

# PROTECT BALTIC

*Towards a regional list of protection terminology*

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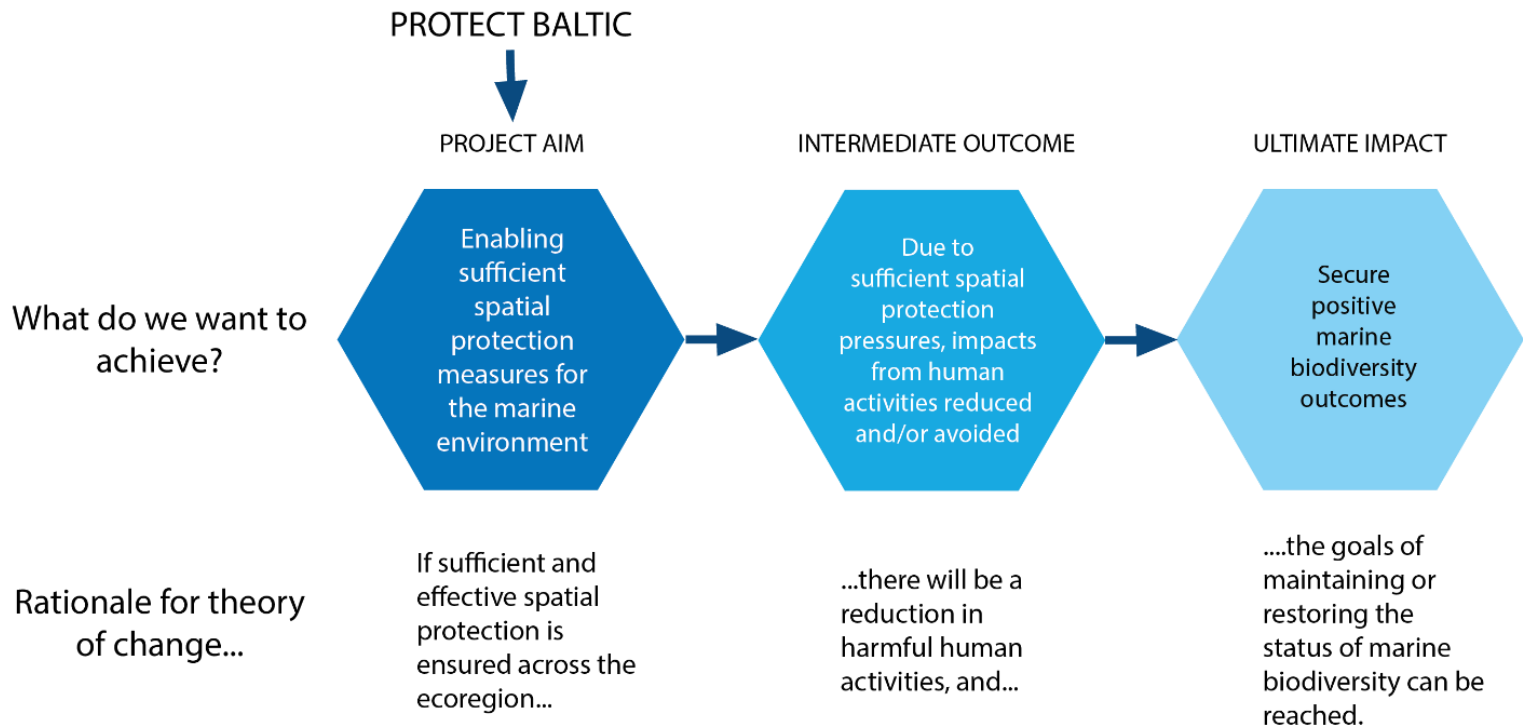
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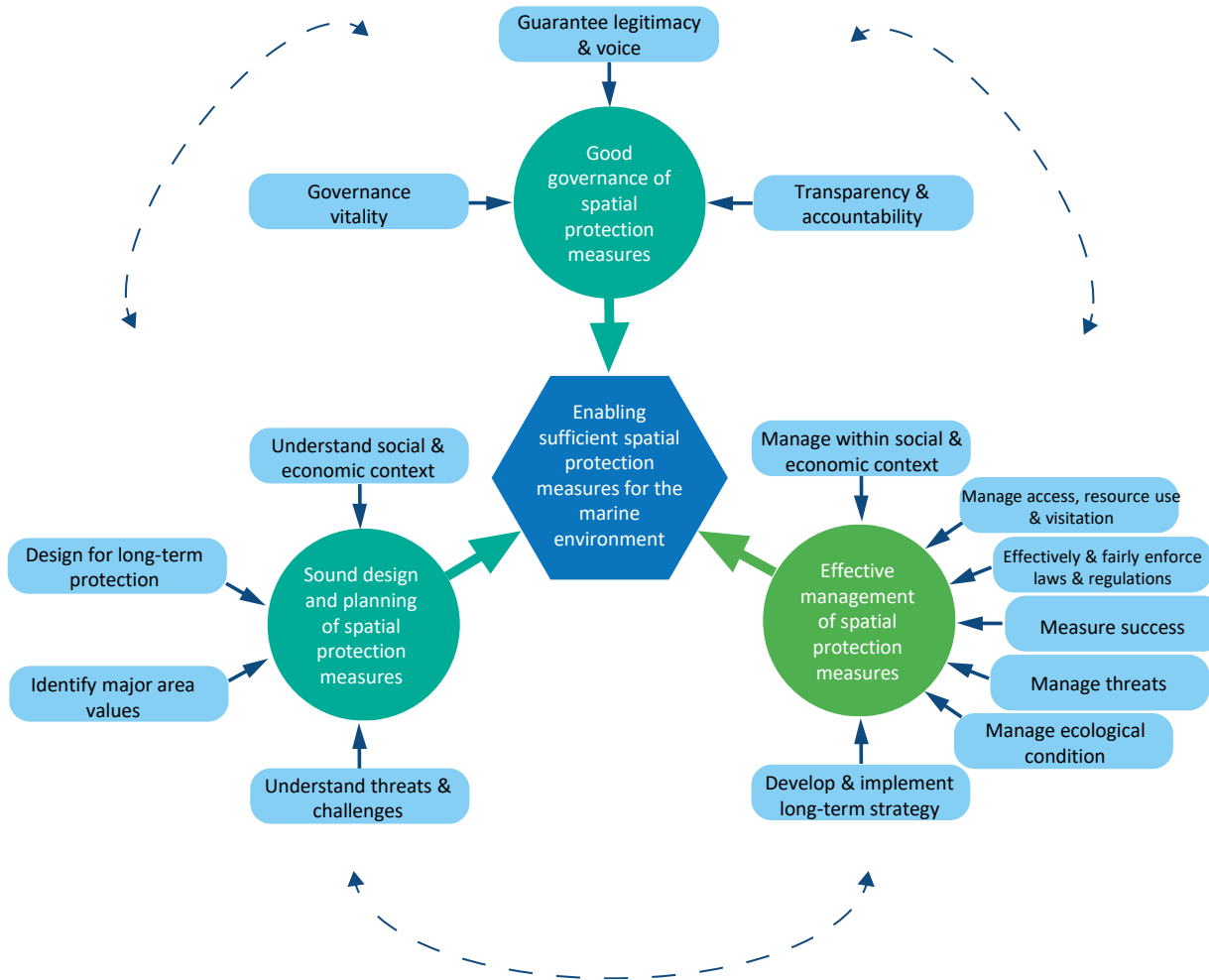
# The project in a nutshell

- 5-year project
- 19 partners
- €8.5 million
- HELCOM coordinates





# Management and effective protection



# Agreeing on a common terminology

Lack of a shared, regional understanding of protection terminology impedes the transboundary protection effort, and the establishment of an MPA network within the Baltic Sea.



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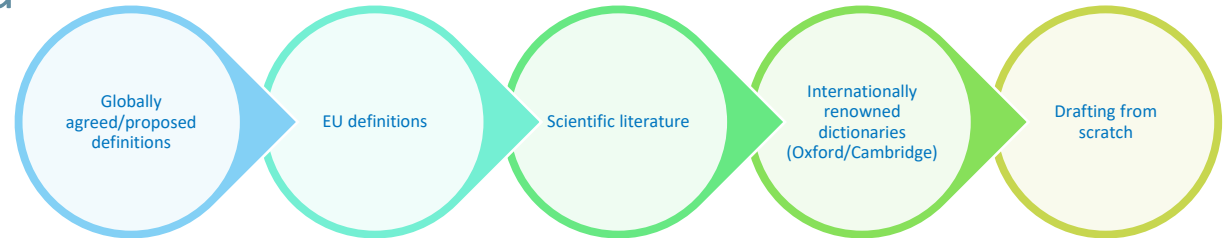
- Task under the governance work
- Aims to ensure that the interpretation of protection terms at the regional level is clear and uniform.
- Contributes to actions B1 and B3 under the Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP)



# Baltic Sea shared protection vocabulary

The countries raise terms they feel should be introduced into the glossary.

The Secretariat explores existing definitions and provides proposals, in an agreed order.



# Baltic Sea shared protection vocabulary

- Terms align with IUCN Standard Lexicon, where possible
- Terms checked against definitions from Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)



# Co-created through HELCOM

All terms in the glossary are discussed and agreed on through consultation with:

Expert Group on Marine Protected Areas (EG MPA)

Working Group on Biodiversity, Protection and Restoration (WG BioDiv)





Lost in jargon?

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# Baltic Sea shared protection vocabulary

- Living document.
- Official HELCOM guideline.
- Available on <https://protectbaltic.eu/>  
and on <https://helcom.fi/>

Thank you!

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