



Maritime Spatial Planning Country Information

Ireland

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Background Information

Basic facts on Marine Waters



— Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) — Territorial Sea (TS)

Ireland's marine waters measure 490,000km² (approx. 7 times its terrestrial landmass) and comprise parts of the Irish and Celtic Seas and the Atlantic Ocean.

General

Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth

Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth - an Integrated Marine Plan for Ireland was adopted in 2012. It sets out the Irish Government's vision, high-level goals, and key 'enabling' actions to put in place the appropriate policy, governance and business climate to enable Ireland's marine potential to be realised. More information and the plan can be found at www.ouroceanwealth.ie/publications.

Enablers Task Force

One of the earliest actions taken under Ireland's integrated marine plan was the establishment of the Enablers Task Force to recommend a framework for implementing MSP. The Task Force report was presented to Government in 2014. More information and the Task Force report can be found at www.ouroceanwealth.ie/publications.

Details

MSP Legislation

The European Union (Framework for Maritime Spatial Planning) Regulations 2016 transpose EU Directive 2014/89/EU into national law. The regulations can be found at <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2016/si/352/made/en/pdf>.

Competent Authority

Ireland's competent national authority for maritime spatial planning is the Ministry for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. More information can be found at <http://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/maritime-spatial-planning/maritime-spatial-planning-directive/maritime-spatial-planning>.

Maritime Spatial Plans

Existing Maritime Spatial Plans

The Republic of Ireland does not have a dedicated Maritime Spatial Plan yet.

Aspects of the MSP process

Coherence with other processes

Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)

The Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government is also Ireland's competent national authority for implementing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. Ireland has completed the initial assessment of its marine waters, established targets and indicators, established a monitoring programme and submitted its programme of measures to the European Commission. Implementation of the programme of measures and monitoring programme is ongoing. More information can be found at <http://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/marine-strategy/marine-strategy-framework-directive-msfd>.