

Workshop on Transboundary issues in marine spatial planning (WKTBIMP)

2020/WK/HAPISG06 A Workshop on Transboundary issues in marine spatial planning (WKTBIMP), chaired by Roland Cormier, Germany; Lodewijk Abspoel, the Netherlands; and Andrew Minkiewicz, United States, will hold an online meeting on 29–31 March 2021 to:

- a) Identify the key issues in transboundary collaboration and coordination in marine/maritime spatial planning within a regional sea context ([Science Plan codes](#): 6.2);
- b) Review the different roles of marine planning and sector specific technical measures implemented to achieve common transboundary ecosystem, cultural, social and economic objectives outlined in marine plans ([Science Plan codes](#): 6.4);
- c) Review the science needed for effective and timely advice to planners involved in processes that have to address and integrate regional sea policies (e.g. EU Marine Spatial Planning Directive (MSPD) and Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)) including international conventions and agreements (e.g. UN Sustainable Development Goal 14 and targets); ([Science Plan codes](#): 6.3).

WKTBIMP will report by 1 May 2021 for the attention of SCICOM and WGMPCZM.

Supporting information

Priority	<p>The current activities under the ToRs of WGMPCZM are related to the review and reporting of transboundary issues and marine planning processes as the means to facilitate collaboration in management approaches across coastal zones, sea basins and areas beyond national jurisdiction, including the deep sea. EEZ based MSP is under rapid development administered by individual national jurisdictions and policies while acknowledging the need to address human activities and their pressures across sea basins and land-sea boundaries. Transboundary issues are also of primary concern for advancing regional sea marine planning policies in Europe as well as addressing the Sustainable Development Goal 14 targets and Biodiversity targets for 2030 while moving forward on the UN Decade of Ocean Science initiative.</p> <p>WKTBIMP is a direct outcome of the work lead by WGMPCZM regarding marine planning and coastal zone management (ToR d) building upon the series of workshops, cooperative research report and papers produced by this working group.</p>
Scientific justification	<p>Term of Reference d)</p> <p>Review and report on transboundary issues and collaboration in planning, i.e the coastal zone, across sea basins and in areas beyond national jurisdiction, including the deep sea. EEZ based MSP is under rapid development, but human activities, pressures and impacts cross jurisdictional (multilevel governance systems), sea basins and land-sea boundaries and need to be acknowledged and managed accordingly. The present institutional systems, data collection and information flows are not necessarily suitable and need to be redesigned. Hence the ongoing work to improve ocean governance from local to global level (e.g.UN BBNJ process).</p>
Resource requirements	<p>The research programmes which provide the main input to this group are already underway, and resources are already committed. The additional resource required to undertake additional activities in the framework of this group is negligible. WK participants will finance their own participation.</p>
Participants	<p>The workshop is expected to be attended by 15–20 WGMPCZM members and guests.</p>
Secretariat facilities	<p>Standard support to WK.</p>
Financial	<p>No financial implications.</p>
Linkages to advisory	<p>There are no obvious direct linkages with the advisory committees.</p>

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Linkages to other committees or groups	There is a need for working relationships with other groups, both as needs arise, but also more continuously. This includes not the least SIHD and WGSOCIAL and groups within HAPISG dealing with societal aspects and human activities in the sea, but also groups working on habitats (ToR b), integrated ecosystem assessments and on climate change (ToRc).
Linkages to other organizations	This workshop is closely aligned to current work regarding transboundary marine planning issues at the European level, other national initiatives and the Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems, Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.