

Cooperation for ecosystem based planning of the marine environment using GIS



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Cooperating with: Kvarken Council, Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, Region Västerbotten, Finnish Transport Safety Agency, Municipalities in Finland and Sweden.

Marine Spatial Planning

Marine spatial planning is a **public process** of **analyzing and allocating the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities** in marine areas **to achieve ecological, economic, and social objectives that usually have been specified through a political process.** Characteristics of marine spatial planning include ecosystem-based, area-based, integrated, adaptive, strategic and participatory.

Marine spatial planning is not an end in itself, but a practical way to create and establish a more rational use of marine space and the interactions between its uses, to balance demands for development with the need to protect the environment, and to achieve social and economic objectives in an open and planned way.

(MSP-definition by UNESCO-IOC)





Aim of SeaGIS

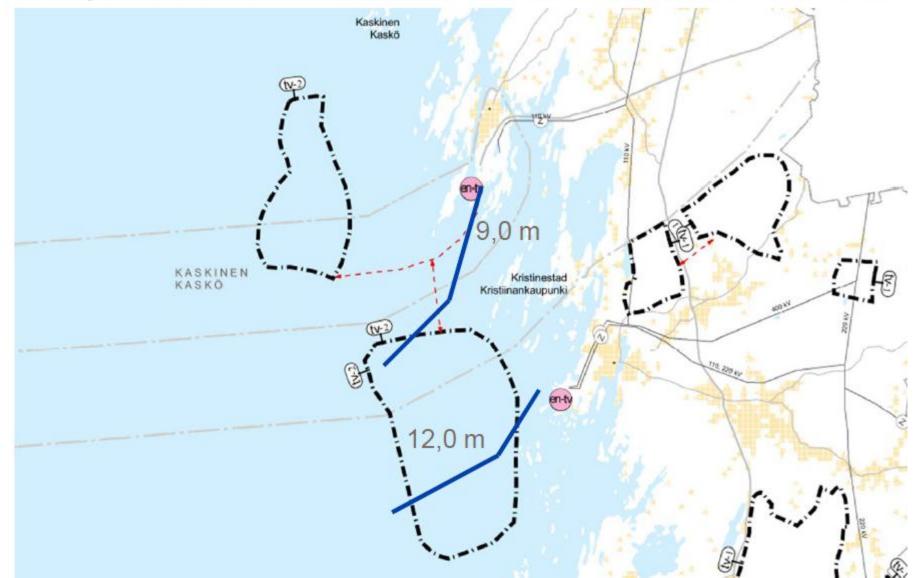
The overarching aim of SeaGIS is to produce an increased knowledge base and make it more accessible in order to increase the possibilities of a coordination of ecosystembased regional holistic planning of marine areas and create a common platform for knowledge storing, planning and future decision making in the Kvarken region.

Quark region

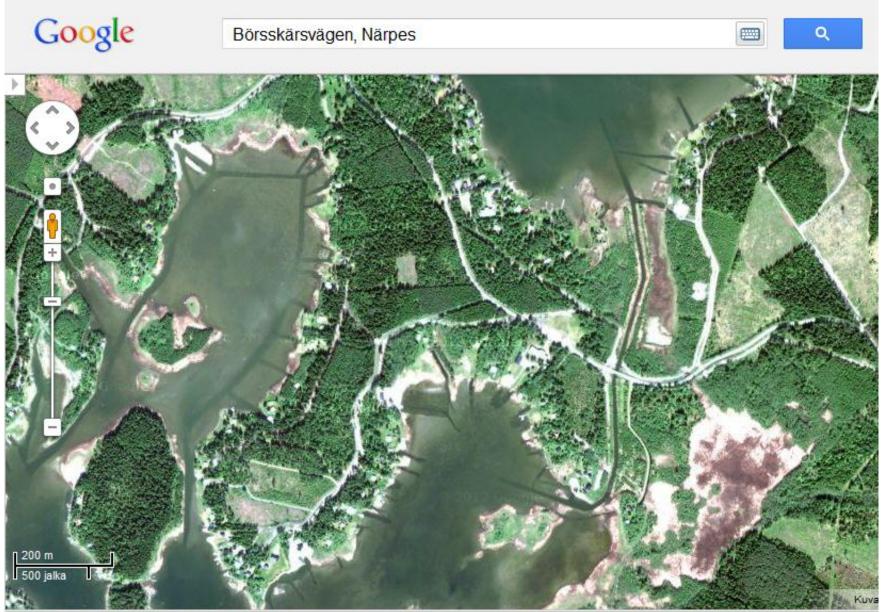


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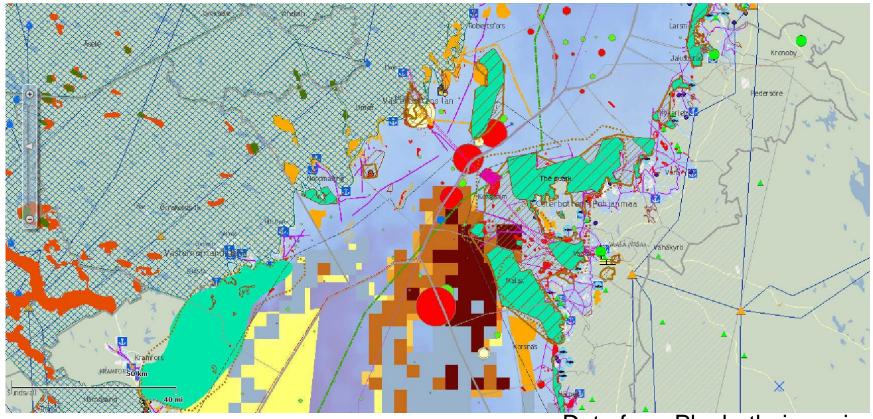
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Cumulative effects (e.g. dredging)



The Quark



- Natura 2000
- UNESCO sites
- Cables
- Tourism
- Risk of oil spills

- Fish catches
- Spawning areas
- Harbours
- Bird areas

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Data from Planbothnia-project

- Wind energy
- Fairways
- Military
- Seal protection areas



Activities

- 1. Process of administration in marine planning
- 2. GIS-based platform for data and knowledge
- 3. Decision support Guide
- 4. Project administration and information







Concrete results

- Thorough analysis of the organizational and judicial/legal processes in adminstration when planning at sea. (1)
- Analyzing the differences between Finland and Sweden: strenghts and weaknesses (1)
- Propose structure and function for a common regional forum for coordiantion of transboundary planning (1)
- Development of a transregional GIS-based knowledge platform for storing of data and analysing different marine planning situations. (2)
 - Tool for commucation of errands and projects between public, endusers, sectors and responsible planning administrations.

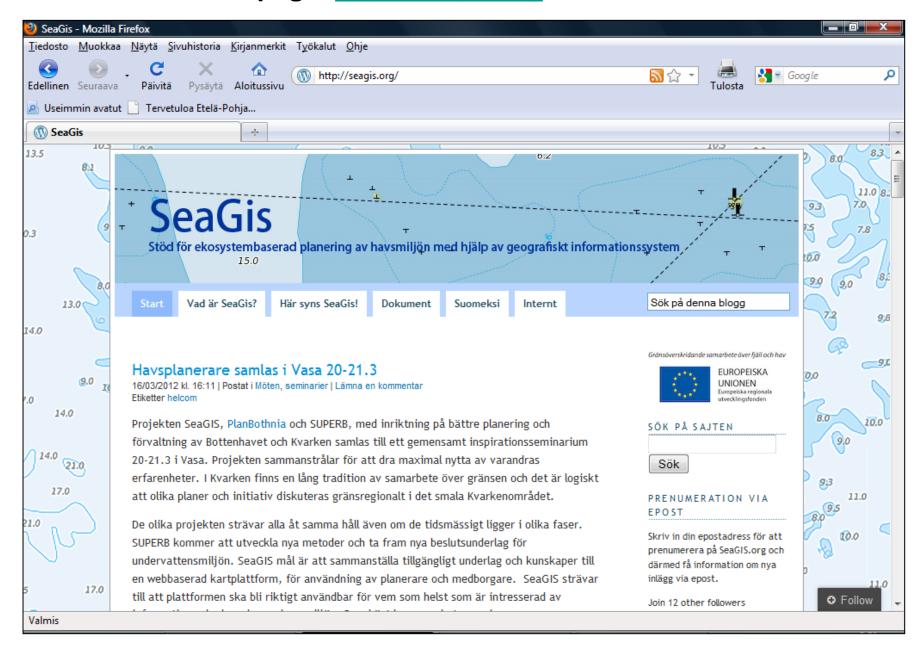




Concrete results (cont.)

- Analysis of possibilities and proposal of decision support system for end-users regarding marine planning situations (3)
- Thorough pilot-testing on different planning scenarios and scales of the developed planning data found in GIS-based knowledge platform (2,3)
 - Local, regional and transboundary
- Support FI-SE implementation of EU MSD in a common sea area in the Quark (1, 2, 3, 4)
- Spread information about marine spatial planning and planning processes (4)

More updated information, newsletters and events can be found at SeaGIS webpage: http://seagis.org



Thank you for your attention!

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