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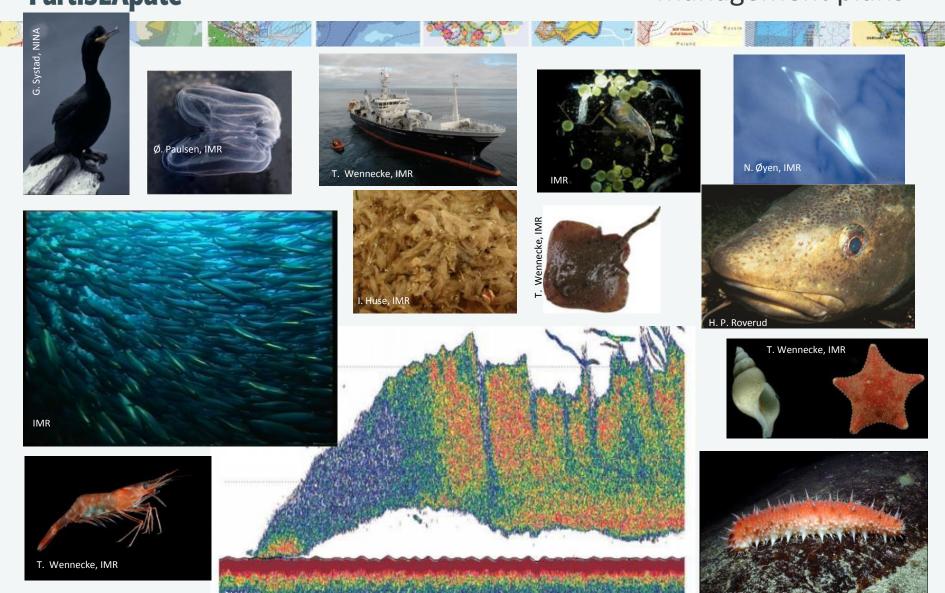






FAO Ecosystem Approach





Ecosystem-based management

- 1. Develop an integrated, interdisciplinary understanding of the structure, dynamics, and the resilience and response of marine ecosystems to change
- 2. Understand the relationship between human activities and marine ecosystems, estimate pressures and impacts, and develop science-based, sustainable pathways
- 3. Evaluate and advise on options for the sustainable use and protection of marine ecosystems



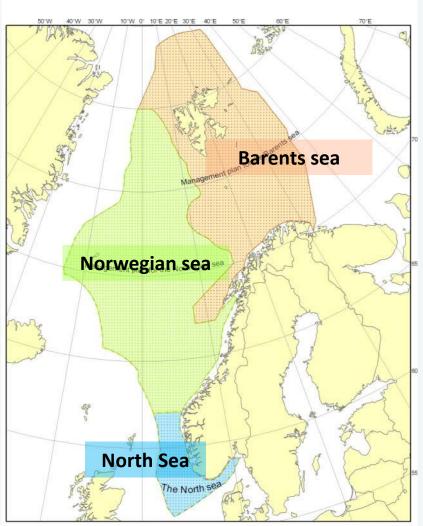
 Aim of the Norwegian plans is to establish a holistic and ecosystem-based management of the activities in the seas around Norway.

- The ideal goal is that MSP is carried out as a tool with an ecosystem-based, integrated approach to the management of marine areas.
- Work overseen by inter-ministerial group under the lead of the Ministry of Climate and the Environment.



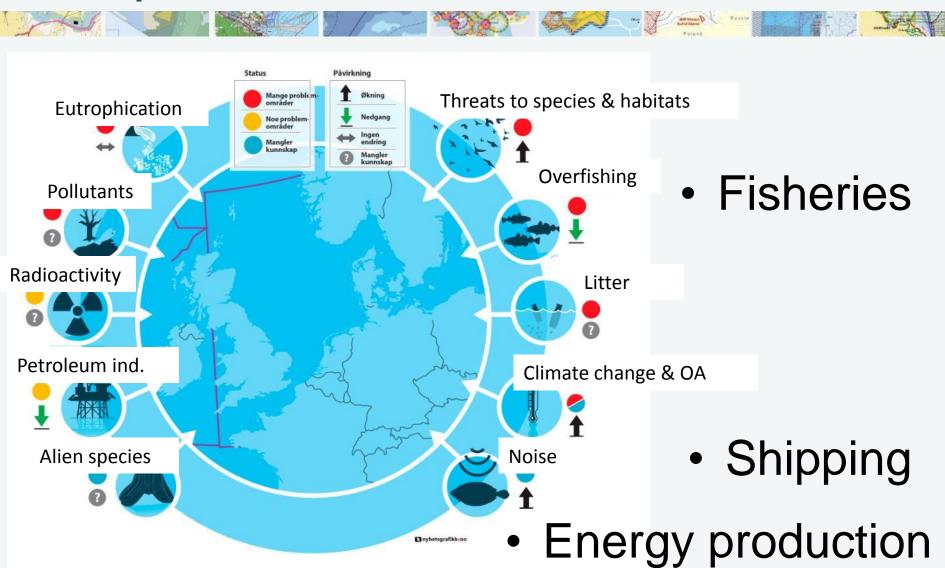
Integrated management plans







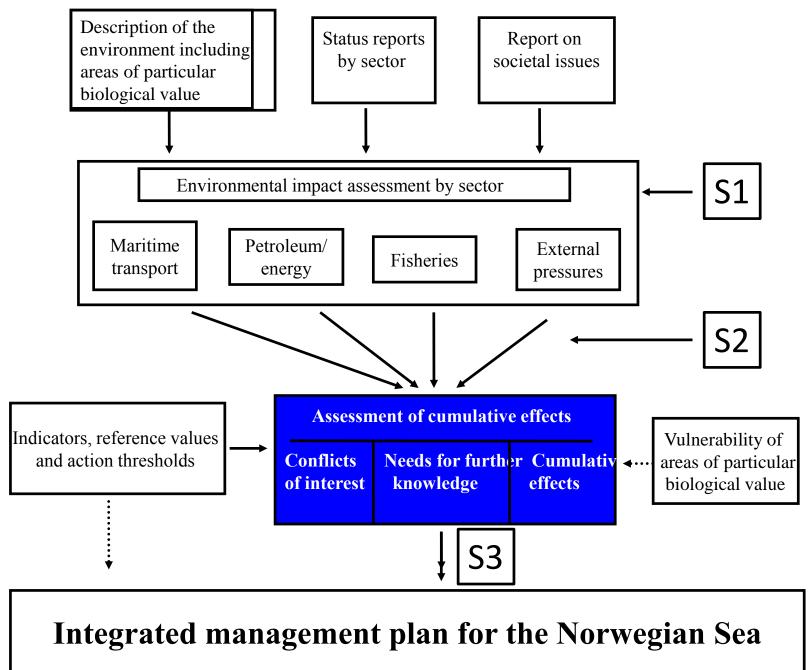
Pressures







- Development of management plans has been facilitated through a strong cross-sectoral approach
- In charge: inter-ministerial group under the lead of the Ministry of Climate and the Environment
- Responsibility for actual work: Group of representatives from governmental sectorial agencies on environment, fisheries, petroleum, shipping ++)
- Consultation with other stakeholders at 3 stages



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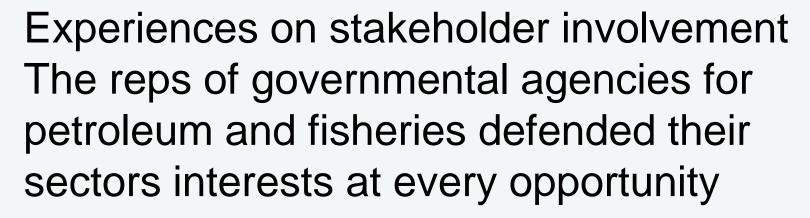


- **S1**: written feedback from stakeholders on plan for Environmental Impact Assessments(EIAs)
- S2: written feedback from stakeholders on actual EIAs
- **S3**: stakeholder hearing conference on Assessment of cumulative effects

The stakeholders responding covered a wide range:

- local and regional elected authorities
- sectorial organizations at local, regional and national level
- NGOs and concerned citizens





- Good involvement of stakeholders during the two opportunities for written input
- All input considered, much of it included in final plan





Open meetings for the general public did not attract much interest





Experiences on stakeholder involvement The reps of governmental agencies for petroleum and fisheries defended their sectors interests at every opportunity

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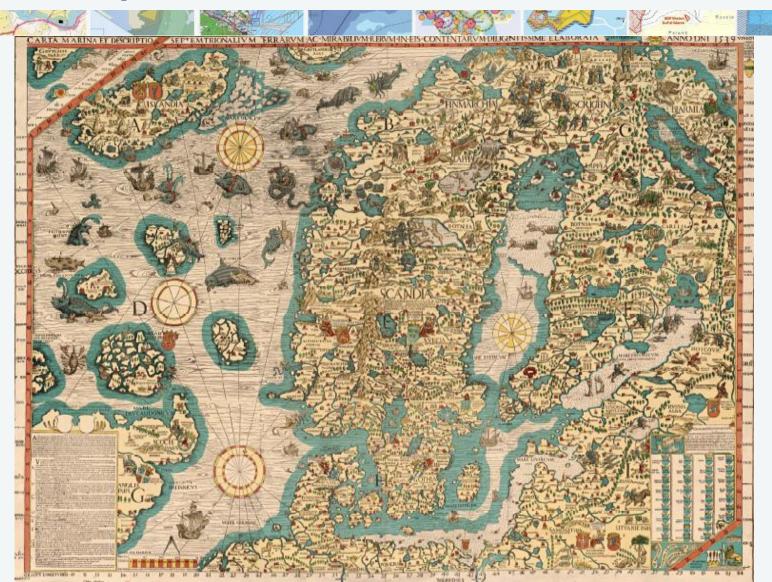
Experience from 10 years with national marine management plans



Long-term results:

- shipping routes moved away from coast
- areas of particular value partly avoided when allowing petroleum exploration in Barents Sea
- increased focus on environmental indicators





Thank you.