



2024
EUROPARC
Siggen Seminar
4 - 6 March

Catching the wave: How can we achieve more effective management in Marine Protected Areas?

EUROPARC Federation



EUROPARC Federation was founded in **1973** with the aim of supporting **Protected Areas** to fulfill their role as preservers of Europe's natural beauty.

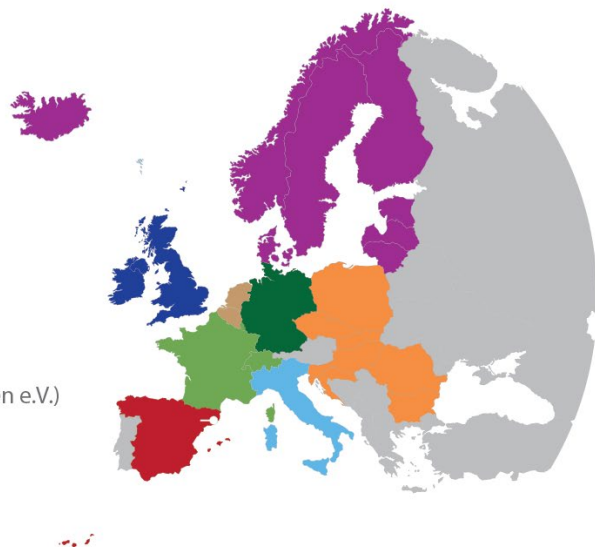


Our vision:

**Sustainable Nature;
Valued by People.**

EUROPARC Sections

- Nordic-Baltic
- Atlantic Isles
- Central and Eastern Europe
- Low Countries
- Germany (Nationale Naturlandschaften e.V.)
- Francophone
- Italy (Federparchi)
- Spain
- Members - no section



**+400 members
in 40 countries**



- Protected Areas
- National governmental organizations
- NGO's
- Regional Government Agencies
- Other official Agencies Associations
- Supporting organisations
- Honorary and individual members

**We facilitate networking,
organize and publish:**

- Conferences;
- **Seminars** and workshops;
- Commissions and Taskforces;
- Capacity Building;
- Case Studies and Toolkits;
- Policy Papers;
- Webinars.



Siggen Seminar 2024

Why are we here?

Please explain what brings you here



What you can expect from this Seminar?

- Participation - let´s **exchange and learn from each other!**
- **No silly questions** – many of us come from different backgrounds, countries, realities...
- **We won´t provide all the answers...** but a practical approach to start solving them.
- Think big, be creative and **seize the moment!**

Management effectiveness in Marine Protected Areas

Or... how can we know if the MPA management actions are achieving its conservation objectives?

The Seminar´s Roadmap:

**Setting a
common ground:**

Management
Effectiveness, Policy
framework &
Adaptive
Management

**Setting the
scene:**

Get to know our
MPAs

**Setting our
indicators:**

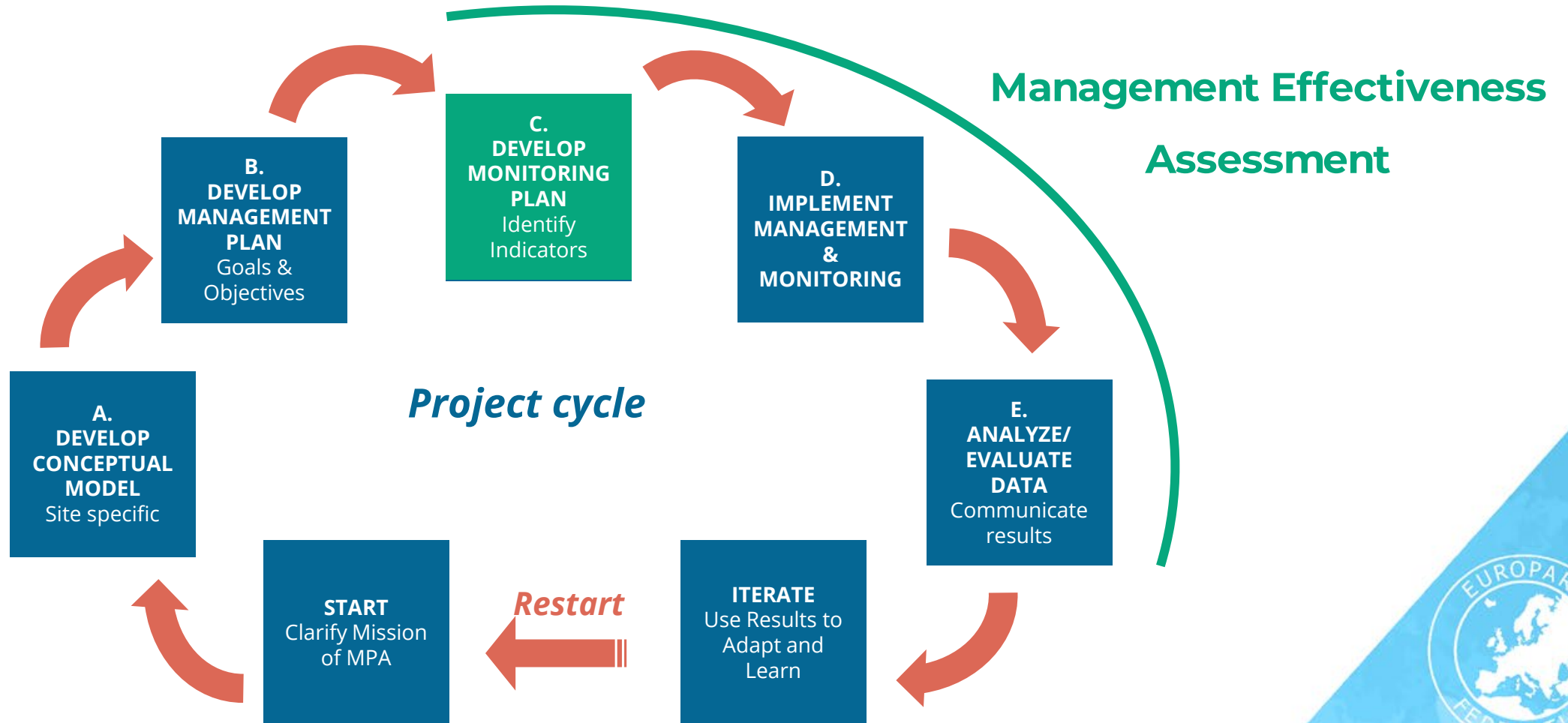
Indicators - what
should/can we
measure to assess
ME?

**Setting the
plan:**

Monitoring plan -
how can we measure
the ME indicators?

Adaptive management cycle and our entry point

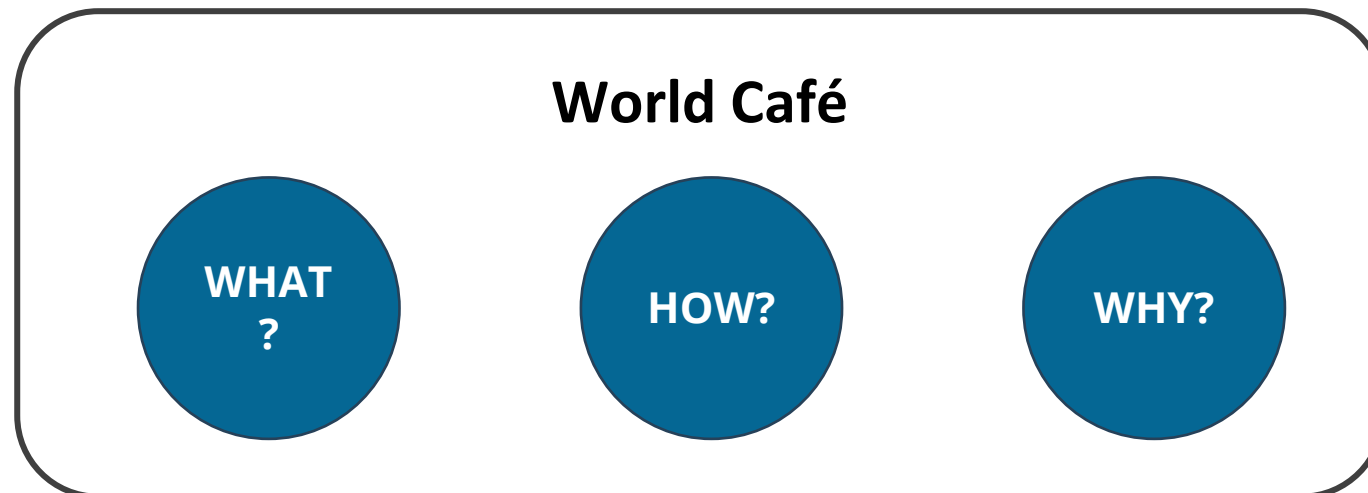
Design Management Plan + Monitoring & Evaluation Programme



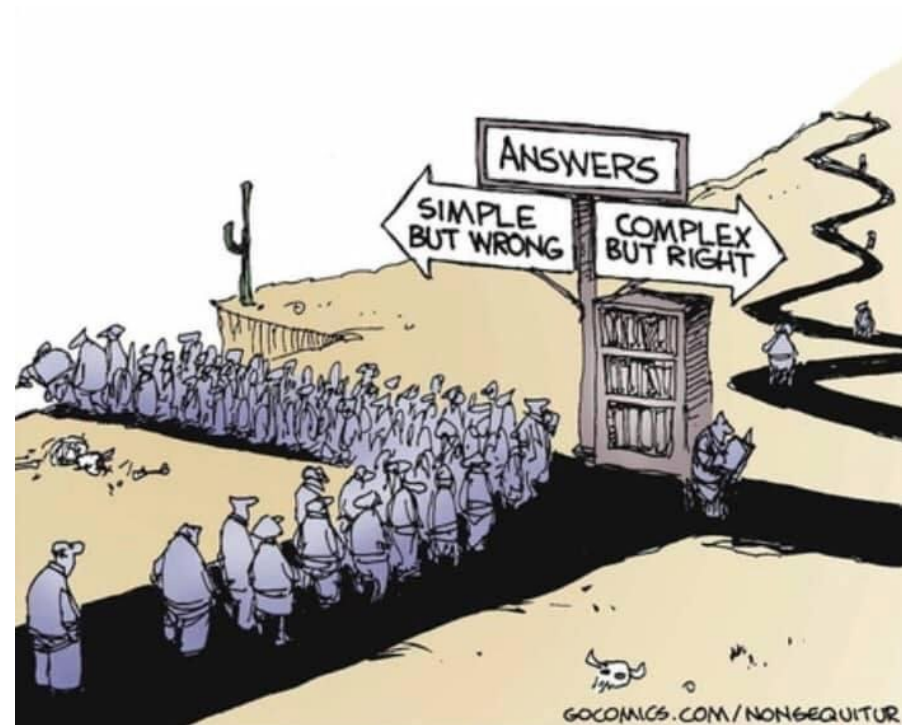
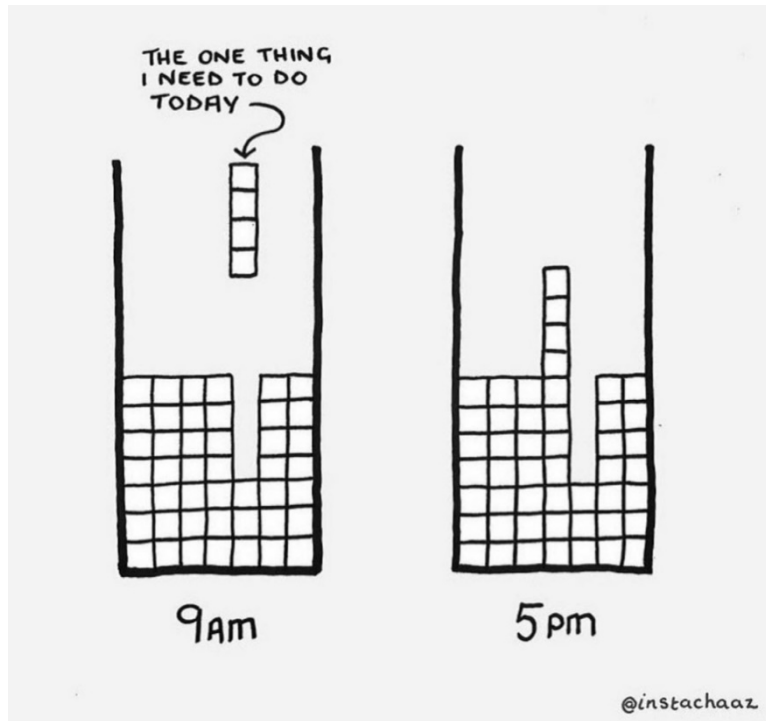
What do we mean by Management Effectiveness?

Think and share with the rest

- **WHAT** does Management Effectiveness mean to you?
- **HOW** is Management Effectiveness integrated in your MPA, if at all?
- **WHY** do you think is important to integrate it?



Management Effectiveness – a bit of context



Where Management Effectiveness stands in the policy framework?



THE BIODIVERSITY PLAN

For Life on Earth

CBD Global Biodiversity Framework (2022)

Target 3: Conserve 30% of Land, Waters and Seas
Ensure and enable that by 2030 at least 30% of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas... are effectively conserved and managed through ecologically representative, well-connected and equitably governed systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures...



Where Management Effectiveness stands in the policy framework?



Bern Convention – Strategic Plan for Action to 2030 (2023)

Goal 1: (reflects CBD target) The area, connectivity, integrity and resilience of natural and semi-natural ecosystems is increased, including through protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures covering at least 30% of the land and of the sea areas.

Target 1.3 All sites included in the Emerald Network are effectively managed and subject to formal protection and other effective area-based conservation measures.



Indicators: management plans and assessment of effectiveness for implementation



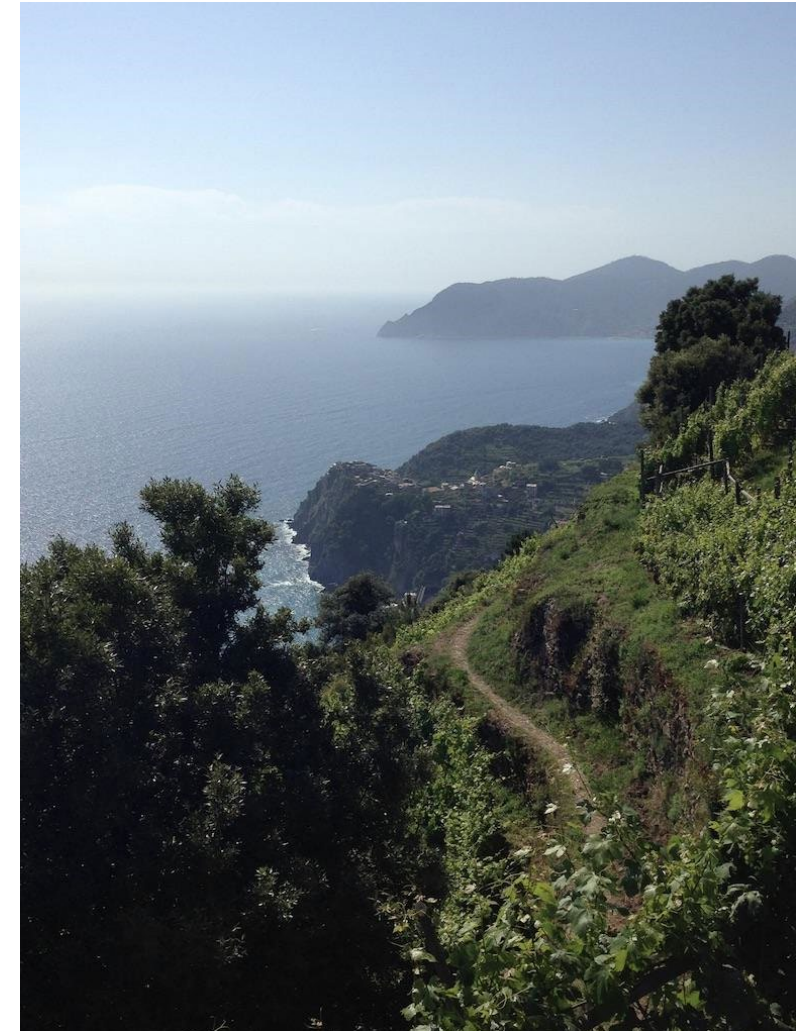
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EU Habitats Directive (1979) – legal obligation in the EU

Natura 2000 sites **have to be managed effectively** to contribute to reaching the overall objectives of the Nature Directives – achieving a favourable conservation status for the species and habitats protected.

For this **site-specific Conservation objectives** have to be set and will determine Conservation Measures required and appropriate management plans.

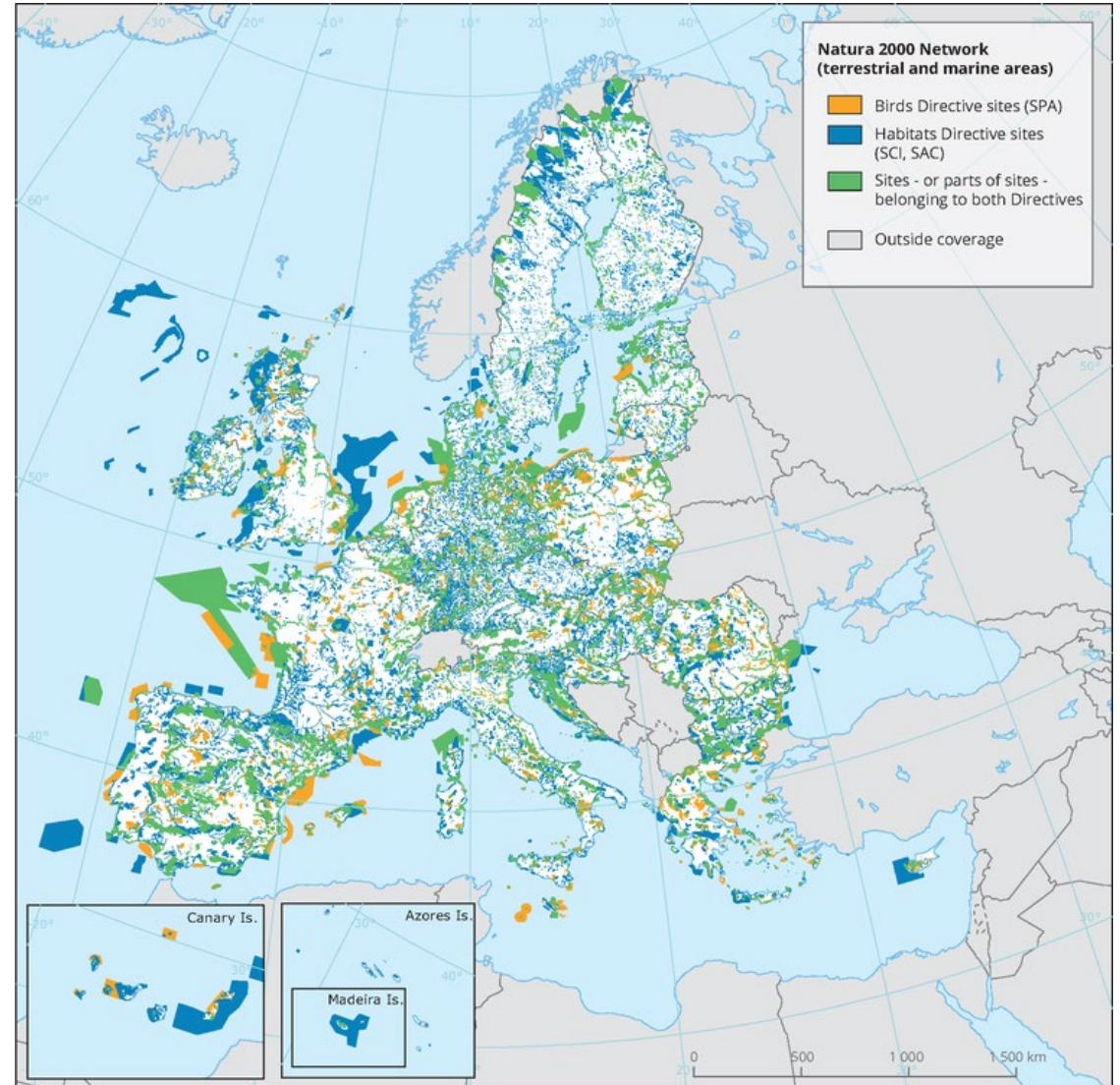


Where Management Effectiveness stands in the policy framework?

EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030 (2020)

More coherent and more effective network of Protected Areas, based on Natura 2000 and other existing national/regional designations.

Reach 30% PA coverage (CBD)



Where Management Effectiveness stands in the policy framework?

EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030 (2020)

Effectively manage **all Protected Areas**, defining clear conservation objectives and measures, and monitoring them appropriately by 2030.

No legal obligation

EC Staff Working Document on PAs Designation (GUIDELINES):

MS to submit Pledges for habitats and species status and for PA designations

To be counted: PAs need to show they are managed effectively!

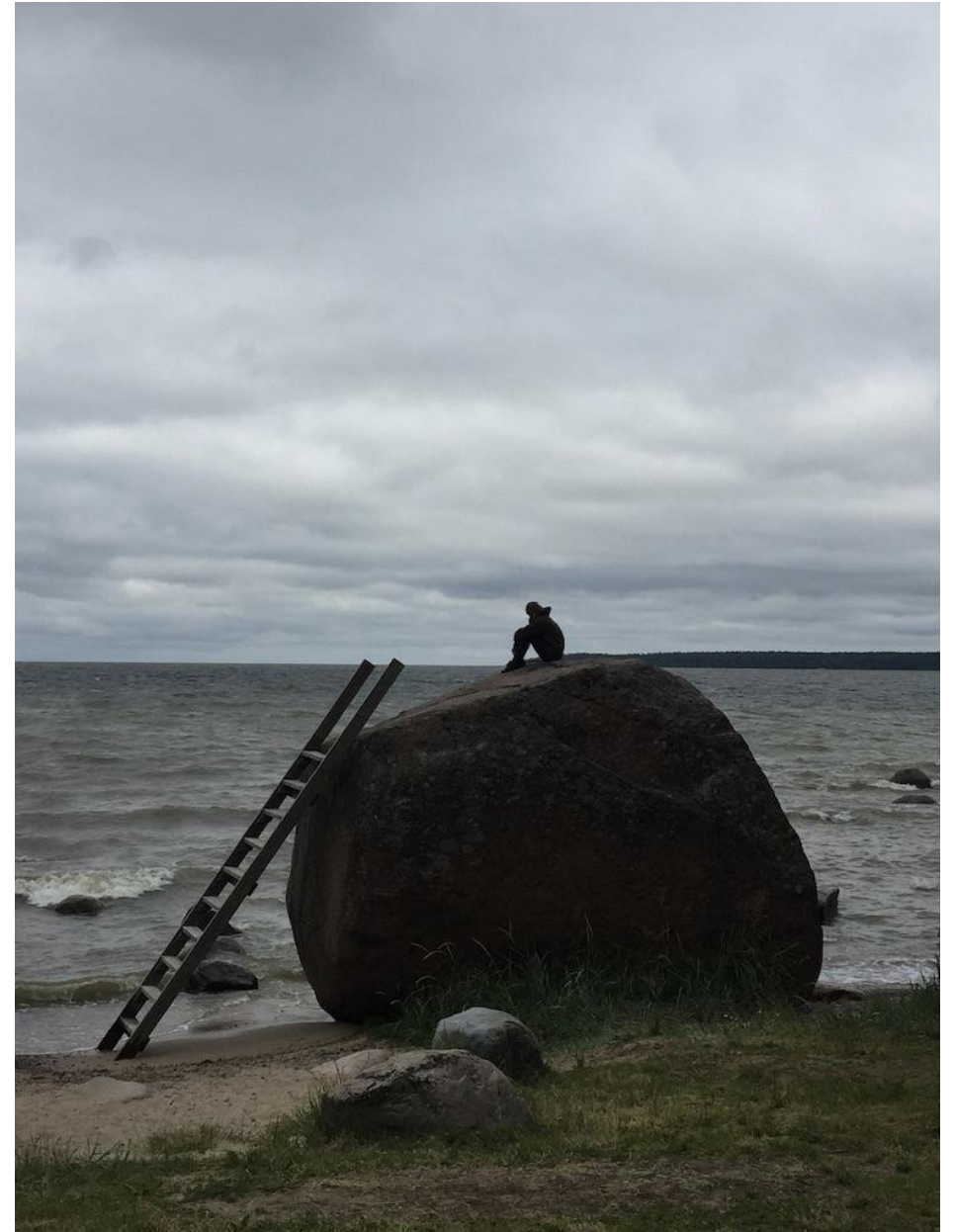


Towards ME in EU: challenges and gaps

EEA Report on PAME - N2000 assessment 2020

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/management-effectiveness-in-the-eus>

- Insufficient and inadequate implementation of existing EU environment legislation
- Lack of awareness on PAME
- Hard to monitor and assess progresses towards targets at EU level
- Natura 2000 sites report (art17) only species and habitats status not on effectiveness of measures



Towards ME in EU: challenges and gaps

- No Guidance for MS and PAs on ME
- Various voluntary methods to evaluate management effectiveness, but none implemented at net level (METT, RAPPAM, PAME, European Diploma, IUCN Green List, etc)
- No operational EU system for assessment of management effectiveness of PA



EU methodology for ME assessment in MPAs (N2000)

OBJECTIVE to develop and test an EU system to assess the management effectiveness of marine Natura 2000 sites and other EU MPAs

Self-assessment/questionnaire with a set of predetermined statements/answers/standardised lists covering the main PAME elements

6 sections – 11 main questions:

- Conservation objectives
- Pressures
- Conservation measures
- Management
- Monitoring
- Conservation outcomes
- Scoring system - visualisation of results
- Guidance notes and video tutorial

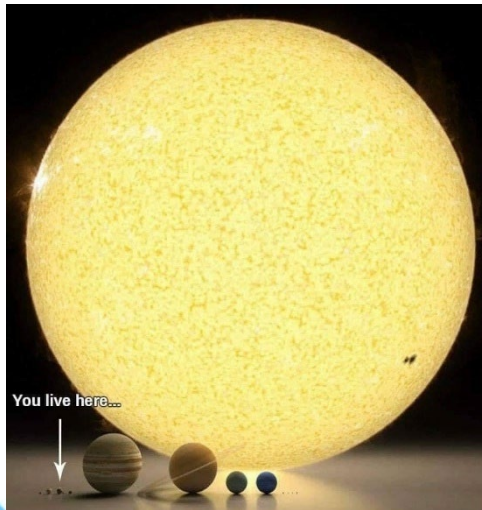


EUROPARC & Management Effectiveness

2011 EUROPARC PAME final project report

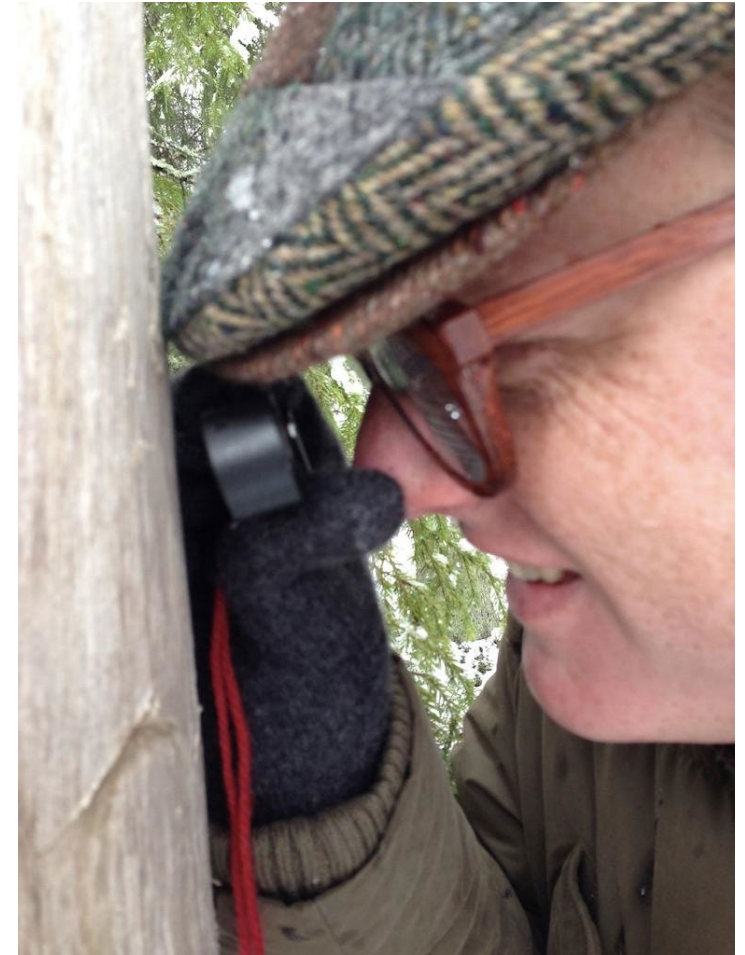
EUROPARC Position on ME:

- Management Planning
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Monitor Biodiversity Outcomes
- Funding
- Capacity Building and Communication



Dedicated ME Commission set in 2023

- To support PAs progressing in Management Effectiveness
- Reviewing needs
- Developed a project: PAME EUROPE

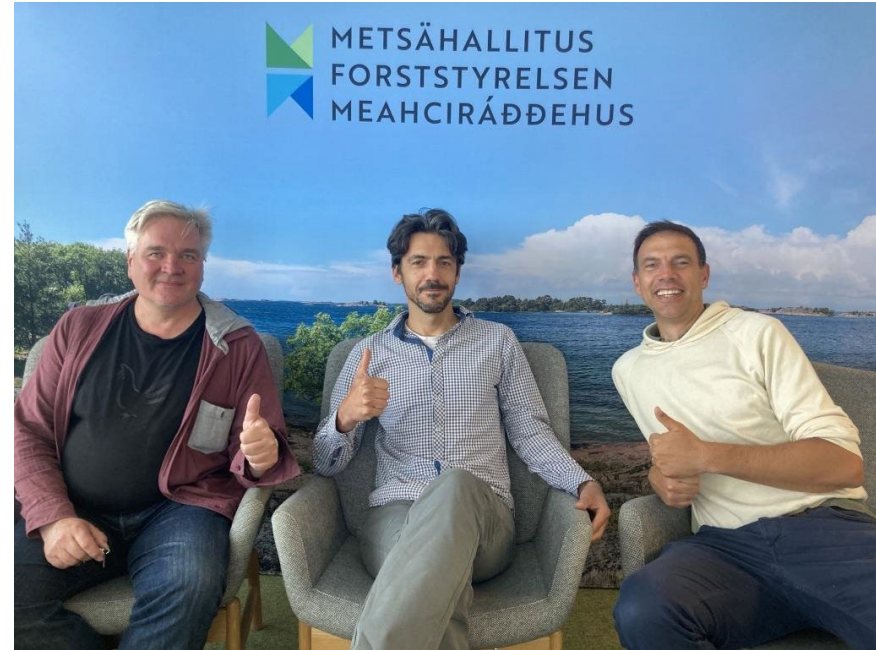


PAME Europe - LIFE project

4 years (Sept 2024 start)

Partnership: EUROPARC, Generalitat de Catalunya, Parks and Wildlife Finland, DHP Conservation, Nationale Naturlandschaften e.V

Associates: EUROPARC Spain - Fungobe, Eurosite, the Czech Agency for Nature Conservation, the Estonian Environmental Board, Federparchi - EUROPARC Italy



Objective: develop a European wide methodology, to monitor and assess ME in all PAs across Europe.



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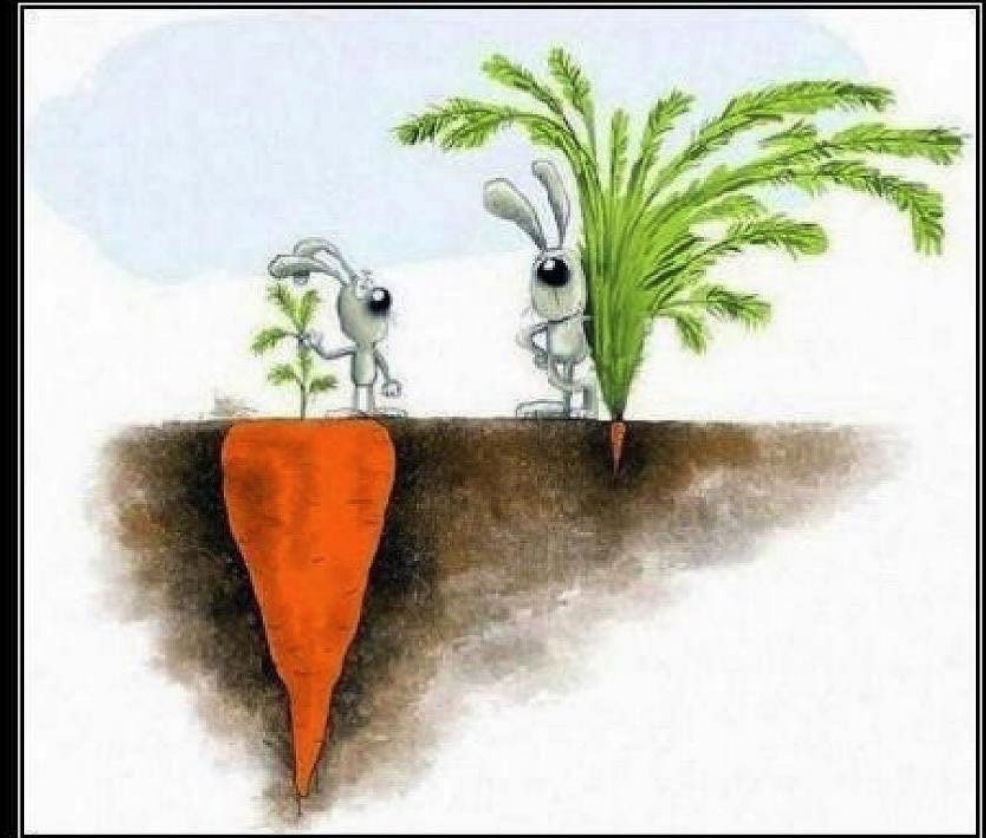
Actions:

- Review of existing methods
- Draft a methodology:
 - Data collection tool for N2000 and one for other PAs
 - Consider Biodiversity targets + governance
 - and
 - Operational – Flexible - Accessible
 - Knowledge Hub
 - Pilot it in PAs across EU
 - Finalise methodology
 - Training material
 - Guidelines for MS and PAs
 - Communication and awareness raising



THANK YOU

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SUCCESS

it's not always what you see

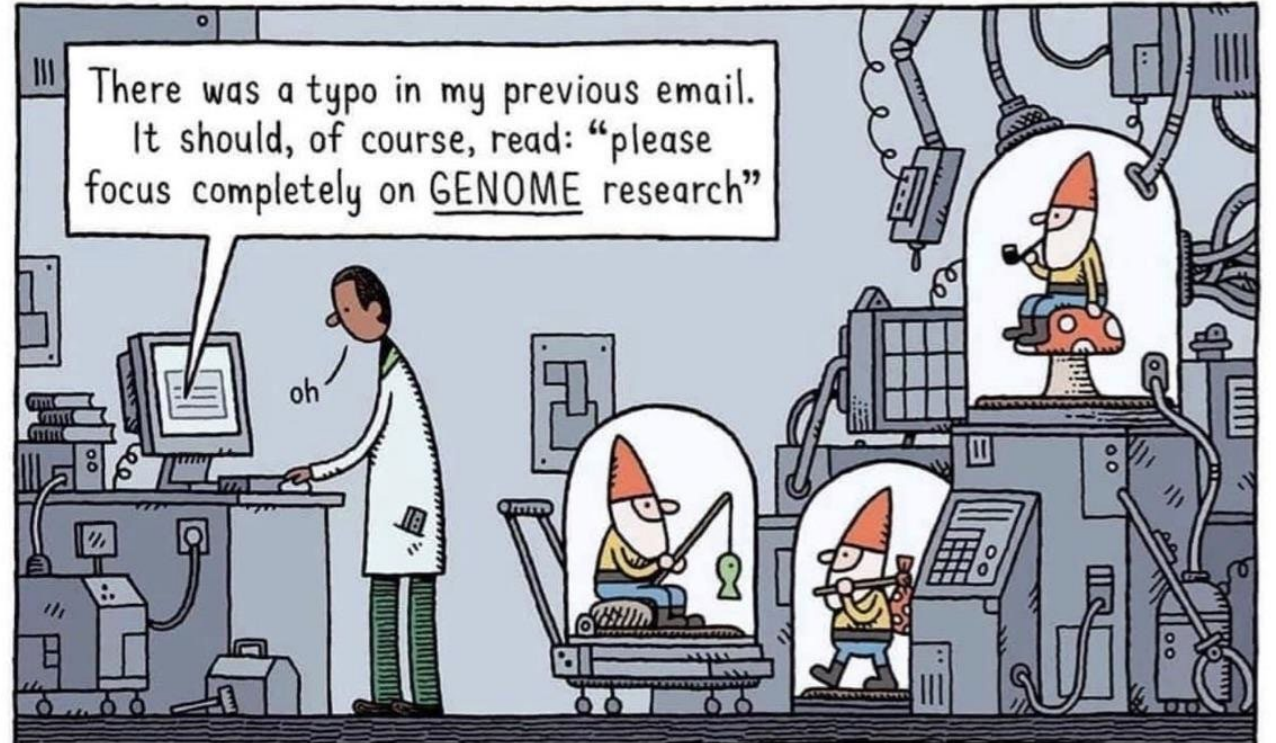


NOW up to you

To improve Management Effectiveness in our MPAs:

What shall we address?
What main areas to be improved?
Where should we focus?

Write individually 5 – 7 items on post-it



Cab sharing

| Time | Names | Cab |
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| 13:15 | Carol, Sarah, Marju, Agnes, Lasse | 1 |
| 13:15 | Fernando, Esther | Federico |
| 14:15 | Thea, Karla, Mak, Josefine | 2 |
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Take aways - share your thoughts on next steps

Based on what we have exchanged during the seminar...

- What are your **main takeaways** from this seminar?
- What **immediate steps** do we need to take to improve Management Effectiveness in MPAs?
- What **information you are missing**?
- **What can you do** to improve ME (personal or institutional level)?



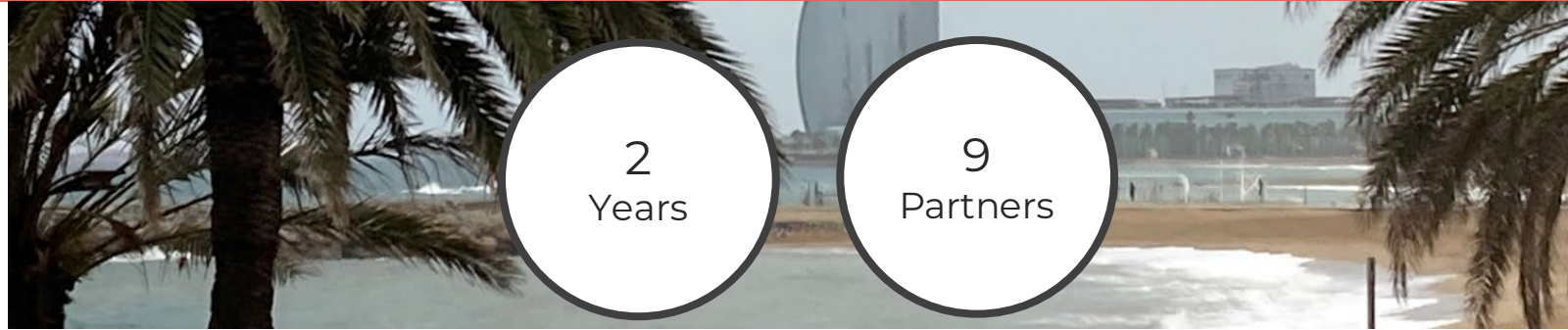
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Enhancing Marine Protected Areas as Nature Based Solutions for adaptation to climate change: from local actions to Mediterranean basin strategy.

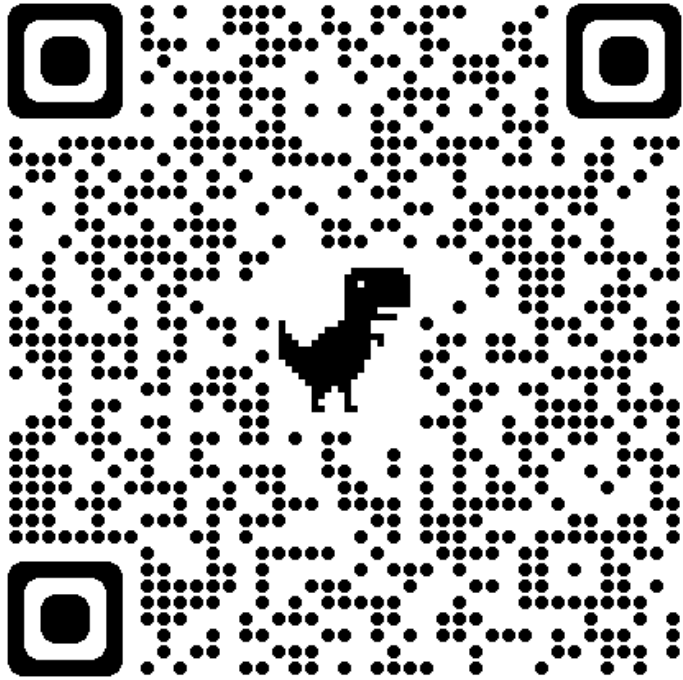
Objectives:

- Promote tested **tools for Climate Change Adaptation and Restoration** in MPAs.
- Support the **Policy dialogue** and coordination with **EU & Mediterranean Strategies**.
- Develop a **Roster of experts** – implementation and long term sustainability.

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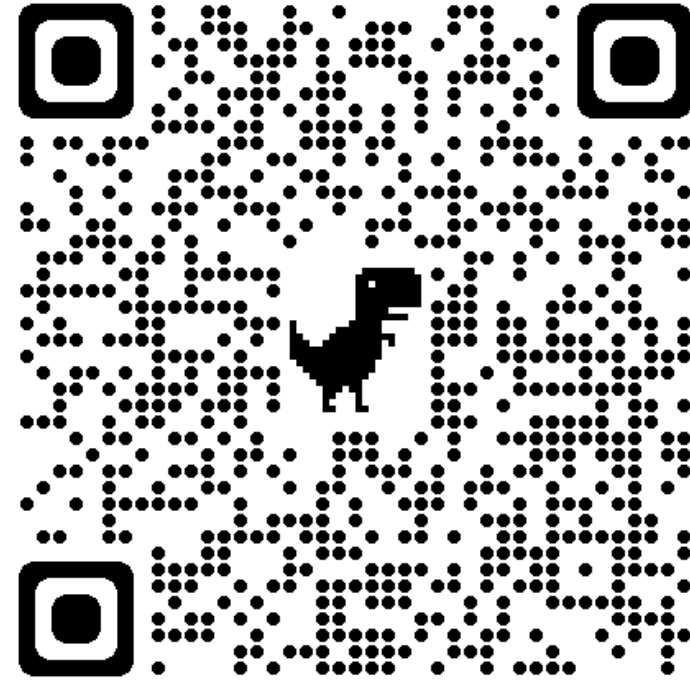
Thanks for joining us in Siggen!

Before you go, we would appreciate your feedback:



<https://forms.gle/aHouL4VUYcXyy5e47>

And please share with the rest interesting resources on MPA Management Effectiveness.



<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yOosWP6mmRuA0yquW49r91PiazzaTskRhN2mdG0QjDY4/edit?usp=sharing>