



# SEAS AT RISK

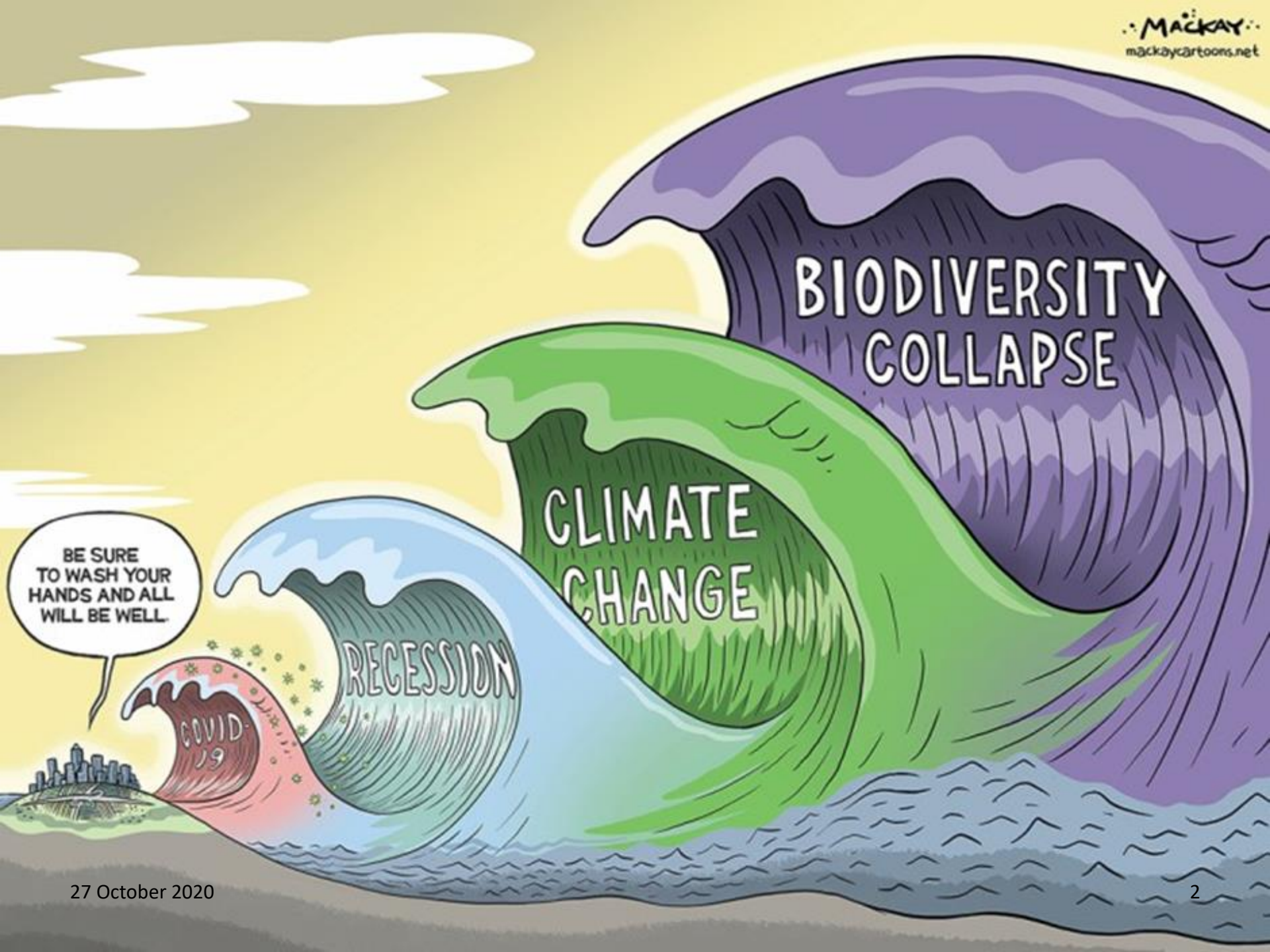
for the protection and restoration of the marine environment

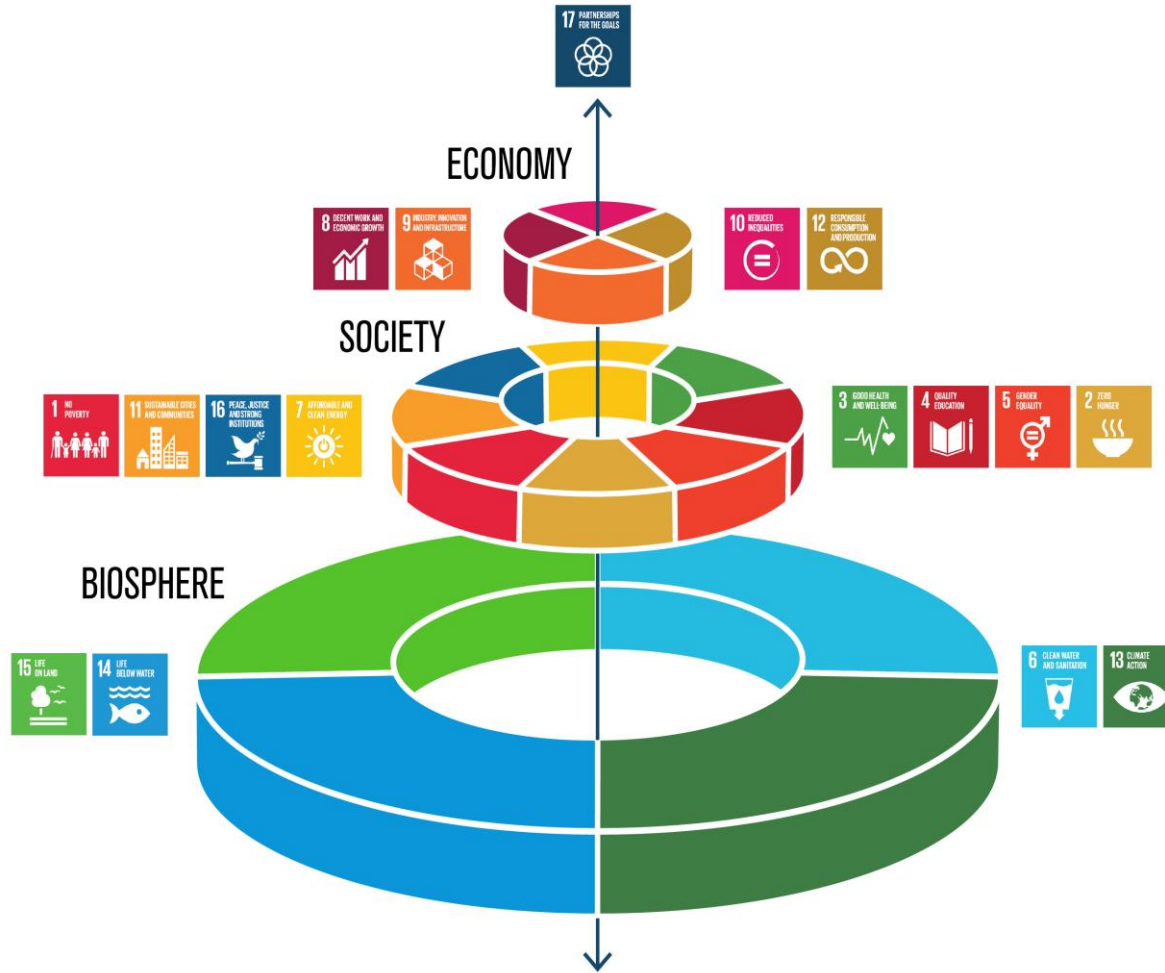
## Put a healthy ocean at the heart of a sustainable blue economy

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is a unified call to action by civil society organisations from all over Europe working for healthy seas and ocean.



## 2030 vision for healthy seas

- at least 30% of the ocean will be highly or fully protected
- we will have shifted to low impact fishing
- we will have a clean, pollution-free ocean
- In the whole ocean, the planning of human activities will support the restoration of thriving marine ecosystems.

# A roadmap to healthy seas

European countries are legally bound to put a number of measures in place to achieve clean and healthy seas. They failed to do so before 2020. The following, therefore, still needs to be done as a matter of urgency to address the gap in delivering on commitments:

- EU countries adopt the necessary measures to ensure that EU seas are in good environmental status under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive

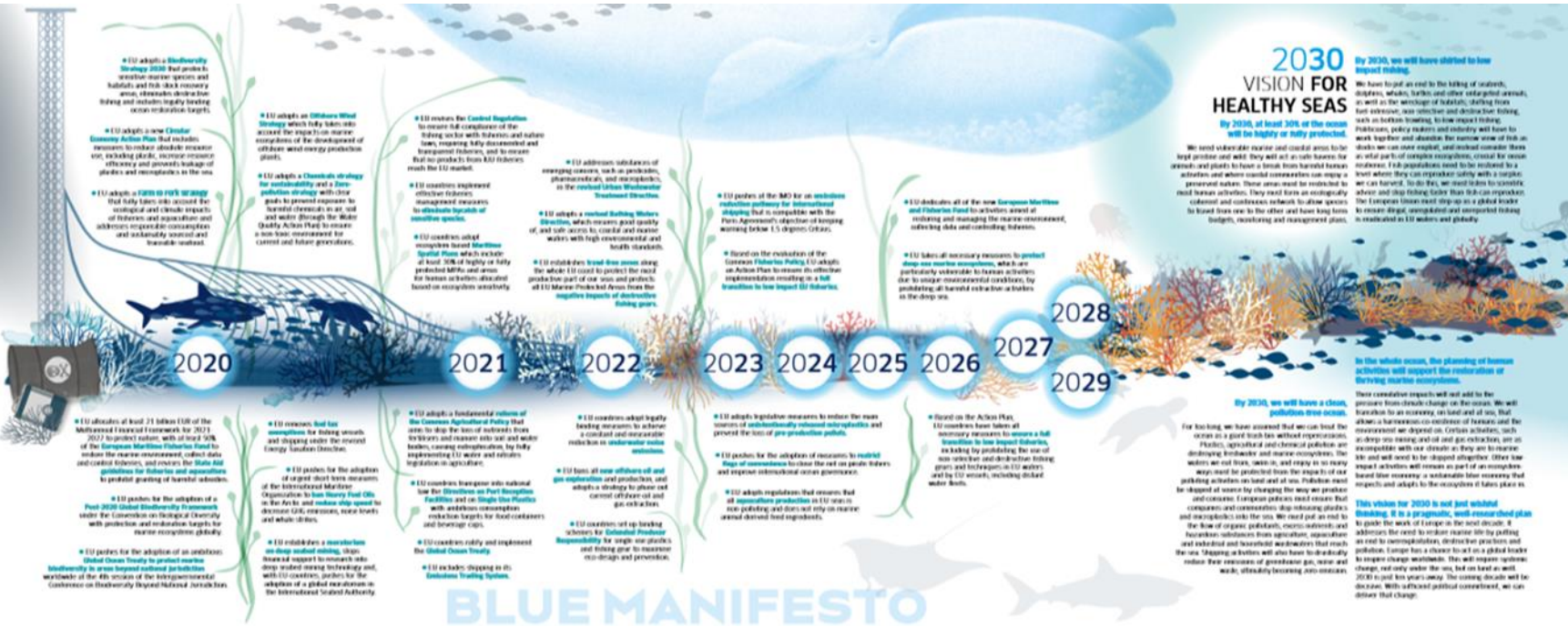
- EU countries adopt the necessary measures to ensure that EU freshwater is in good status under the Water Framework Directive

- EU countries designate and protect all marine Natura 2000 sites from human activities under the Birds and Habitats Directives

- EU countries and overwriting of all harvested stocks under the Common Fisheries Policy

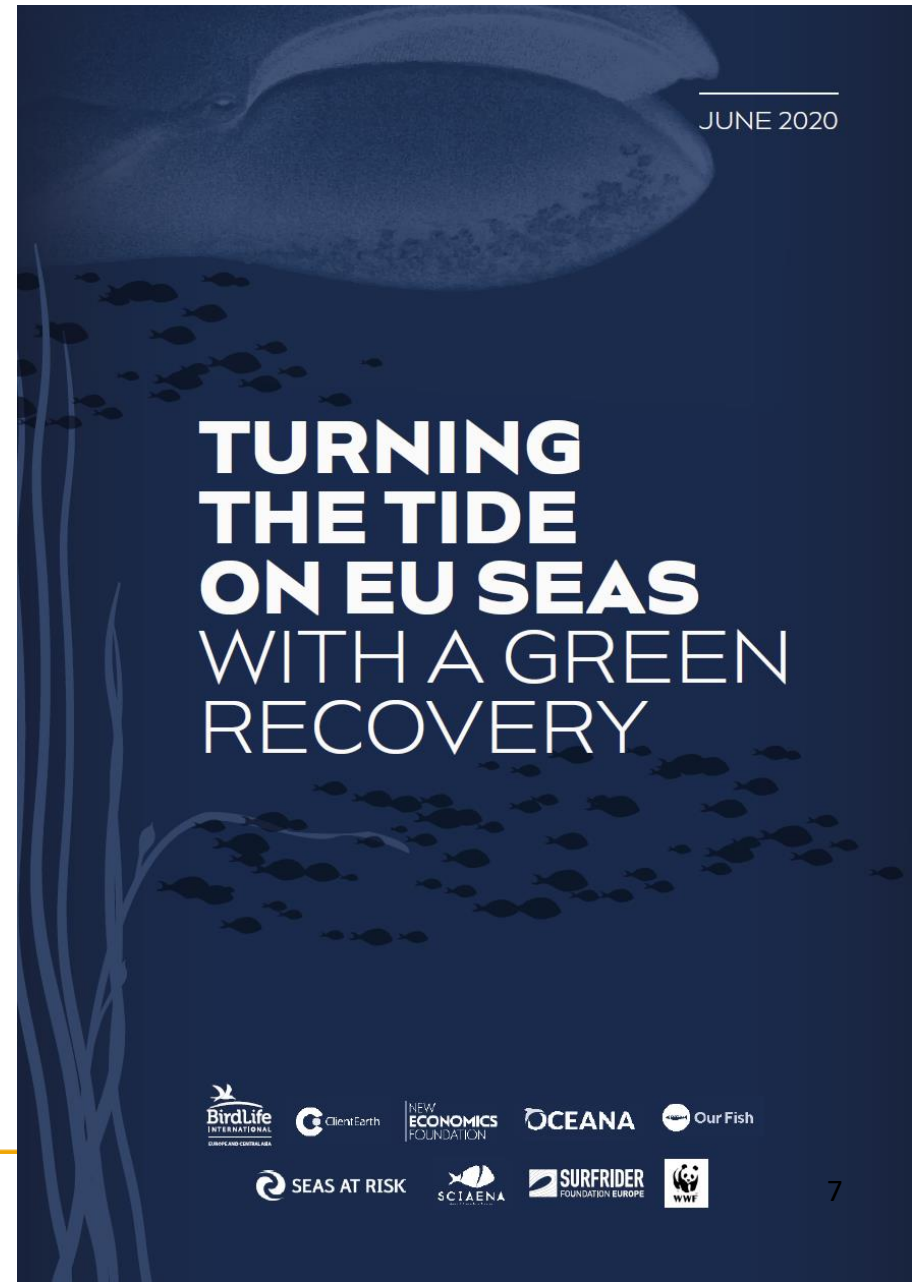
- EU countries take measures to end illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in their waters, by their fleet or by their citizens, under the IUU Regulation, and to fully implement the Deep Sea Regulation

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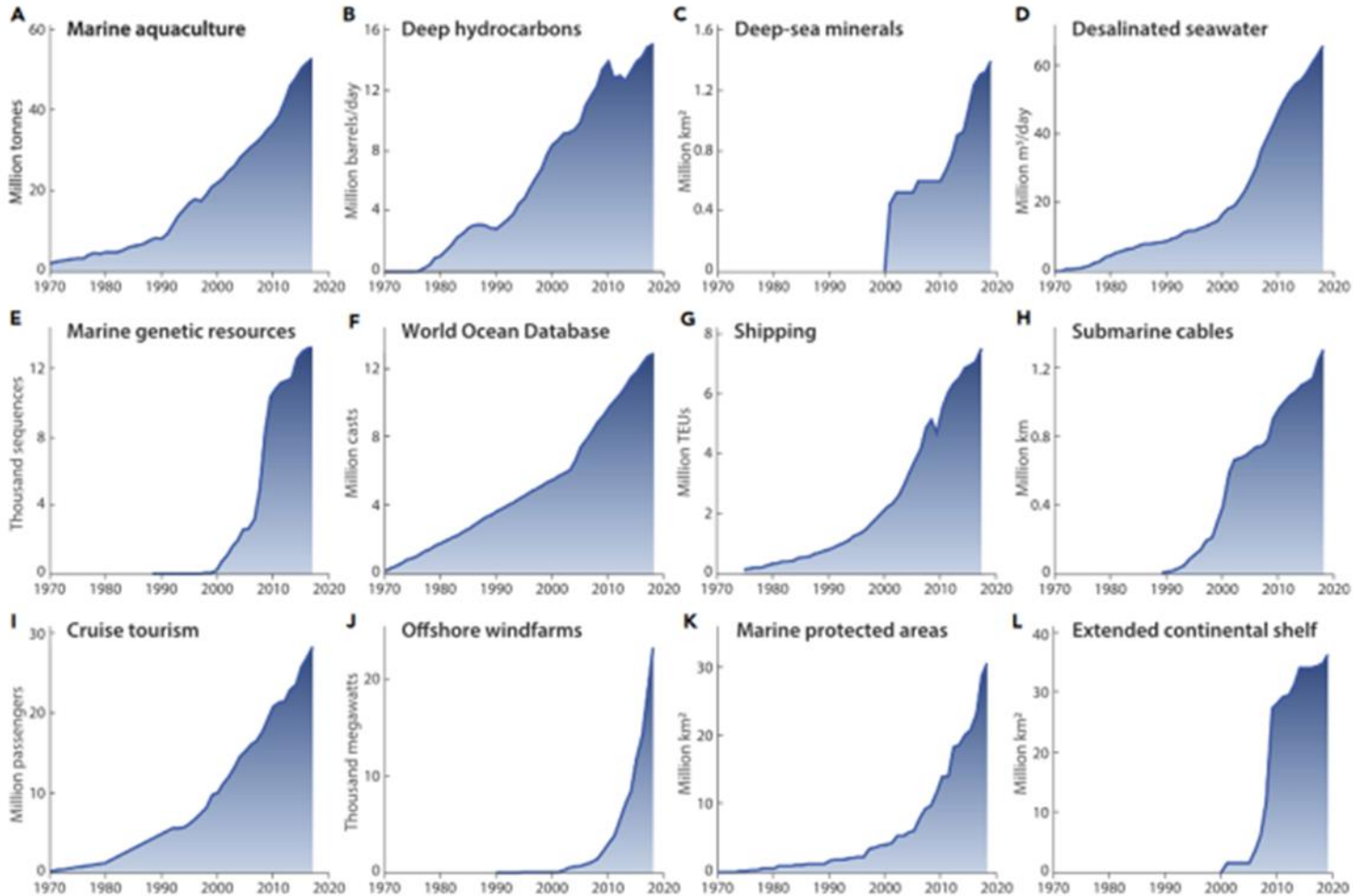


# Recovery in support of a sustainable blue economy

- Nature restoration & conservation
- Transition to sustainable and low impact seafood
- Tackling pollution



# Blue acceleration



Source: Jean-Baptiste Jouffray et al, 2020, One Earth



A compass to steer the revision of the EU blue economy



Source: "A System Change Compass: Implementing the European Green Deal in a time of recovery", The Club of Rome and SYSTEMIQ,

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