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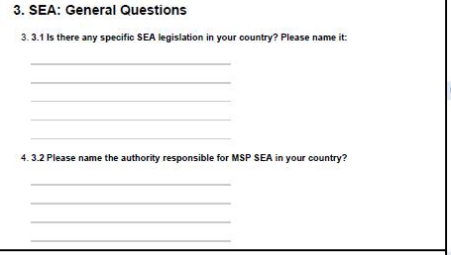
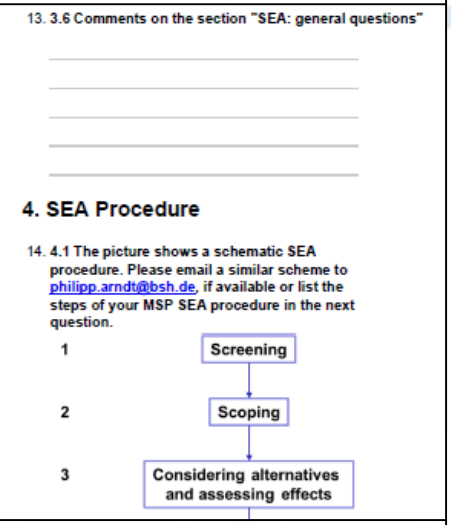

3. SEA: General Questions

3. 3.1 Is there any specific SEA legislation in your country? Please name it:

4. 3.2 Please name the authority responsible for MSP SEA in your country?


13. 3.6 Comments on the section "SEA: general questions"

4. SEA Procedure

14. 4.1 The picture shows a schematic SEA procedure. Please email a similar scheme to philipp.arndt@bsh.de, if available or list the steps of your MSP SEA procedure in the next question.

1 Screening

2 Scoping

3 Considering alternatives and assessing effects

75. 11.1 Please rate the categories of ecosystem services of marine ecosystems for their relevance in the SEA (1=low, 6=high):
Markieren Sie nur ein Oval pro Zeile.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Provisioning						
Regulating						
Supporting						
Cultural						

76. 11.2 Comments on the section "Ecosystem Services":

12. Current guidelines and implementation support

The Questionnaire on SEA and EBA experience & perspective in the Baltic Sea

Questionnaire was a joint approach of BSH (EBA/Subbasin SEA) and SwAM (EBA Toolbox):

- **Pretest (July 2018)**
- **Questionnaire 10.8. – 14.9.**

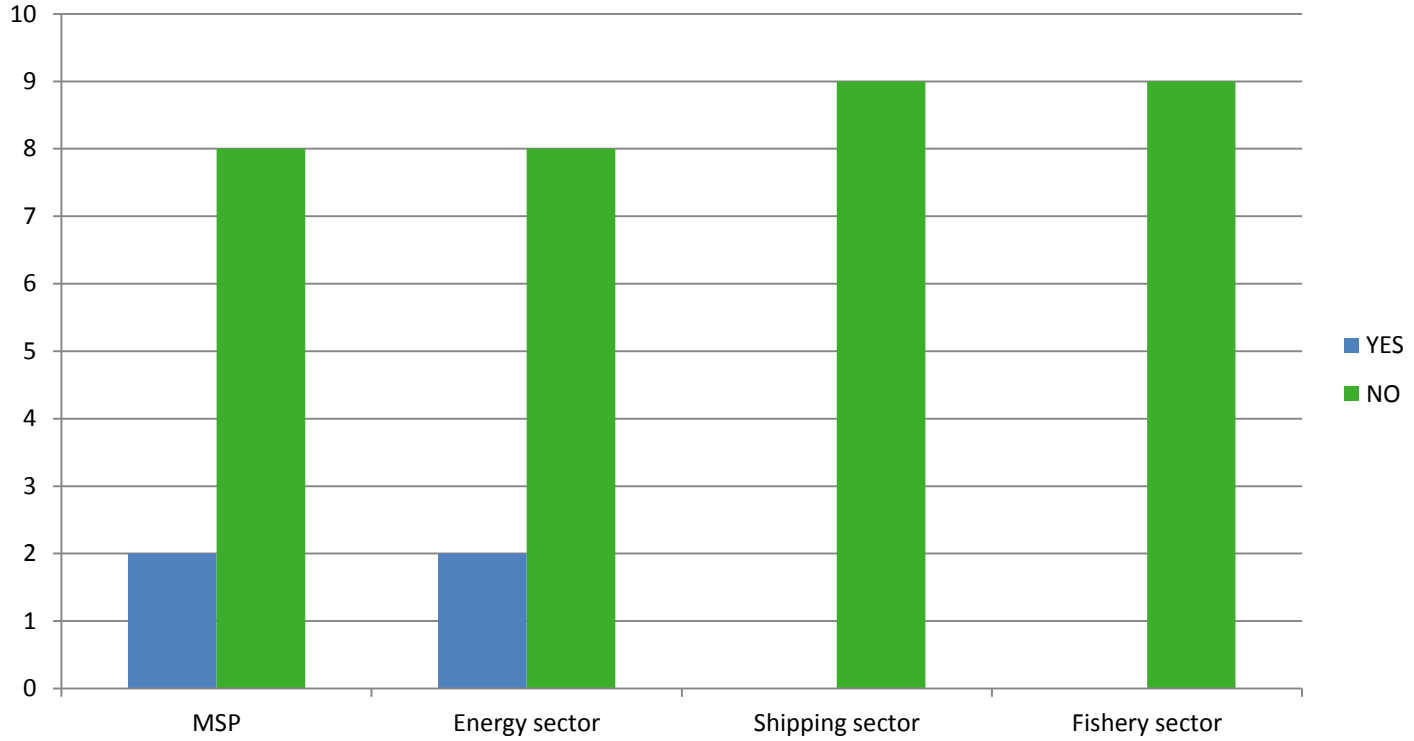
Good response (10 out of 12), although it was a long list of questions (32 pages)!

Participants

Answers

SOME INSIGHT ON SEA

Q3.4 - Please mark whether you have official guidelines for MSP SEA or sectoral SEA (e.g. energy sector)



Q4.3 How is SEA integrated in the MSP process?

The SEA is an integral and dependent part of the SEA process with constant bidirectional information flow between both.
We will have a "consequence assessment" that begins with our future scenarios and ends after the implementation and acceptance of the MSP is finished
SEA can be seen as an integral part of the MSP process (closely linked to MSP □ regular "feedback" needed), supporting by assessing spatial & textual regulations of MSP, by identifying the need for customizing regulations suitable instrument for assessment of alternatives.
The SEA and the MSP will be in hearing at the same time
SEA team was a part of MSP team – both processes were launched at the same time; Environmental data are the same for both processes; public hearing is organized at the same time.
SEA is not the process of MSP. It was prepared in parallel to the concept of MSP procedures.
Three main aspects: 1. The SEA report is made public jointly with the plan proposal as part of the plan review process, hence stakeholders can and do consider the outcomes of the SEA reviewing and providing feedback on the plan proposals; 2. Stakeholder feedback on both plan and SEA are dealt with jointly by the planning team when adjusting the plan after the plan review process; 3. The planning and SEA teams at SwAM work closely in all phases of the planning, hence there is continuous exchange between the two processes and adjustments to make both processes compatible.
MSP and SEA are the same process, fully integrated.
The SEA procedure, from the beginning, is performed in parallel and in close collaboration with the team working on the MSP. There were internal MSP-SEA discussions on the proposals to MSP and the conflict analyses. Main MSP version (version 0 and version 1) has been assessed, comments and recommendations were given to both documents and most of them were taken up by the MSP. Both processes have been jointly consulted (so far 3 national and 2 international meetings).
It is a key tool in MSP

1. SEA is a parallel process but not part of the MSP team

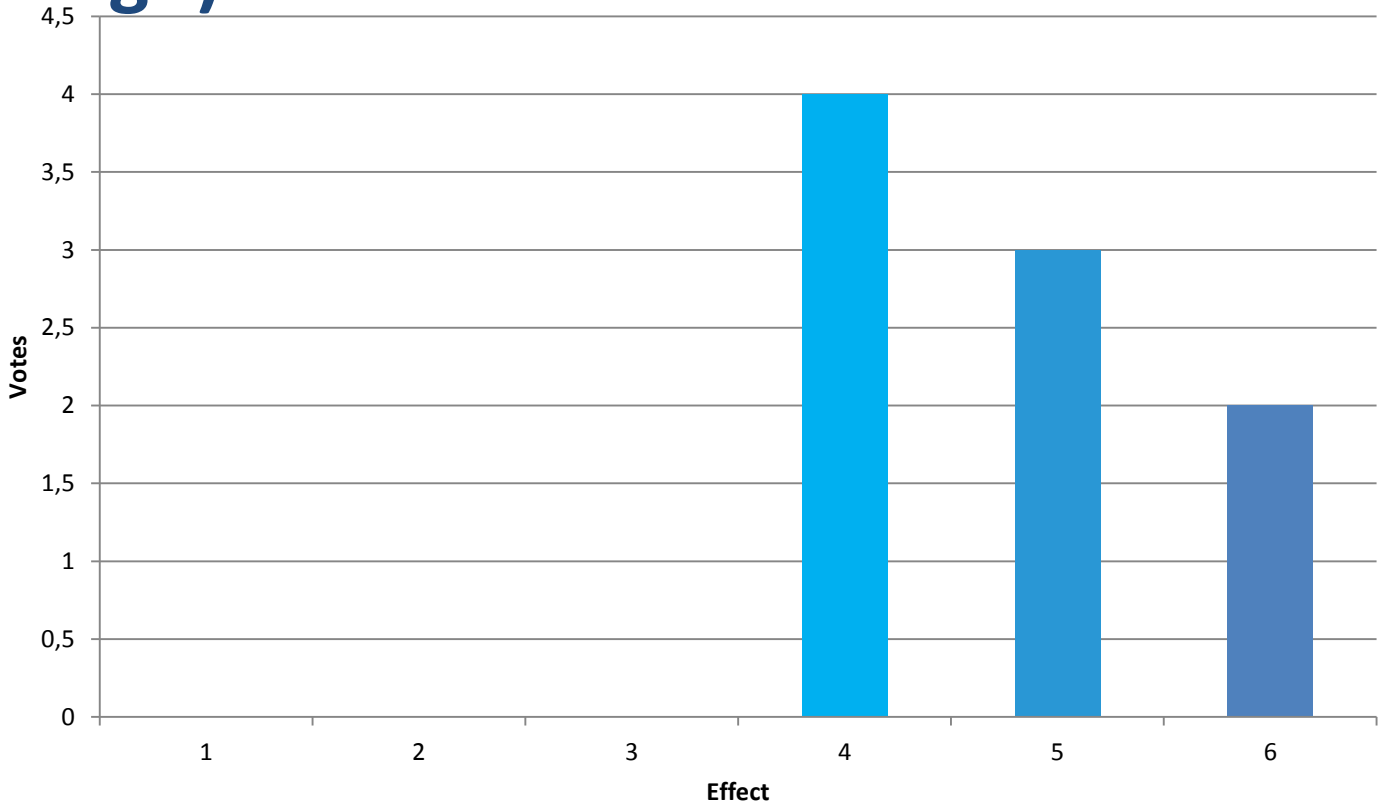
2. SEA is a fully integrated part in the MSP process

Does SEA have to be an integrated part of the MSP process?

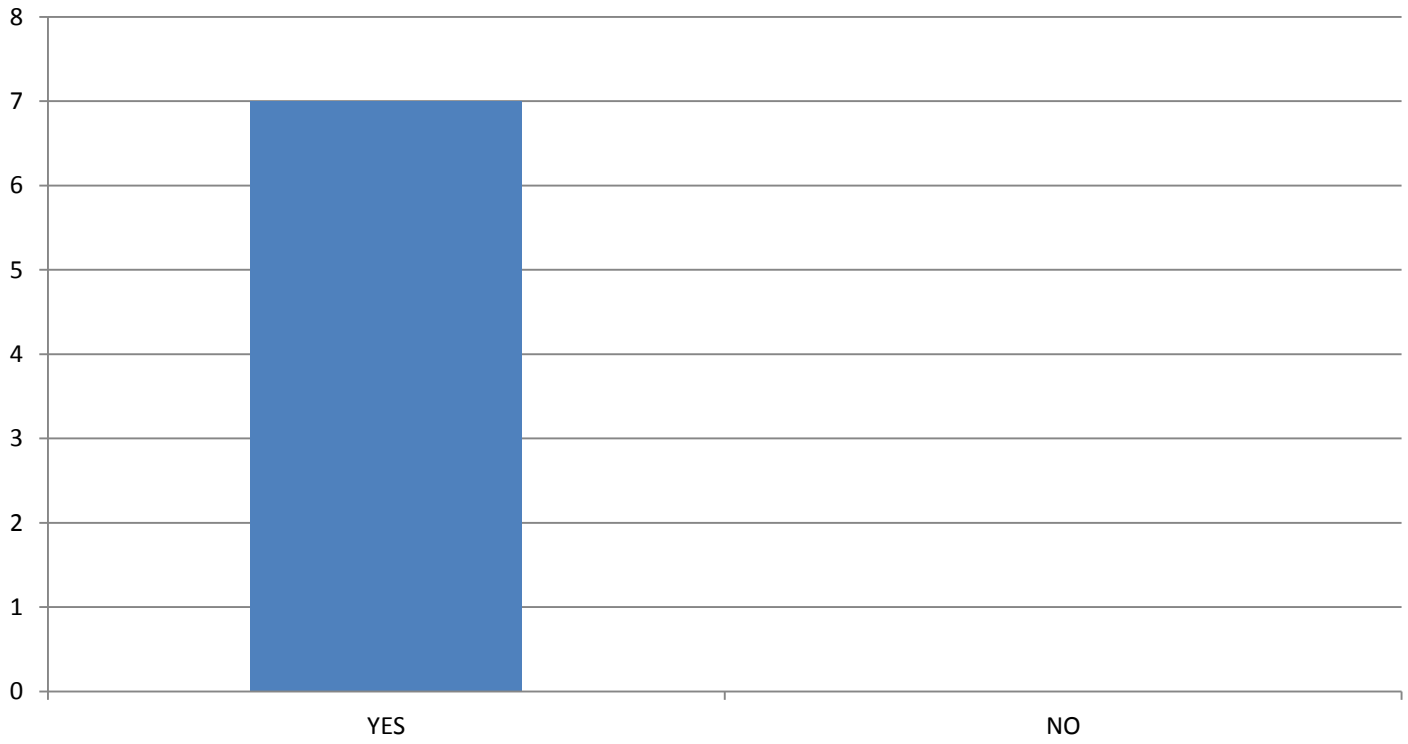
Yes, „Integrate with integrity“

Old Swedish SEA saying

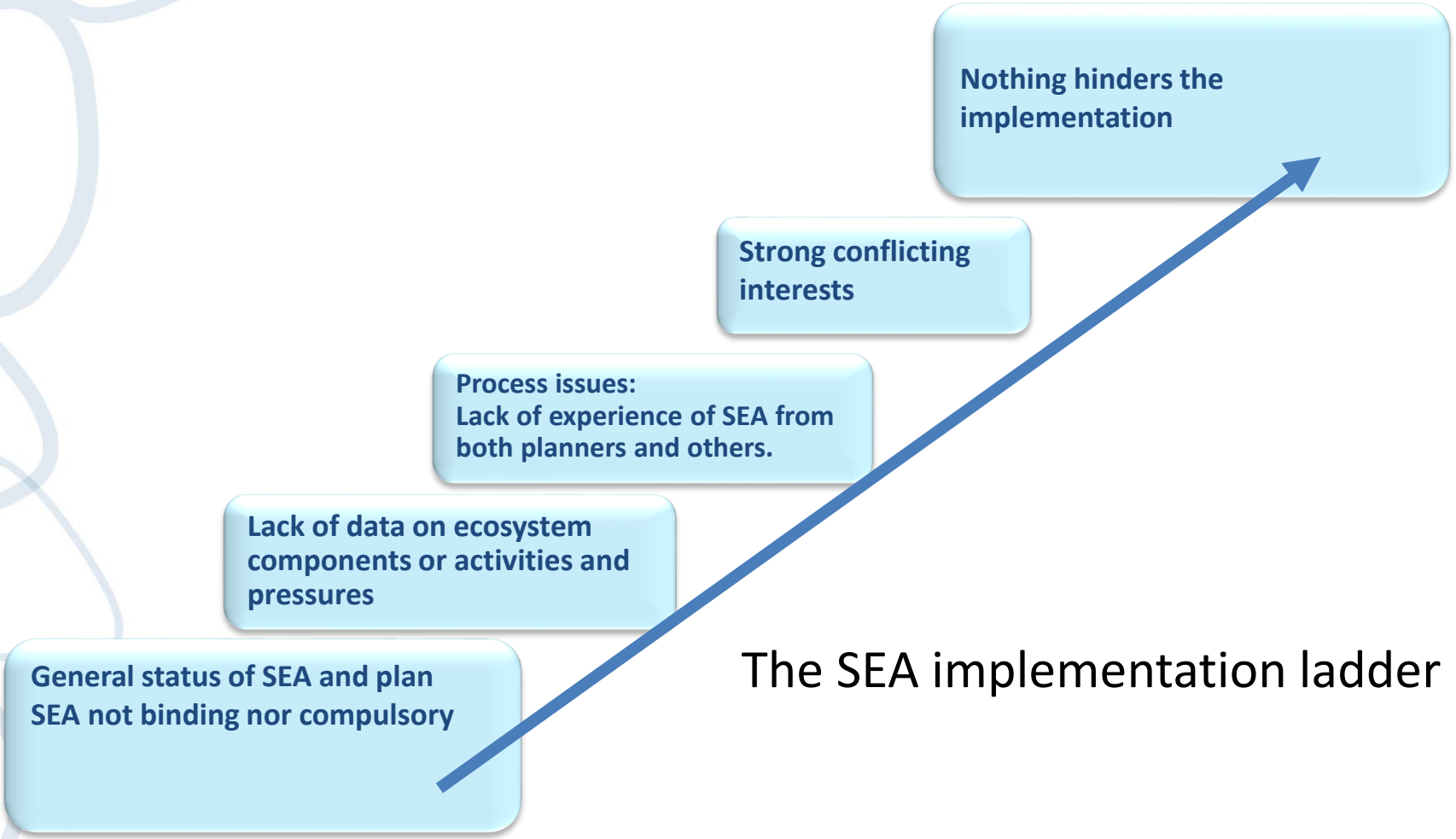
Q4.4 - How strong do you rate the effect of the SEA on the MSP (1=low, 6=high)?



Q6.13 - Have you considered mitigation and prevention measures?



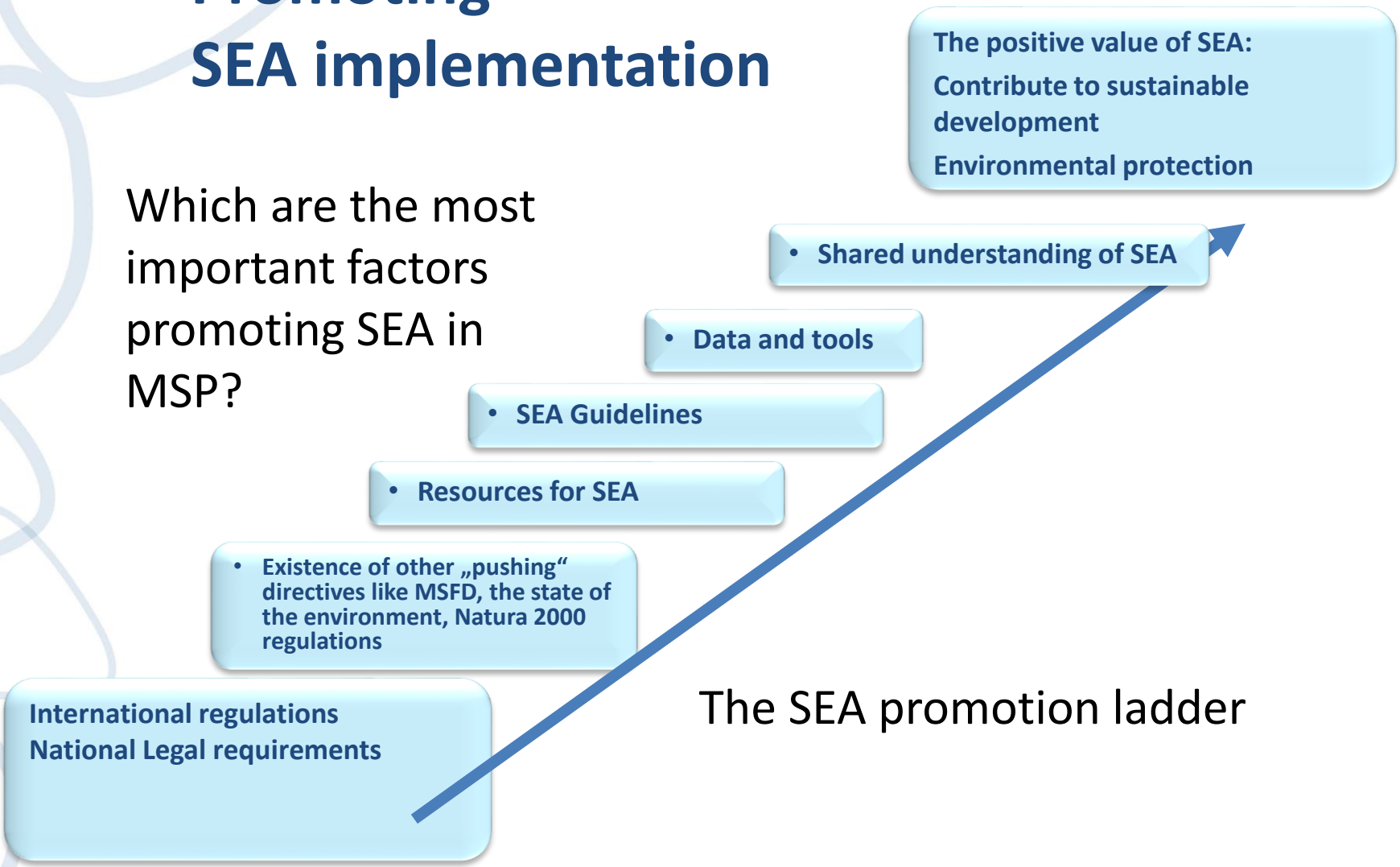
Hindering SEA implementation



The SEA implementation ladder

Promoting SEA implementation

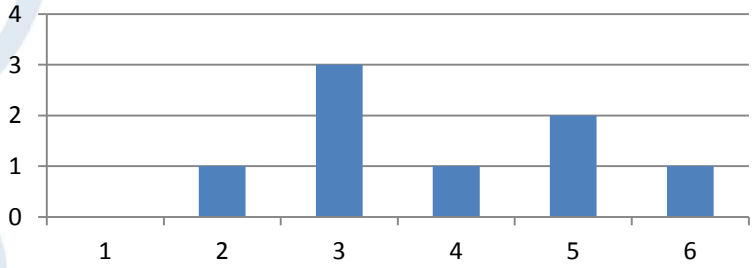
Which are the most important factors promoting SEA in MSP?



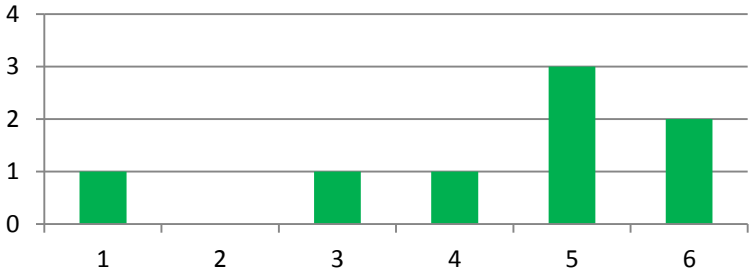
The SEA promotion ladder

Need for a harmonized approach?

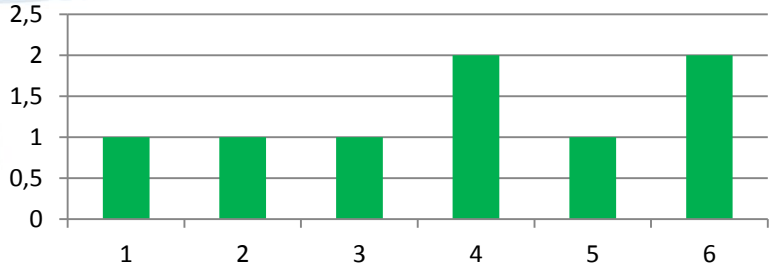
Q14.1 - The interpretation of the precautionary principle (1=low, 6=high)?



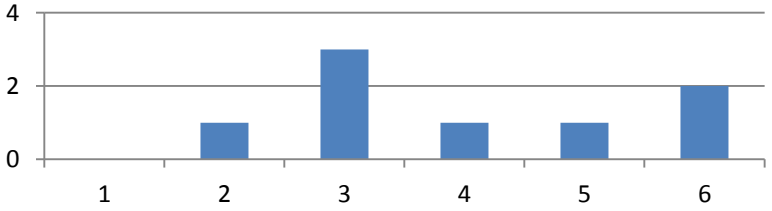
Q14.1 - The implementation of the precautionary principle (1=low, 6=high)?



Q14.2 - The actual planning process between countries (1=low, 6=high)?



Q14.2 - The EBA as a part of how environmental considerations are taken in areas outside of MPAs (other…



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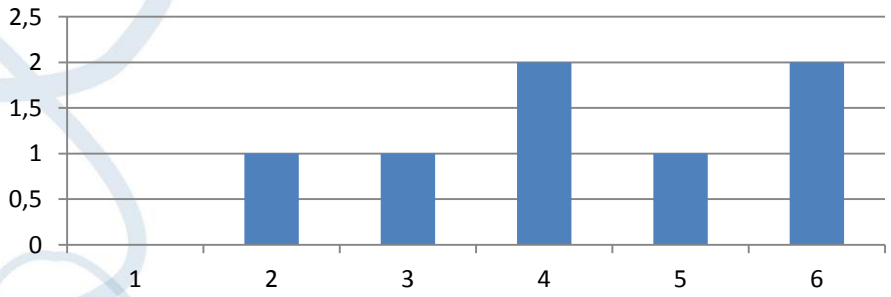
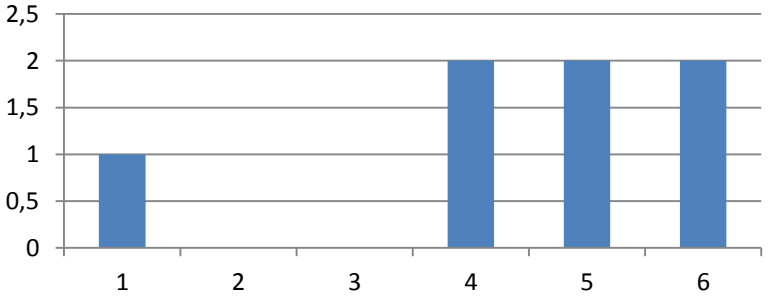
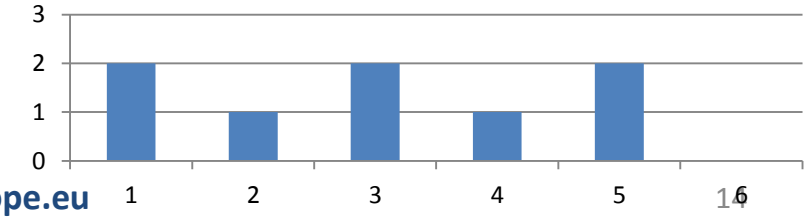
Q14.3 - The national and international MPA processes and their linkage to corresponding MSP processes (1=low, 6=high)?



14.4 - The use of the MSFD including GES as setting the ecological boundaries for MSP (1=low, 6=high)?



Q14.5 - The similarities and differences of "roles" between SEA for MSP level and EIA for projects (1=low, 6=high)?



Summary

Differences in SEA procedures don’t have to be a hindrance for coherence, but there is the need for transparency and comparability.

To prevent misunderstandings, it is necessary to specify the common SEA language in the MSP context.

The next steps

- Study tendered by BSH to develope a SEA comparision Tool for MSP (and more…)
- 2nd joint Workshop 9th & 10th of May in Malmö
- Preparation of the joint deliverables:
  - Background report (Questionnaire results, etc.)
  - Planners handbook
  - Recommendations (on EBA implementation and comparability of SEA) → Input to HELCOM/VASAB MSP WG

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