

Stakeholder involvement in the German EEZ

EXPERIENCES AND LESSONS LEARNED

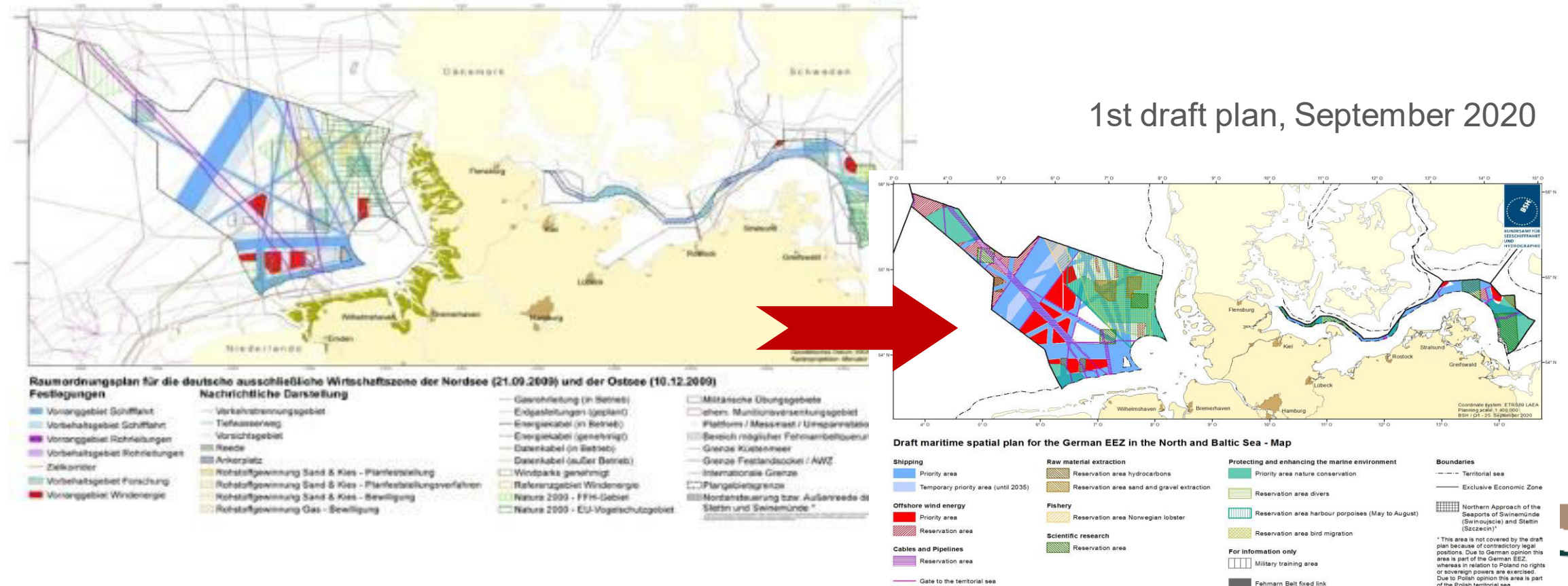
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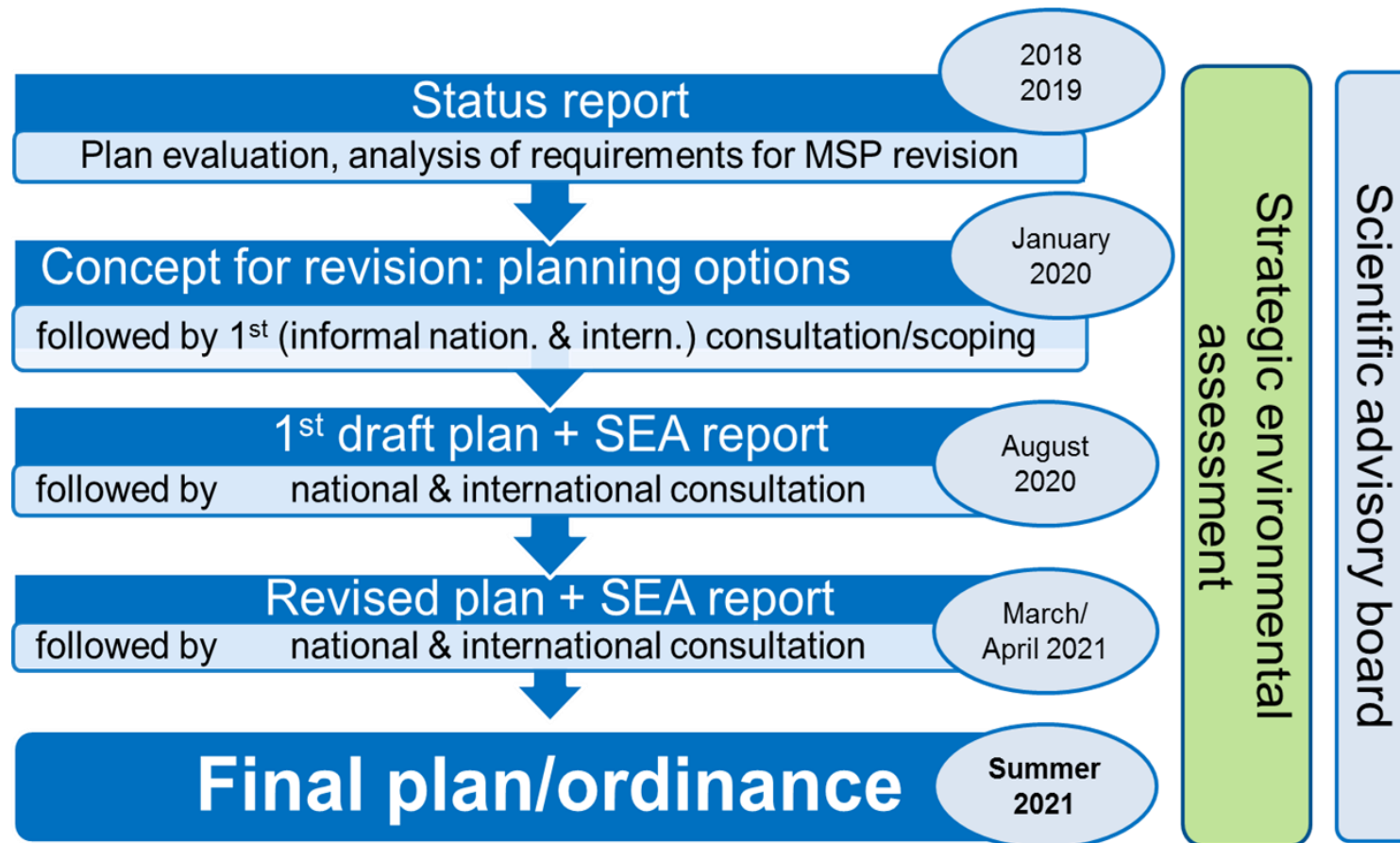
MSP plans for the EEZ currently in revision

Raumordnungspläne für die deutsche AWZ

1st draft plan, September 2020



Projected timetable for revision



Objectives of stakeholder involvement

- **Improving the baseline** for planning:
Provision of sectoral data and information and priorities (e.g. existing uses, future shipping routes, offshore wind targets)
- A clearer idea of **sectoral priorities** and likely conflicts (e.g. area-based priorities already assigned, targets, policies)
- **Improvements** of the draft plan through formal consultation
- Greater **understanding and acceptance** of the plan by stakeholders



Stakeholder involvement





Methods and approaches

Different methods and different stakeholders at different stages

- **Information gathering:**
 - Informal sector workshops (sector representatives)
 - Expert reports (e.g. shipping)
- **Public consultation on first draft**
 - Online meeting following submission of written statements
 - Online international consultation
- **Inter-ministerial consultation**
 - Internal discussion, not public
- **Public consultation on second draft**
 - Fewer stakeholders, only those affected by change

Flanked by ongoing communication via Homepage/blog and input from Scientific Advisory Board

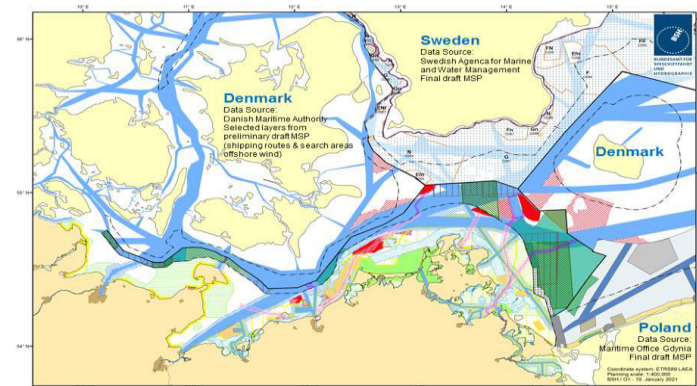


Challenges

- Covid 19 and running consultations online!
 - Time constraints, resulting in reduced opportunities for informal involvement
 - Unequal roles of stakeholders
 - Planning decisions can be difficult to understand for stakeholders
 - MSP is not yet a continuous process of dialogue
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- Detailed data not always available for decision-making
 - Cumulative effects of uses still difficult to assess
 - Plans from other countries only becoming available now

Lessons learned

- Value of informal workshops and sector-based exchanges in the early stages
- Importance of explaining the role and scope of MSP
- The plan is not everything!
- Importance of flanking the formal process with informal exchange and ongoing dialogue, especially also with Ministries
- **Achievements most proud of:**
 - A new plan!
 - A much improved stakeholder process
 - Cross-border collaboration



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