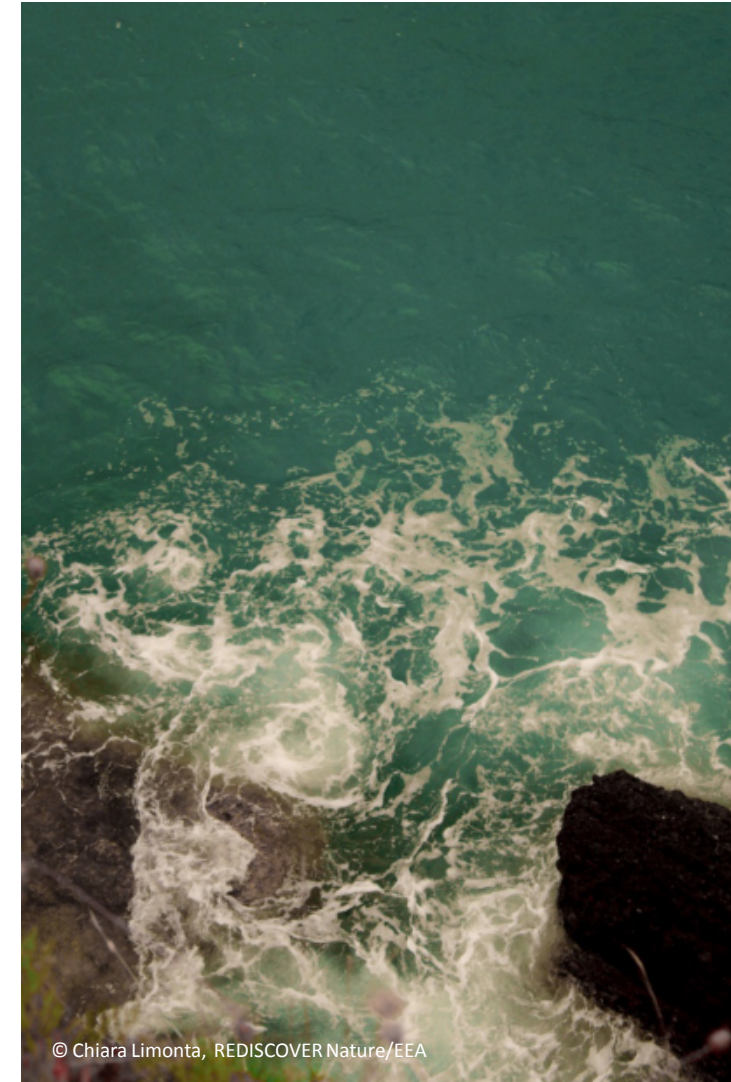
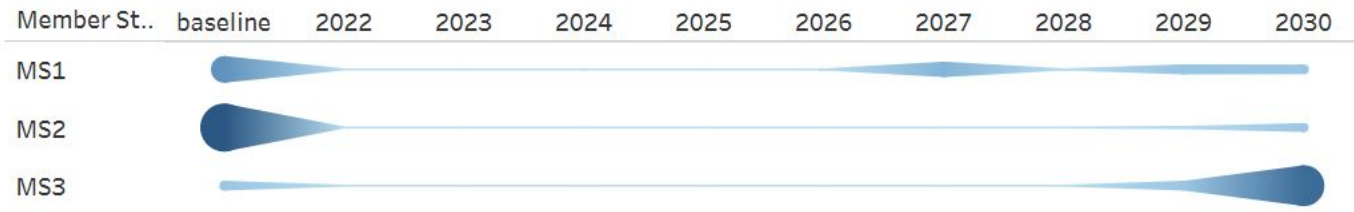
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Percentage of Protected area and



		% Area current region	% Area expected	% Area difference	
		Strictly protected area	Strictly protected area	Strictly protected area	
terrestrial	ALP	MS2	6.5	7.1	0.6
	Total	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	
terrestrial	BLS	MS2	1.4	2.7	1.4
	Total	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	
terrestrial	BOR	MS1	0.1	0.2	0.0
	Total	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
terrestrial	CON	MS2	0.5	1.3	0.9
	Total	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	
terrestrial	MED	MS3	0.0	0.1	0.0
	Total	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
Total		<b>8.5</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	

Percentage of sites for which all key criteria will be met



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Thank you

