

**Electronic stakeholder survey  
ANNEX B**



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# 1 – Electronic Stakeholder Survey Methodology

In order to identify the Regional Sea Conventions’ needs for support, a survey was carried out among stakeholders of the four RSCs. They were asked for their opinion on the general functioning of the RSCs and gaps in their implementation. Furthermore, specific questions required them to identify which type of support they could need. The sample contained 301 stakeholders, of which roughly 35% were from industry, around 25% from NGOs, and 20% from R&D and universities. The list of stakeholders of the RSCs was compiled by Milieu in the context of a previous project.

The questions of the survey were drafted by Milieu and agreed upon with the European Commission. The survey was designed to contain closed, but also some open ended questions. This design reflected the intention to capture the stakeholders’ views on the subject and give them space for putting forward their own ideas. The questions were the same for each of the four Regional Sea Conventions.

The survey was carried out using the online survey tool Survey Monkey. This tool and the design of the questionnaire allowed the respondents to choose on which RSC(s) they would like to answer and skip the sections for the RSCs they did not feel competent to cover. Furthermore, the tool allowed applying filter questions, so that respondents could proceed more quickly through the questionnaire.

The technical procedure, the questions and the fill-in time were tested by Milieu in-house colleagues and external partners. The time to fill in the questions for one RSC was estimated at roughly 20 minutes.

The link to the survey was distributed through emails which included a brief introduction to the project. Each respondent received a different link which ensured that there would be only one response for each email sent. Furthermore, this enabled the respondents to interrupt the survey and continue at a later time.

The survey was online between 15 May and 7 June 2013. The first round of emails was sent to stakeholders on 15 May. Two reminder emails were sent on 28 May and 3 June 2013. The reminder emails, especially the first one, increased the response rate by at least one third.

In total, the survey was sent to 301 stakeholders, of which 48 responded, which corresponds to a response rate of around 16%. However, many respondents did not answer all of the questions, which is why many individual questions have high non-response rates. Two respondents only skipped through the questionnaire, without answering. Furthermore, 6 respondents only answered the first two general questions, without answering the substantive questions concerning the RSCs. One respondent (The Pew Charitable Trusts, NGO) answered on all for RSCs, one respondent (Prof. Michael Thorndyke, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences) answered for HELCOM and UNEP/MAP. All other respondents answered only for one RSC each. Therefore, all in all, 40 respondents answered content questions of the survey.

- Distribution of respondents across the RSCs:

HELCOM	8 respondents
BSC	13 respondents
UNEP/MAP	9 respondents
OSPAR	14 respondents

- Representation of types of organisations in the sample of 40:

NGO	13
Individual expert/consultant	4
Research (public)	6
Research (private)	1
Industry	3
other	9
..of which:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International or intergovernmental</li> </ul>	

organisations/initiatives	7
• University	1
• National fishermen's trade union	1

As there were more industry representatives in the sample, but more NGO representatives among the respondents, one can conclude that NGOs were overall more prepared to answer the survey than industry. Other important inputs came from international/ intergovernmental organisations and from the research sector.

## 2 – Electronic Stakeholder Survey Questionnaire

# Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

### Introductory text

Dear respondent,

This survey is part of a European Commission sponsored project on identifying the support needs of the four European Regional Sea Conventions (RSCs) with regard to the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). The project is carried out by Milieu Ltd and its partners ICES, SYKE and HCMR.

The survey aims to collect stakeholders' opinions on the main support needs of the RSCs and on the ways in which the EU could most effectively support RSC activities supporting the implementation of the MSFD.

Please read the following instructions on how to complete the survey:

- 1) This survey contains four similar questionnaires, one for each of the four Regional Sea Conventions: HELCOM, the Black Sea Commission, UNEP/MAP and OSPAR. Please complete the questionnaire(s) for the RSC(s), which you are affiliated to/you have knowledge of. Please carefully read the instructions on how to do so on page 3!!
- 2) This survey will be online until 31 May 2013. You may interrupt your session and return to the survey at some later point by following the link in your email. Please note that the system only saves a page once you click on "next" at the bottom of the page. Therefore, please complete all questions on a page and then click on "next" before interrupting your session.
- 3) With some questions, you will have the possibility to rank answers according to their importance. You can rank by assigning numbers or by moving the answers up or down. Please rank from top to bottom, i.e. place the most important option at the top and the least important one at the bottom.
- 4) You will be able to proceed through the survey, even if you do not answer all questions. However, we kindly ask you to provide responses to as many questions as you feel reasonably confident to answer.
- 5) The progression bar relates to all four questionnaires. So, after having completed one questionnaire, it will show 25% progression, then, if you decide to end the survey, you will immediately progress to 100%.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

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## Introductory questions

### 1 What type of organisation do you work for?

- government
- research (public)
- research (private)
- industry
- non-profit
- individual expert/consultant
- Other (please specify)

### 2 Please specify (name and address):

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	6



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## Select QUESTIONNAIRE

Below, you can choose which of the RSCs to begin with. Similarly, at the end of each questionnaire you can again choose if you want to end the survey or continue with a questionnaire on another RSC.

**IMPORTANT:** if you would like to complete more than one questionnaire, you will have to follow the numerical order:

- 1 HELCOM
- 2 Black Sea Commission
- 3 UNEP/MAP
- 4 OSPAR

So, if you want to complete the questionnaires for HELCOM and UNEP/MAP, for example, you have to start with the one for HELCOM, (you then skip Black Sea Commission) and can directly continue with UNEP/MAP. However, you cannot do start with the one for UNEP/MAP and continue with the one for HELCOM, because you cannot go "backwards".

### **Which questionnaire would you like to begin with?**

**Please remember that you have to follow the numerical order if you want to answer several questionnaires!**

- questionnaire 1 for the RSC HELCOM
- questionnaire 2 for the RSC Black Sea Commission
- questionnaire 3 for the RSC UNEP/MAP
- questionnaire 4 for the RSC OSPAR

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## II HELCOM Assessment of issue areas

### 3 Are you an accredited stakeholder at HELCOM?

yes

no

don't know

### 4a Which are the priority issues in your marine regions? Please rank the following on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = most important issue, 5=less important issue). (If you do not want to identify any "other issue", please rank it 5):

<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Biodiversity (including Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and non-indigenous species (NIS))
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Contaminants
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Eutrophication
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Fisheries
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Another issue (please specify below)

### 4b If you identified "another issue", please specify here:

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### 4c Comment on ranking:

	5
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### 5 Are there issues addressed at the European level (in particular by the Marine Strategy Framework Directive) which should also be addressed by HELCOM? Please specify.

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## III HELCOM Specific activities

6 Data collection/monitoring/assessment

### a. Do you think that HELCOM has a comprehensive knowledge of the state of the marine waters in their marine region?

- yes
- no
- don't know

### b. If not, where do you think are the main gaps in knowledge?

- lack of knowledge of a certain topic (biodiversity, eutrophication, etc.)
- lack of knowledge of a certain element (specific marine species, specific contaminant, etc.)
- lack of knowledge of a certain geographical area
- lack of knowledge of a certain period of time (lack of historical data, lack of recent data)
- Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)

### c. What do you think is/are the reason(s) for this/these gap(s)?

- lack of comparable data across countries
- lack of integrated framework at RSC level
- difficulties to collect data from private sources
- difficulties to access qualified experts
- material (equipment etc) difficulties
- Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)

## III HELCOM - Specific activities

7 Targets/Objectives

**a. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by HELCOM for the protection of the marine environment cover the right priority areas?**

- Fully
- Partly
- Not at all
- don't know

**b. If only partly or not at all, which areas are missing?**

**c. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by HELCOM are sufficiently ambitious to ensure a healthy sea?**

- fully
- partly
- not at all
- don't know

**d. If only partly or not at all, please explain.**

**e. In your opinion, what are the main obstacles to their achievement?**

## III HELCOM - Specific activities

8 Measures

**a. Do you think that the measures taken by HELCOM to protect the marine environment are adequate (e.g. they address the critical issues)?**

- yes
- no
- don't know

**b. If not, what additional/alternative measures would be needed?**

**c. Have the measures been well-implemented at the regional/national level? Please score using the following scale:**

- good or very good implementation
- predominantly good implementation
- mixed implementation results
- predominantly insufficient implementation
- complete lack of or generally insufficient implementation
- don't know

**d. Comment (possibility to name the specific measure(s)/country to which the scoring above applies).**

**e. In your opinion, what improvements could be made to the implementation process?**

## III HELCOM Specific activities

9 Research

**a. In your opinion, what areas of scientific research should be prioritized in future for HELCOM as a whole?**

**b. How could the research process be improved?**

- Better coordination of research topics between Contracting Parties/research institutes to avoid duplication of work and gaps
- Better coordination between Contracting Parties/research institutes with regard to the use of material resources (equipment/hardware)
- Better science-policy interface
- Other, please specify (max. 500 characters):

**c. According to you, which research projects carried out in your marine region were particularly successful? Please explain your answer.**

## III HELCOM Specific activities

10 Cooperation

**a. How effective is cooperation among HELCOM Contracting Parties? Please explain your assessment.**

**b. In which areas (topics or activities) do you consider cooperation with other RSCs would be most needed? Please specify with which RSC if relevant.**

**c. In which settings and processes (e.g. specific types of working groups of the MSFD Common Implementation Strategy, certain kinds of projects, specific workshops, work on particular MSFD related thematic issues) do you think HELCOM and the European Union have worked successfully together for the protection of the marine environment in your region? Please specify.**

## III HELCOM Specific activities

11 Stakeholder involvement

### a. Do you think your involvement in HELCOM is sufficient?

- absolutely sufficient
- mostly sufficient
- partly sufficient
- hardly sufficient
- not at all sufficient
- don't know

### b. How could your involvement be improved? (you can tick several answers)

- active participation in high-level meetings
- active participation in working-level meetings
- passive participation in high-level meetings
- passive participation in working-level meetings
- more public consultations
- more stakeholder/public events
- more opportunities for informal contact with RSC staff (networking)
- Others, please specify (max 500 characters)



## IV HELCOM Potential EU support

This is the last and most important part of the survey (for this RSC). We will now ask you to identify and describe the two most important environmental issues\* and/or cross-cutting activities\* with respect to which, in your opinion, EU support would be most needed to strengthen the contribution of HELCOM to the implementation of the MSFD.

\* what is meant with “environmental issue”: a problem that arises (or might arise) in the marine environment in your region, e.g. pollution by marine litter, biodiversity loss, contamination of bathing waters, overfishing of certain species, etc.

\* what is meant with “cross-cutting activity”: an activity undertaken by the RSC to protect the marine environment, e.g. the development of indicators or monitoring programmes, the establishment of a specific working group, the adoption of new targets, etc.

We now kindly ask you to describe the two environmental issues and/or cross-cutting activities with respect to which EU support would in your opinion be most needed to strengthen the contribution of HELCOM to the implementation of the MSFD.

### 12 Most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity

**When you think of the EU support that would be most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Concrete environmental issue

Cross-cutting activity

## IV HELCOM Potential EU support

### 12.1 Most important environmental issue

#### a. Please specify the concrete environmental issue that would be most important.

#### b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.

- biodiversity
- contaminants
- eutrophication
- fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

#### c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the most important environmental issue.

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

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**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue.**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ training
- Capacity building/ institutional structures
- Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

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## IV HELCOM Potential EU support

### 12.2 Most important cross-cutting activity

#### a. Please specify the cross-cutting activity that would be most important.

#### b. Please select the broader field to which the activity belongs:

- data collection/ monitoring assessment
- setting of targets/objectives
- planning, adoption and implementation
- research
- cooperation among authorities (contracting parties, EU, RSCs etc.)
- involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc.)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

#### c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:

- difficult to specify
- biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- contaminants
- eutrophication
- fish
- emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):

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**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity.**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ training
- Capacity building/ institutional structures
- Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## IV HELCOM Potential EU support

13 Second most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity

**When you think of the EU support that would be second most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

concrete environmental issue

cross-cutting activity

## IV HELCOM - Potential EU support

13.1 second most important environmental issue

**a. Please describe the second most important concrete environmental issue in a few sentences:**

**b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.**

- Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- Contaminants
- Eutrophication
- Fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- difficult to specify
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters)

**c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the second most important environmental issue:**

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue:**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ Training
- Capacity building/ Institutional structures
- Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ Additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)



## IV HELCOM Potential EU support

13.2 second most important cross-cutting activity

**a. Please describe the second most important cross-cutting activity in a few sentences:**

**b. Please select from the broader field to which the activity belongs (max. 200 characters):**

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

**c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

- Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- Contaminants
- Eutrophication
- Fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- difficult to specify
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):

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**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity:**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ Training
- Capacity building/ Institutional structures
- Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ Additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

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## Finish survey or continue with questionnaire on another RSC

You have now finished the questionnaire on the RSC HELCOM. You have the choice to either finish the survey or continue with answering a questionnaire on another RSC.

**IMPORTANT!!!:** Please keep in mind that if you want to answer further questionnaires, to answer them in the proposed order. If you want to answer questionnaire 2 and 3, answer questionnaire 2 first!!!

### Would you like to finish the survey or answer a questionnaire on another RSC?

- finish survey
- continue with questionnaire 2 on the Black Sea Commission
- continue with questionnaire 3 on UNEP/MAP
- continue with questionnaire 4 on OSPAR

## I Black Sea Commission General questions

### 3 Are you an accredited stakeholder at the Black Sea Commission?

yes

no

don't know

# Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

## II Black Sea Commission - Assessment of issue areas

**4a Which are the priority issues in your marine regions? Please rank the following on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = most important issue, 5=less important issue) (If you do not want to identify any "other issue", please rank it 5):**

<input type="text"/>	Biodiversity (including Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and non-indigenous species (NIS))
<input type="text"/>	Contaminants
<input type="text"/>	Eutrophication
<input type="text"/>	Fisheries
<input type="text"/>	Another issue (please specify below)

**4b If you identified "another issue", please specify here:**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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**4c Comment on ranking (max. 500 characters) :**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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**5 Are there issues addressed at the European level (in particular by the Marine Strategy Framework Directive) which should also be addressed by the Black Sea Commission? Please specify.**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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## III Black Sea Commission Specific activities

6 Data collection/monitoring/assessment

**a. Do you think that the Black Sea Commission has a comprehensive knowledge of the state of the marine waters in their marine region?**

- yes
- no
- don't know

**b. If not, where do you think are the main gaps in knowledge?**

- lack of knowledge of a certain topic (biodiversity, eutrophication, etc.)
- lack of knowledge of a certain element (specific marine species, specific contaminant, etc.)
- lack of knowledge of a certain geographical area
- lack of knowledge of a certain period of time (lack of historical data, lack of recent data)
- Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)

**c. What do you think is/are the reason(s) for this/these gap(s)?**

- lack of comparable data across countries
- lack of integrated framework at RSC level
- difficulties to collect data from private sources
- difficulties to access qualified experts
- material (equipment etc) difficulties
- Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)

## III Black Sea Commission - Specific activities

7 Targets/Objectives

**a. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by the Black Sea Commission for the protection of the marine environment cover the right priority areas?**

- Fully
- Partly
- Not at all
- don't know

**b. If only partly or not at all, which areas are missing?**

**c. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by the Black Sea Commission are sufficiently ambitious to ensure a healthy sea?**

- fully
- partly
- not at all
- don't know

**d. If only partly or not at all, please explain**

**e. In your opinion, what are the main obstacles to their achievement?**

## III Black Sea Commission - Specific activities

8 Measures

**a. Do you think that the measures taken by the Black Sea Commission to protect the marine environment are adequate (e.g. they address the critical issues)?**

yes

no

don't know

**b. If not, what additional/alternative measures would be needed?**

**c. Have the measures been well-implemented at the regional/national level? Please score using the following scale:**

good or very good implementation

predominantly good implementation

mixed implementation results

predominantly insufficient implementation

complete lack of or generally insufficient implementation

don't know

**d. Comment (possibility to name the specific measure(s)/country to which the scoring above applies).**

**e. In your opinion, what improvements could be made to the implementation process?**



## III Black Sea Commission - Specific activities

9 Research

**a. In your opinion, what areas of scientific research should be prioritized in future for the Black Sea Commission as a whole?**

**b. How could the research process be improved?**

- Better coordination of research topics between Contracting Parties/research institutes to avoid duplication of work and gaps
- Better coordination between Contracting Parties/research institutes with regard to the use of material resources (equipment/hardware)
- Better science-policy interface
- Other, please specify (max. 500 characters):

**c. According to you, which research projects carried out in your marine region were particularly successful? Please explain your answer.**

## III Black Sea Commission - Specific activities

10 Cooperation

**a. How effective is cooperation among the Black Sea Commission Contracting Parties? Please explain your assessment.**

**b. In which areas (topics or activities) do you consider cooperation with other RSCs would be most needed? Please specify with which RSC if relevant.**

**c. In which settings and processes (e.g. specific types of working groups of the MSFD Common Implementation Strategy, certain kinds of projects, specific workshops, work on particular MSFD related thematic issues) do you think the Black Sea Commission and the European Union have worked successfully together for the protection of the marine environment in your region? Please specify.**

## III Black Sea Commission - Specific activities

11 Stakeholder involvement

### a. Do you think your involvement in the Black Sea Commission is sufficient?

- absolutely sufficient
- mostly sufficient
- partly sufficient
- hardly sufficient
- not at all sufficient
- don't know

### b. How could your involvement be improved? (you can tick several answers)

- active participation in high-level meetings
- active participation in working-level meetings
- passive participation in high-level meetings
- passive participation in working-level meetings
- more public consultations
- more stakeholder/public events
- more opportunities for informal contact with RSC staff (networking)
- Others, please specify (max 500 characters)

## IV Black Sea Commission - Potential EU support

This is the last and most important part of the survey (for this RSC). We will now ask you to identify and describe the two most important environmental issues\* and/or cross-cutting activities\* with respect to which, in your opinion, EU support would be most needed to strengthen the contribution of the Black Sea Commission to the implementation of the MSFD.

\* what is meant with “environmental issue”: a problem that arises (or might arise) in the marine environment in your region, e.g. pollution by marine litter, biodiversity loss, contamination of bathing waters, overfishing of certain species, etc.

\* what is meant with “cross-cutting activity”: an activity undertaken by the RSC to protect the marine environment, e.g. the development of indicators or monitoring programmes, the establishment of a specific working group, the adoption of new targets, etc.

We now kindly ask you to describe the two environmental issues and/or cross-cutting activities with respect to which EU support would in your opinion be most needed to strengthen the contribution of the Black Sea Commission to the implementation of the MSFD.

### 12 Most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity

**When you think of the EU support that would be most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Concrete environmental issue

Cross-cutting activity

## IV Black Sea Commission - Potential EU support

### 12.1 Most important environmental issue

#### a. Please specify the concrete environmental issue that would be most important.

#### b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.

- biodiversity
- contaminants
- eutrophication
- fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

#### c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the most important environmental issue.

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

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**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue.**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ training
- Capacity building/ institutional structures
- Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## IV Black Sea Commission - Potential EU support

12.2 Most important cross-cutting activity

**a. Please specify the cross-cutting activity that would be most important.**

**b. Please select the broader field to which the activity belongs:**

- data collection/ monitoring assessment
- setting of targets/objectives
- planning, adoption and implementation
- research
- cooperation among authorities (contracting parties, EU, RSCs etc.)
- involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc.)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

**c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

- biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- contaminants
- eutrophication
- fish
- emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- difficult to specify
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity.**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ training
- Capacity building/ institutional structures
- Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):



## IV Black Sea Commission - Potential EU support

13 Second most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity

**When you think of the EU support that would be second most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

concrete environmental issue

cross-cutting activity

## IV Black Sea Commission - Potential EU support

13.1 second most important environmental issue

**a. Please describe the second most important concrete environmental issue in a few sentences:**

**b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.**

- Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- Contaminants
- Eutrophication
- Fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters)

**c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the second most important environmental issue:**

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue:**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ Training
- Capacity building/ Institutional structures
- Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ Additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)

## IV Black Sea Commission - Potential EU support

13.2 second most important cross-cutting activity

**a. Please describe the second most important cross-cutting activity in a few sentences:**

**b. Please select from the broader field to which the activity belongs (max. 200 characters):**

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

**c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

- Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- Contaminants
- Eutrophication
- Fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- difficult to specify
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity:**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ Training
- Capacity building/ Institutional structures
- Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ Additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

# Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

## Finish survey or continue with questionnaire on another RSC

You have now finished the questionnaire on the RSC Black Sea Commission. You have the choice to either finish the survey or continue with answering a questionnaire on another RSC.

**IMPORTANT!!!:** Please keep in mind that if you want to answer further questionnaires, to answer them in the proposed order. If you want to answer questionnaire 3 and 4, answer questionnaire 3 first!!!

### Would you like to finish the survey or answer a questionnaire on another RSC?

- finish survey
- continue with questionnaire 3 on UNEP/MAP
- continue with questionnaire 4 on OSPAR

## I UNEP/MAP - General questions

### 3 Are you an accredited stakeholder at UNEP/MAP?

yes

no

don't know

# Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

## II UNEP/MAP - Assessment of issue areas

**4a Which are the priority issues in your marine regions? Please rank the following on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = most important issue, 5=less important issue) (If you do not want to identify any "other issue", please rank it 5):**

<input type="text" value="6"/>	Biodiversity (including Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and non-indigenous species (NIS))
<input type="text" value="6"/>	Contaminants
<input type="text" value="6"/>	Eutrophication
<input type="text" value="6"/>	Fisheries
<input type="text" value="6"/>	Another issue (please specify below)

**4b If you identified "another issue", please specify here:**

**4c Comment on ranking:**

**5 Are there issues addressed at the European level (in particular by the Marine Strategy Framework Directive) which should also be addressed by UNEP/MAP? Please specify.**



## III UNEP/MAP - Specific activities

6 Data collection/monitoring/assessment

### a. Do you think that UNEP/MAP has a comprehensive knowledge of the state of the marine waters in their marine region?

- yes
- no
- don't know

### b. If not, where do you think are the main gaps in knowledge?

- lack of knowledge of a certain topic (biodiversity, eutrophication, etc.)
- lack of knowledge of a certain element (specific marine species, specific contaminant, etc.)
- lack of knowledge of a certain geographical area
- lack of knowledge of a certain period of time (lack of historical data, lack of recent data)
- Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)

### c. What do you think is/are the reason(s) for this/these gap(s)?

- lack of comparable data across countries
- lack of integrated framework at RSC level
- difficulties to collect data from private sources
- difficulties to access qualified experts
- material (equipment etc) difficulties
- Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)

## III UNEP/MAP - Specific activities

7 Targets/Objectives

**a. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by UNEP/MAP for the protection of the marine environment cover the right priority areas?**

- Fully
- Partly
- Not at all
- don't know

**b. If only partly or not at all, which areas are missing?**

**c. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by UNEP/MAP are sufficiently ambitious to ensure a healthy sea?**

- fully
- partly
- not at all
- don't know

**d. If only partly or not at all, please explain.**

**e. In your opinion, what are the main obstacles to their achievement?**

## III UNEP/MAP - Specific activities

8 Measures

**a. Do you think that the measures taken by UNEP/MAP to protect the marine environment are adequate (e.g. they address the critical issues)?**

- yes
- no
- don't know

**b. If not, what additional/alternative measures would be needed?**

**c. Have the measures been well-implemented at the regional/national level? Please score using the following scale:**

- good or very good implementation
- predominantly good implementation
- mixed implementation results
- predominantly insufficient implementation
- complete lack of or generally insufficient implementation
- don't know

**d. Comment (possibility to name the specific measure(s)/country to which the scoring above applies).**

**e. In your opinion, what improvements could be made to the implementation process?**

## III UNEP/MAP - Specific activities

9 Research

**a. In your opinion, what areas of scientific research should be prioritized in future for UNEP/MAP as a whole?**

**b. How could the research process be improved?**

- Better coordination of research topics between Contracting Parties/research institutes to avoid duplication of work and gaps
- Better coordination between Contracting Parties/research institutes with regard to the use of material resources (equipment/hardware)
- Better science-policy interface
- Other, please specify (max. 500 characters):

**c. According to you, which research projects carried out in your marine region were particularly successful? Please explain your answer.**

## III UNEP/MAP - Specific activities

10 Cooperation

**a. How effective is cooperation among UNEP/MAP Contracting Parties? Please explain your assessment.**

**b. In which areas (topics or activities) do you consider cooperation with other RSCs would be most needed? Please specify with which RSC if relevant.**

**c. In which settings and processes (e.g. specific types of working groups of the MSFD Common Implementation Strategy, certain kinds of projects, specific workshops, work on particular MSFD related thematic issues) do you think UNEP/MAP and the European Union have worked successfully together for the protection of the marine environment in your region? Please specify.**

## III UNEP/MAP - Specific activities

11 Stakeholder involvement

### a. Do you think your involvement in UNEP/MAP is sufficient?

- absolutely sufficient
- mostly sufficient
- partly sufficient
- hardly sufficient
- not at all sufficient
- don't know

### b. How could your involvement be improved? (you can tick several answers)

- active participation in high-level meetings
- active participation in working-level meetings
- passive participation in high-level meetings
- passive participation in working-level meetings
- more public consultations
- more stakeholder/public events
- more opportunities for informal contact with RSC staff (networking)
- Others, please specify (max 500 characters)

## IV UNEP/MAP Potential EU support

This is the last and most important part of the survey (for this RSC). We will now ask you to identify and describe the two most important environmental issues\* and/or cross-cutting activities\* with respect to which, in your opinion, EU support would be most needed to strengthen the contribution of UNEP/MAP to the implementation of the MSFD.

\* what is meant with “environmental issue”: a problem that arises (or might arise) in the marine environment in your region, e.g. pollution by marine litter, biodiversity loss, contamination of bathing waters, overfishing of certain species, etc.

\* what is meant with “cross-cutting activity”: an activity undertaken by the RSC to protect the marine environment, e.g. the development of indicators or monitoring programmes, the establishment of a specific working group, the adoption of new targets, etc.

We now kindly ask you to describe the two environmental issues and/or cross-cutting activities with respect to which EU support would in your opinion be most needed to strengthen the contribution of UNEP/MAP to the implementation of the MSFD.

### 12 Most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity

**When you think of the EU support that would be most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Concrete environmental issue

Cross-cutting activity

## IV UNEP/MAP Potential EU support

### 12.1 Most important environmental issue

#### a. Please specify the concrete environmental issue that would be most important.

#### b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.

- biodiversity
- contaminants
- eutrophication
- fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

#### c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the most important environmental issue.

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):



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**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue.**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ training
- Capacity building/ institutional structures
- Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## IV UNEP/MAP Potential EU support

12.2 Most important cross-cutting activity

**a. Please specify the cross-cutting activity that would be most important.**

**b. Please select the broader field to which the activity belongs:**

- data collection/ monitoring assessment
- setting of targets/objectives
- planning, adoption and implementation
- research
- cooperation among authorities (contracting parties, EU, RSCs etc.)
- involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc.)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

**c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

- biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- contaminants
- eutrophication
- fish
- emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- difficult to specify
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity.**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ training
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- Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## IV UNEP/MAP Potential EU support

13 Second most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity

**When you think of the EU support that would be second most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

concrete environmental issue

cross-cutting activity

## IV UNEP/MAP - Potential EU support

13.1 second most important environmental issue

**a. Please describe the second most important concrete environmental issue in a few sentences:**

**b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.**

- Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- Contaminants
- Eutrophication
- Fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters)

**c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the second most important environmental issue:**

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
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## Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

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- Coordination/ Common planning
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- Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ Additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)

## IV UNEP/MAP Potential EU support

13.2 second most important cross-cutting activity

**a. Please describe the second most important cross-cutting activity in a few sentences:**

**b. Please select from the broader field to which the activity belongs (max. 200 characters):**

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
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- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
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## Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

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- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):




## Finish survey or continue with questionnaire on another RSC

You have now finished the questionnaire on the RSC UNEP/MAP. You have the choice to either finish the survey or continue with answering the questionnaire on the RSC OSPAR.

### Would you like to finish the survey or answer a questionnaire on another RSC?

 finish survey

 continue with questionnaire 4 on OSPAR

## I OSPAR General questions

### 3 Are you an accredited stakeholder at OSPAR?

yes

no

don't know

# Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

## II OSPAR Assessment of issue areas

**4a Which are the priority issues in your marine regions? Please rank the following on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = most important issue, 5=less important issue) (if you do not want to identify any "other issue", please rank it 5):**

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<input type="text" value="6"/>	Eutrophication
<input type="text" value="6"/>	Fisheries
<input type="text" value="6"/>	Another issue (please specify below)

**4b If you identified "another issue", please specify here (max. 100 characters):**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="6"/>

**4c Comment on ranking (max. 500 characters) :**

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**5 Are there issues addressed at the European level (in particular by the Marine Strategy Framework Directive) which should also be addressed by OSPAR? Please specify.**

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## III OSPAR Specific activities

6 Data collection/monitoring/assessment

### a. Do you think that OSPAR has a comprehensive knowledge of the state of the marine waters in their marine region?

- yes
- no
- don't know

### b. If not, where do you think are the main gaps in knowledge?

- lack of knowledge of a certain topic (biodiversity, eutrophication, etc.)
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## III OSPAR - Specific activities

7 Targets/Objectives

**a. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by OSPAR for the protection of the marine environment cover the right priority areas?**

- Fully
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- Not at all
- don't know

**b. If only partly or not at all, which areas are missing?**

**c. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by OSPAR are sufficiently ambitious to ensure a healthy sea?**

- fully
- partly
- not at all
- don't know

**d. If only partly or not at all, please explain**

**e. In your opinion, what are the main obstacles to their achievement?**

## III OSPAR - Specific activities

8 Measures

**a. Do you think that the measures taken by OSPAR to protect the marine environment are adequate (e.g. they address the critical issues)?**

- yes
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- don't know

**b. If not, what additional/alternative measures would be needed?**

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**e. In your opinion, what improvements could be made to the implementation process?**

## III OSPAR Specific activities

9 Research

**a. In your opinion, what areas of scientific research should be prioritized in future for the OSPAR as a whole?**

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- Better coordination of research topics between Contracting Parties/research institutes to avoid duplication of work and gaps
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## III OSPAR Specific activities

10 Cooperation

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## III OSPAR Specific activities

11 Stakeholder involvement

### a. Do you think your involvement in OSPAR is sufficient?

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- not at all sufficient
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### b. How could your involvement be improved? (you can tick several answers)

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- passive participation in high-level meetings
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- more public consultations
- more stakeholder/public events
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- Others, please specify (max 500 characters)

## IV OSPAR Potential EU support

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We now kindly ask you to describe the two environmental issues and/or cross-cutting activities with respect to which EU support would in your opinion be most needed to strengthen the contribution of OSPAR to the implementation of the MSFD.

### 12 Most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity

**When you think of the EU support that would be most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Concrete environmental issue

Cross-cutting activity

## IV OSPAR Potential EU support

### 12.1 Most important environmental issue

#### a. Please specify the concrete environmental issue that would be most important.

#### b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.

- biodiversity
- contaminants
- eutrophication
- fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

#### c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the most important environmental issue.

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

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**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue.**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ training
- Capacity building/ institutional structures
- Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## IV OSPAR - Potential EU support

12.2 Most important cross-cutting activity

**a. Please specify the cross-cutting activity that would be most important.**

**b. Please select the broader field to which the activity belongs:**

- data collection/ monitoring assessment
- setting of targets/objectives
- planning, adoption and implementation
- research
- cooperation among authorities (contracting parties, EU, RSCs etc.)
- involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc.)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

**c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

- biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- contaminants
- eutrophication
- fish
- emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- difficult to specify
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity.**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
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- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ training
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- Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## IV OSPAR Potential EU support

13 Second most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity

**When you think of the EU support that would be second most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

concrete environmental issue

cross-cutting activity

## IV OSPAR - Potential EU support

13.1 second most important environmental issue

**a. Please describe the second most important concrete environmental issue in a few sentences:**

**b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.**

- Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- Contaminants
- Eutrophication
- Fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters)

**c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the second most important environmental issue:**

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):



## Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue:**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
- Coordination/ Exchange of information
- Coordination/ Sharing of best practices
- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ Training
- Capacity building/ Institutional structures
- Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ Additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)

## IV OSPAR Potential EU support

13.2 second most important cross-cutting activity

**a. Please describe the second most important cross-cutting activity in a few sentences:**

**b. Please select from the broader field to which the activity belongs (max. 200 characters):**

- Data collection/monitoring assessment
- Setting of targets/objectives
- Planning, adoption and implementation of measures
- Research
- Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)
- Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)
- Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):

**c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

- Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)
- Contaminants
- Eutrophication
- Fish
- Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise
- difficult to specify
- Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):

## Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

**d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity:**

- Coordination/ Common planning
- Coordination/ Consultation
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- Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols
- Capacity building/ Training
- Capacity building/ Institutional structures
- Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)
- Capacity building/ Additional staff
- Secretarial support
- Research
- Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):

# Stakeholder survey on the Regional Sea Conventions

## Good bye.

Thank you very much for participating!

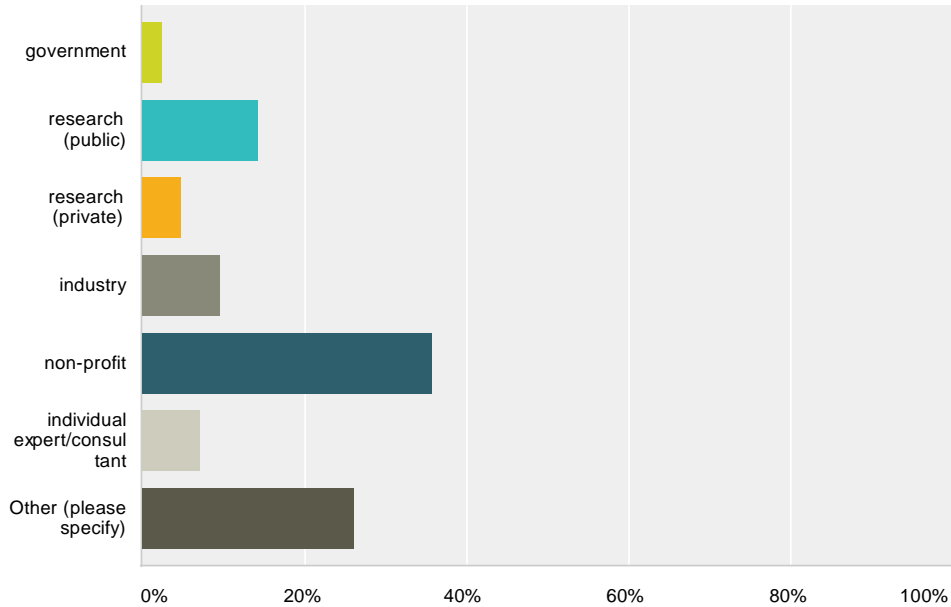
In order to finish the survey, please click "done" below.

## 3 – Survey results

### 3.1. Introduction

#### Q1 1 What type of organisation do you work for?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 8



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>government</b>	<b>2.38%</b> 1
<b>research (public)</b>	<b>14.29%</b> 6
<b>research (private)</b>	<b>4.76%</b> 2
<b>industry</b>	<b>9.52%</b> 4
<b>non-profit</b>	<b>35.71%</b> 15
<b>individual expert/consultant</b>	<b>7.14%</b> 3
Other (please specify) <b>Responses</b>	<b>26.19%</b> 11
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>

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1	International Organization	6/6/2013 9:27 AM
2	Inter-governmental	6/3/2013 1:36 PM
3	presently after 38 years of working in a R&D institute in the field of water quality monitoring	5/31/2013 9:25 PM
4	University	5/28/2013 8:30 PM
5	international River Commission	5/28/2013 2:32 PM
6	international organization	5/22/2013 9:27 AM
7	intergovernmental initiative	5/17/2013 3:09 PM
8	interregional organization	5/17/2013 9:43 AM
9	UN International Agency	5/16/2013 10:41 AM
10	IGO	5/16/2013 10:03 AM
11	trade union of french fishermen (CFTC)	5/16/2013 9:58 AM

## Q2 2 Please specify (name and address):

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#	Responses	Date
1	Mr. Nikolaos EMIRZAS Executive Manager BSEC Permanent International Secretariat Sakıp Sabancı Caddesi, Müşir Fuad Paşa Yalısı, Eski Tersane 34467- Emirgan Istanbul / Turkey Tel :+90 212 229 63 30-35 Fax:+90 212 229 63 36	6/6/2013 9:27 AM
2	IMEDASSET-Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles c/o 4, Hillside Close, London NW8 OEF, UK 1c Licavitou St., 106 72 Athens, GREECE	6/4/2013 3:08 PM
3	Seas At Risk Rue d'Edimbourg 26 1050 Brussels	6/3/2013 5:14 PM
4	Surfers Against Sewage	6/3/2013 2:49 PM
5	Common Wadden Sea Secretariat Virchowstrasse 1, D-26382 Wilhelmshaven T +49 (0)4421 9108 12   M +49 (0)170 38 23 787 waddensea-secretariat.org   waddensea-worldheritage.org	6/3/2013 1:36 PM
6	EAA, European Anglers Alliance Rue du Luxembourg 47 1050 Brussels, Belgium	6/3/2013 12:15 PM
7	Paul Goriup 36 Kingfisher Court Newbury RG14 5SJ United Kingdom	6/1/2013 6:32 AM
8	Liviu N. Popescu Strada Praga ,nr 6, Ploiesti, jud Prahova, cod 100172, ROMANIA	5/31/2013 9:25 PM
9	Verena Ohms Executive Secretary P.O. Box 72 2280 AB Rijswijk The Netherlands Tel. +31 (0)70 336 9624 M. +31 (0)63 375 6324 Fax +31 (0)70 399 9426	5/31/2013 7:13 PM
10	Hanna Paulomäki OCEANA Nyhavn 16 4 sal 1051 Copenhagen, Denmark	5/31/2013 9:47 AM
11	Celtic Seas Partnership WWF-UK Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, CF10 5FH UK	5/30/2013 1:30 PM
12	CENTRAL DREDGING ASSOCIATION - CEDA Rotterdamseweg 183c 2629 HD Delft, the Netherlands filling out on behalf of NAVI a thematic cluster og 9 associations: CEDA - Central Dredging Association; PIANC - International Navigation Association; EBA - European Boating Association; European Boating Industry; ECSA - European Community Shipowners Association; ESPO - European Seaports Organisation; EuDA - European Dredging Association; ICOMIA - International Council of Marine Industry Associations; ISU - International Salvage Union.	5/30/2013 9:27 AM
13	Sinop University Fisheries Faculty Department of Hydrobiology TR57000 Sinop Turkey	5/30/2013 9:11 AM
14	Professor Michael Thorndyke Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences Distinguished Chair of Experimental Marine Biology Head of International Development Sven Lovén Centre for Marine Sciences University of Gothenburg Kristineberg Fiskeäckskil 451 78 Sweden	5/29/2013 3:39 PM
15	Karadeniz Technical University, Faculty of Marine Science	5/28/2013 8:30 PM
16	ASCAME Avinguda diagonal, 452 Barcelona	5/28/2013 3:18 PM
17	International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR, www.iks.org)	5/28/2013 2:32 PM
18	International Chamber of Shipping	5/28/2013 2:22 PM
19	The Pew Charitable Trusts Square du Bastion 1A, boîte 5 1050 Brussels Belgium	5/28/2013 2:13 PM
20	prof. Snejana Moncheva Institute of Oceanology-BAS Varna, 9000, P.O. Box 152 Bulgaria	5/28/2013 2:09 PM
21	IO-BAS, 40 Parvi Mai str, Varna 9000, Bulgaria	5/28/2013 1:43 PM
22	Angeles Longa Consello Regulador Mexillon de Galicia	5/28/2013 11:00 AM
23	Black Sea NGO Network, Varna, 2 Dr. L. Zamenhof St., Bulgaria	5/28/2013 7:39 AM
24	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, VIC, Wagrammer Strasse5, 1220 Vienna, Austria	5/22/2013 9:27 AM
25	OceanCare Oberdorfstrasse 16 CH-8820 Waedenswil www.oceancare.org	5/20/2013 2:01 PM
26	EuroGOOS AISBL Av. Louise 231 1050 Brussels Belgium	5/20/2013 1:20 PM
27	Baltic Sea Region Spatial Planning Initiative VASAB	5/17/2013 3:09 PM
28	University of Athens , Panapistimiopolis, !5784 Athens, Greece	5/17/2013 2:47 PM
29	Oceana 39 rue montoyer 1000 Brussels	5/17/2013 12:10 PM
30	National Institute for Marine Research and Development "Grigore Antipa" Blv.Mamaia 300, 600581 Constanta, ROMANIA	5/17/2013 11:12 AM
31	Balkans and Black Sea Regional Commission CPMR RENNES - FRANCE	5/17/2013 9:43 AM

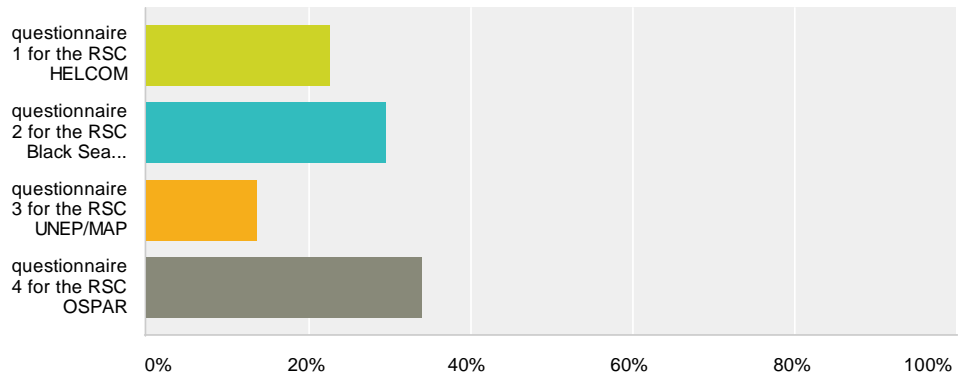


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33	Mr. Mearab Sharabidze. Digomi 1kv. 3B korp. apt. 53. 0159-Tbilisi, Georgia	5/16/2013 6:34 PM
34	South Baltic Cross-border Co-operation Programme managed by the Ministry for Regional Development in Poland	5/16/2013 2:21 PM
35	IAEA Wagramer Strasse 5, PO BOX100 A-1400 Vienna-Austria	5/16/2013 10:41 AM
36	www.ices.dk	5/16/2013 10:03 AM
37	Slim GANA SAROST Immeuble SAADI - Tour EF, 8E EL Menzah 4 - Tunis Tunisia	5/16/2013 10:02 AM
38	Dachicourt Bruno 380 rue de l'Imperatrice 62600 Berck	5/16/2013 9:58 AM
39	European Community of Consumer Co-operatives (Euro Coop)	5/16/2013 9:32 AM



**Q3 Which questionnaire would you like to begin with? Please remember that you have to follow the numerical order if you want to answer several questionnaires!**

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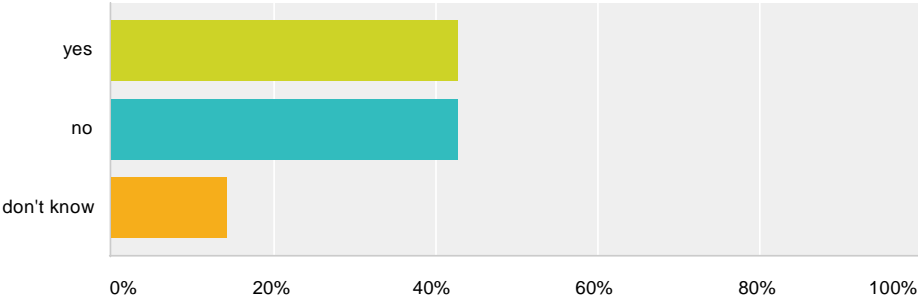


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>questionnaire 1 for the RSC HELCOM</b>	<b>22.73%</b> 10
<b>questionnaire 2 for the RSC Black Sea Commission</b>	<b>29.55%</b> 13
<b>questionnaire 3 for the RSC UNEP/MAP</b>	<b>13.64%</b> 6
<b>questionnaire 4 for the RSC OSPAR</b>	<b>34.09%</b> 15
Total	44

3.2. HELCOM

Q4 3 Are you an accredited stakeholder at HELCOM?

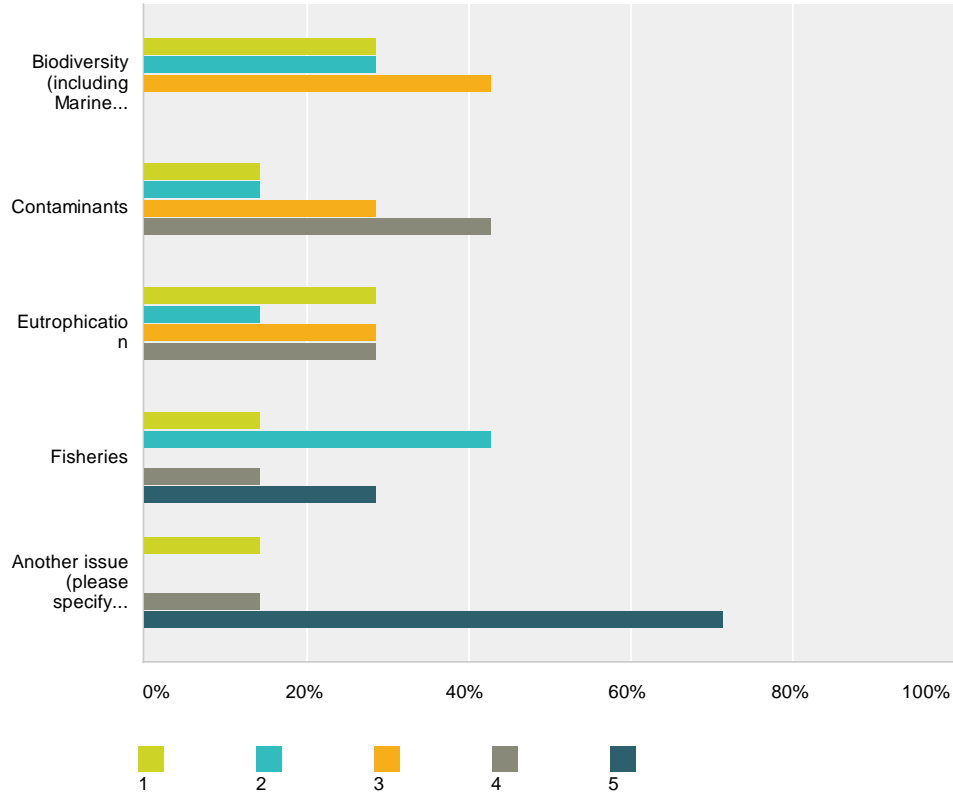
Answered: 7 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses	
yes	42.86%	3
no	42.86%	3
don't know	14.29%	1
Total		7

**Q5 4a Which are the priority issues in your marine regions? Please rank the following on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = most important issue, 5=less important issue). (If you do not want to identify any "other issue", please rank it 5):**

Answered: 7 Skipped: 43



	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average Ranking
<b>Biodiversity (including Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and non-indigenous species (NIS))</b>	28.57% 2	28.57% 2	42.86% 3	0% 0	0% 0	7	3.86
<b>Contaminants</b>	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	42.86% 3	0% 0	7	3.00
<b>Eutrophication</b>	28.57% 2	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	28.57% 2	0% 0	7	3.43
<b>Fisheries</b>	14.29% 1	42.86% 3	0% 0	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	7	3.00
<b>Another issue (please specify below)</b>	14.29% 1	0% 0	0% 0	14.29% 1	71.43% 5	7	1.71

**Q6 4b If you identified "another issue",  
please specify here:**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	Intensive maritime traffic, offshore and coastal developments, extraction of materials from sea bed.	5/31/2013 10:06 AM
2	Management of seals and seabirds	5/21/2013 1:56 PM
3	Risk of oil pollution from shipping (and risks related to other maritime activities)	5/17/2013 8:04 AM

## Q7 4c Comment on ranking:

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

#	Responses	Date
1	Curbing eutrophication is at utmost importance, but at the same time actions towards more sustainable fisheries and more and better quality MPAs should be taken.	5/31/2013 10:06 AM
2	Protecting from and assessing impact of Climate Change on marine ecosystems is central importance	5/29/2013 3:42 PM

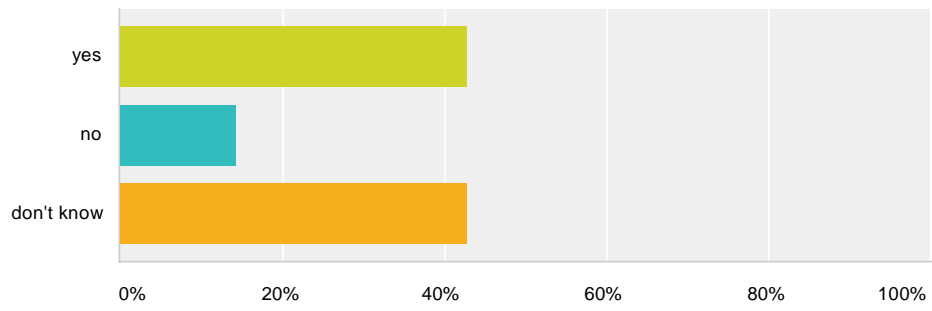
**Q8 5 Are there issues addressed at the European level (in particular by the Marine Strategy Framework Directive) which should also be addressed by HELCOM? Please specify.**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	The MSFD's descriptor 3 concerning "Populations of all commercially exploited fish and shellfish are within safe biological limits, exhibiting a population age and size distribution that is indicative of a healthy stock" We are worried that EU might agree, that the oldest/biggest fish are not needed to fulfil the criteria of "a healthy stock". HELCOM should insist on that. Concerning Baltic salmon: HELCOM should do more to raise awareness about the problem of "mixed stock salmon fisheries". The EU's TAC and Quota system manage Baltic salmon as if it was one stock. This is not the case. Salmon are river specific. Targeting salmon at sea - where salmon from different stocks mixes - makes it very difficult (impossible) to protect weak salmon stocks.	6/3/2013 12:38 PM
2	Fisheries are exclusively addressed in EU. This is fine, but when it come to fish as part of biodiversity and especially in management of MPAs, HELCOM could and should take stronger positions.	5/31/2013 10:06 AM
3	Climate change impacts at Regional level	5/29/2013 3:42 PM
4	Yes, achieving the settled goal by 2020 -good environmental water quality	5/17/2013 3:12 PM
5	HELCOM is covering the issues quite well	5/17/2013 8:04 AM

### Q9 a. Do you think that HELCOM has a comprehensive knowledge of the state of the marine waters in their marine region?

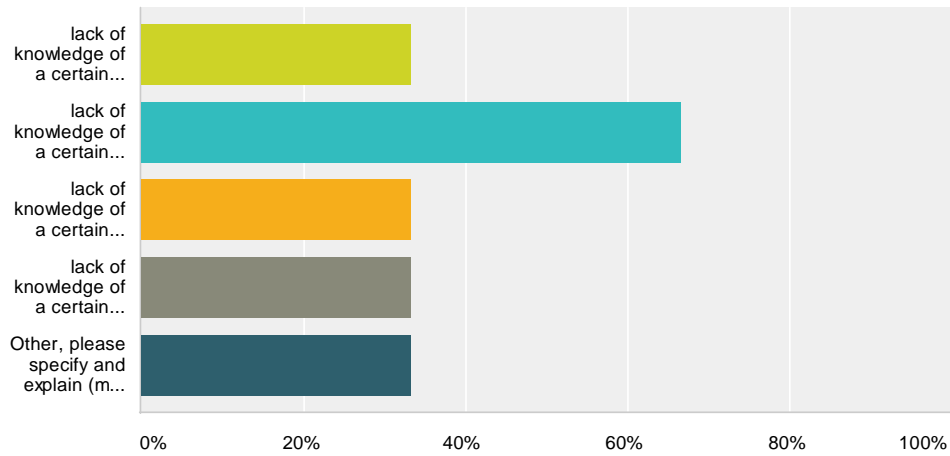
Answered: 7 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>yes</b>	<b>42.86%</b> 3
<b>no</b>	<b>14.29%</b> 1
<b>don't know</b>	<b>42.86%</b> 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>

## Q10 b. If not, where do you think are the main gaps in knowledge?

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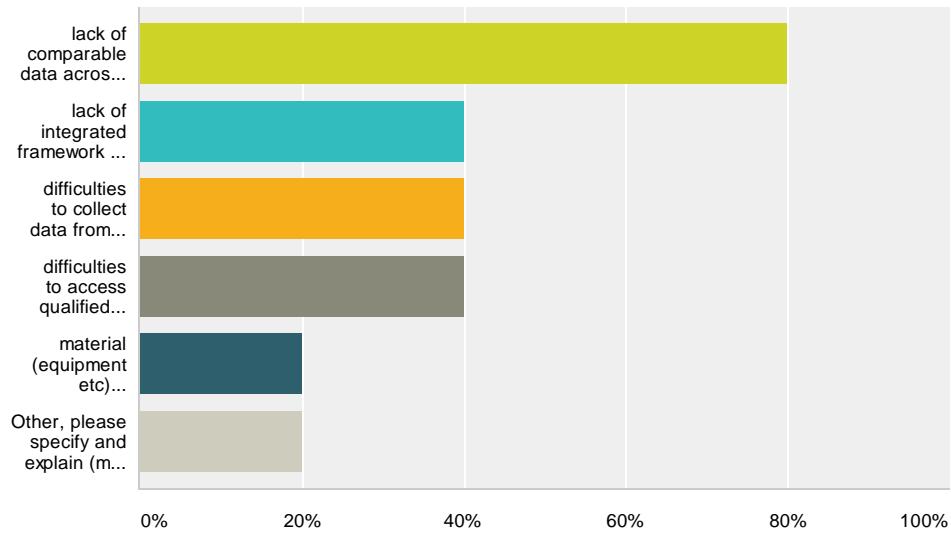
Answer Choices	Responses
lack of knowledge of a certain topic (biodiversity, eutrophication, etc.)	33.33% 1
lack of knowledge of a certain element (specific marine species, specific contaminant, etc.)	66.67% 2
lack of knowledge of a certain geographical area	33.33% 1
lack of knowledge of a certain period of time (lack of historical data, lack of recent data)	33.33% 1
Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters) <a href="#">Responses</a>	33.33% 1
Total Respondents: 3	

#	Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)	Date
1	Still lack of knowledge on certain contaminants and their pathways in the system	5/17/2013 8:08 AM



### Q11 c. What do you think is/are the reason(s) for this/these gap(s)?

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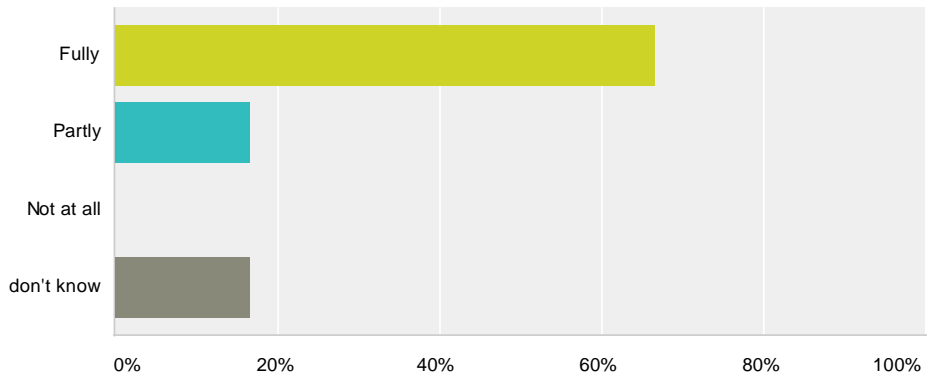


Answer Choices	Responses
lack of comparable data across countries	80% 4
lack of integrated framework at RSC level	40% 2
difficulties to collect data from private sources	40% 2
difficulties to access qualified experts	40% 2
material (equipment etc) difficulties	20% 1
Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters) <b>Responses</b>	20% 1
Total Respondents: 5	

#	Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)	Date
1	I think HELCOM holds as good data as it is possible to gather from 9 countries. So, in this context I think HELCOM holds comprehensive knowledge at regional scale. When looking on a finer scale, then the data is often too rough.	5/31/2013 10:15 AM

**Q12 a. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by HELCOM for the protection of the marine environment cover the right priority areas?**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Fully</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 4
<b>Partly</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>Not at all</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>don't know</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

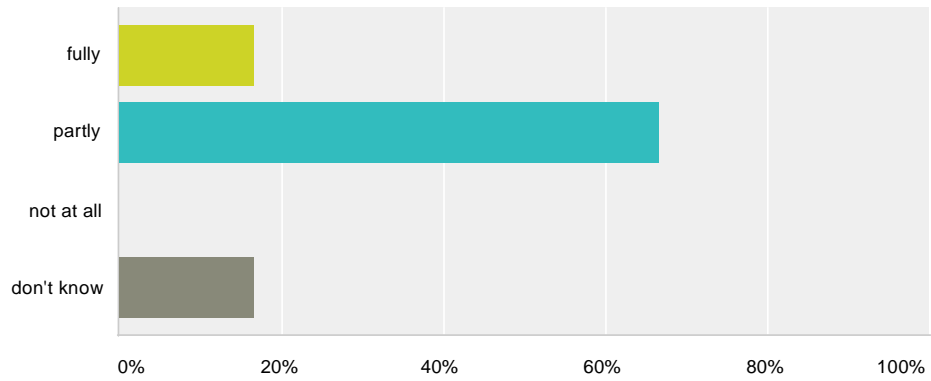
**Q13 b. If only partly or not at all, which areas are missing?**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	Regional assessment of potential climate change impacts (Global warming and Ocean acidification)	5/29/2013 3:48 PM

**Q14 c. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by HELCOM are sufficiently ambitious to ensure a healthy sea?**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>fully</b>	<b>16.67%</b>	1
<b>partly</b>	<b>66.67%</b>	4
<b>not at all</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>don't know</b>	<b>16.67%</b>	1
Total		6

**Q15 d. If only partly or not at all, please explain.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	see comments above but most serious is lack of forward planning for experimental assessment of climate impacts based on predicted values and levels of warming and pH change.	5/29/2013 3:48 PM
2	Not all potential measures have been used so far, especially those in the sea area.	5/17/2013 3:15 PM
3	More research is needed to understand the impacts of contaminants, eutrophication and especially accumulated impacts	5/17/2013 8:10 AM

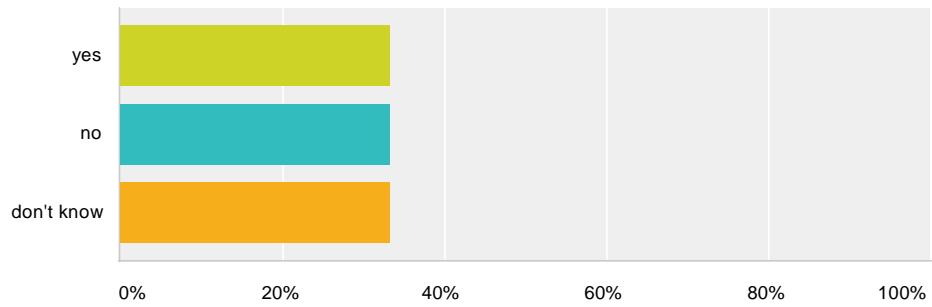
## Q16 e. In your opinion, what are the main obstacles to their achievement?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	Lack of proper implementation of agreements. The ambition of agreements is higher than many EU directives but thus far countries are implementing the minimum level set by these directives.	5/31/2013 10:17 AM
2	Integrated research planning strategy but this has been addressed by Euromarine and needs to be widely disseminated and adopted by National and Regional research operators and funders: <a href="http://www.euromarineconsortium.eu/">http://www.euromarineconsortium.eu/</a>	5/29/2013 3:48 PM
3	The fact that all constituent countries have veto power on all issues makes it difficult/impossible to adopt measures that would affect a state's economy negatively	5/21/2013 1:56 PM
4	A bit sectoral thinking	5/17/2013 3:15 PM
5	Pure coordination of research and monitoring activities; sometimes too conservative approaches	5/17/2013 8:10 AM

**Q17 a. Do you think that the measures taken by HELCOM to protect the marine environment are adequate (e.g. they address the critical issues)?**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>yes</b>	33.33% 2
<b>no</b>	33.33% 2
<b>don't know</b>	33.33% 2
<b>Total</b>	6

### Q18 b. If not, what additional/alternative measures would be needed?

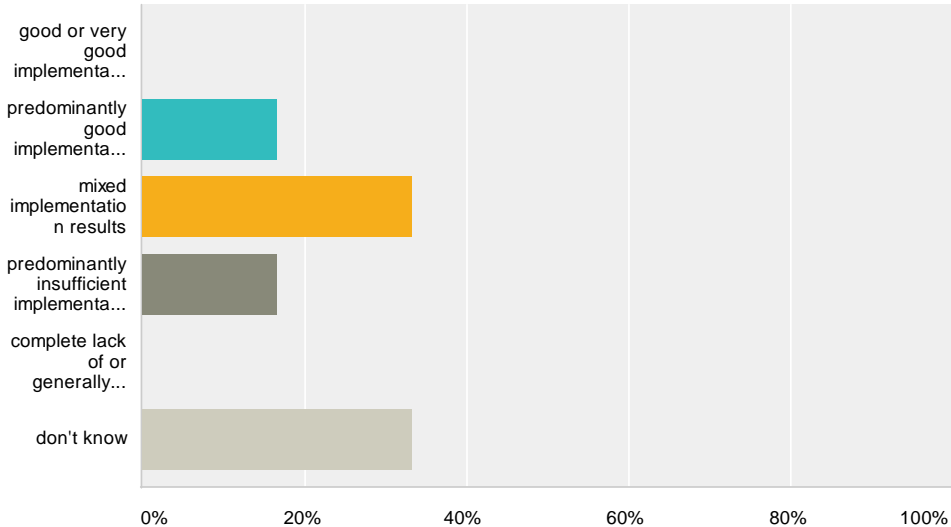
Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	More focus should be put in implementation and developing incentives for countries to implement HELCOM agreements.	5/31/2013 10:22 AM
2	See 7e	5/21/2013 1:56 PM
3	I answered yes, as far as we understand the problems and their solutions. But I guess, much more understanding is needed to get most effective measures in place	5/17/2013 8:13 AM



**Q19 c. Have the measures been well-implemented at the regional/national level?  
Please score using the following scale:**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>good or very good implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>predominantly good implementation</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>mixed implementation results</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
<b>predominantly insufficient implementation</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>complete lack of or generally insufficient implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>don't know</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

**Q20 d. Comment (possibility to name the specific measure(s)/country to which the scoring above applies.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	For instance the protection of marine environment is insufficient because countries are using the Nature directives and Natura 2000 network to create MPAs which is not enough. Management of MPAs is poor.	5/31/2013 10:22 AM
2	For example in Sweden many Natura 2000/BSPA's lack adequate protection from human impacts	5/21/2013 1:56 PM
3	Sometimes we even don't know (cannot estimate adequately enough) the inputs of different substances from land based sources	5/17/2013 8:13 AM

**Q21 e. In your opinion, what improvements could be made to the implementation process?**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	The follow-up of implementation should be more transparent. Now it is based on countries own reporting and it is difficult to compare the measures in different countries and those actual effect in environment.	5/31/2013 10:22 AM
2	more communication and integration between projects/programmes	5/29/2013 3:49 PM
3	???	5/21/2013 1:56 PM
4	More holistic analysis, approaches. Encouragement of all countries to contribute adequately and equally towards improvement of the sea water quality. That apply particularly to the need of building of waste water treatment in the areas of the Baltic Sea basin, including some big cities, where they still does not exist.	5/17/2013 3:21 PM
5	Free data and information sharing	5/17/2013 8:13 AM

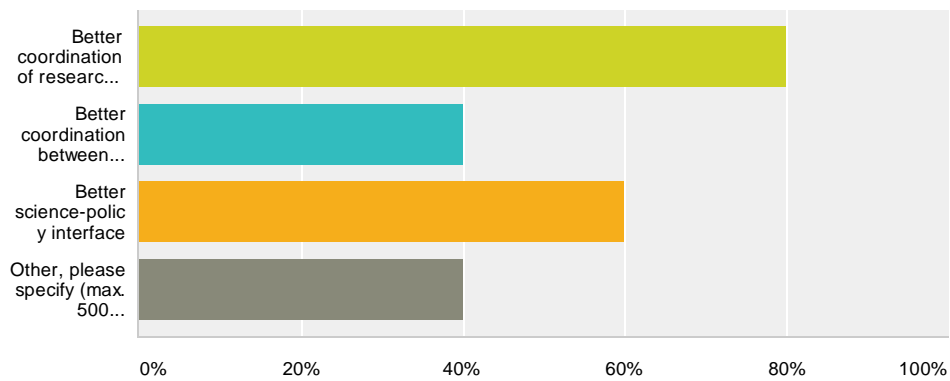
**Q22 a. In your opinion, what areas of scientific research should be prioritized in future for HELCOM as a whole?**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	Further development of core-set of indicators and continue the development of environmentally sound fisheries practices inside MPAs.	5/31/2013 10:24 AM
2	Experimental assessment of potential climate change impacts Blue Biotechnology Human Health and the Oceans	5/29/2013 3:51 PM
3	An increased multidisciplinary research	5/21/2013 1:56 PM
4	Research that would be useful for maritime spatial planning, Also elaboration of methodologies and guidelines on application of ecosystem approach in maritime spatial planning.	5/17/2013 3:27 PM
5	1. Pathways and impacts of certain contaminants in the marine ecosystem 2. Development of monitoring methods (autonomous systems, spatial coverage, not just point measurement especially sea bed, etc) 3. Better models especially for biogeochemical processes in stratified waters	5/17/2013 8:19 AM

## Q23 b. How could the research process be improved?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Better coordination of research topics between Contracting Parties/research institutes to avoid duplication of work and gaps</b>	80% 4
<b>Better coordination between Contracting Parties/research institutes with regard to the use of material resources (equipment/hardware)</b>	40% 2
<b>Better science-policy interface</b>	60% 3
Other, please specify (max. 500 characters): <a href="#">Responses</a>	40% 2
Total Respondents: 5	

#	Other, please specify (max. 500 characters):	Date
1	Increased international cooperation	5/21/2013 1:56 PM
2	Joint programmes (e.g. BONUS, possibly together with some other sea reagon))	5/17/2013 8:19 AM

**Q24 c. According to you, which research projects carried out in your marine region were particularly successful? Please explain your answer.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	Integration of Marine Networks of Excellence Integration of Marine Research Infrastructure Finally we are agreeing on joint strategies and open access and, perhaps most importantly, good training programmes and outreach for "Ocean Literacy"	5/29/2013 3:51 PM
2	Might be several under BONUS programme.	5/17/2013 3:27 PM
3	Gulf of Riga Project (1993-1998); Gulf of Finland Year 1996; intense studies in a sea area with large amount of data for further analysis	5/17/2013 8:19 AM

**Q25 a. How effective is cooperation among HELCOM Contracting Parties? Please explain your assessment.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	don't know	5/29/2013 3:52 PM
2	As far I have indirect experience - it works, sometimes difficulties to agree on common ideas etc, bet in general-well established.	5/17/2013 3:31 PM
3	Cooperation is effective with some countries, but poor with non active countries	5/17/2013 8:21 AM

**Q26 b. In which areas (topics or activities) do you consider cooperation with other RSCs would be most needed? Please specify with which RSC if relevant.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	see above	5/29/2013 3:52 PM
2	Cross-sectoral cooperation, integrated approach to maritime policy	5/17/2013 3:31 PM
3	Impact of contaminants, underwater noise; biogeochemical processes in stratified environments with hypoxic/anoxic sea bed etc	5/17/2013 8:21 AM



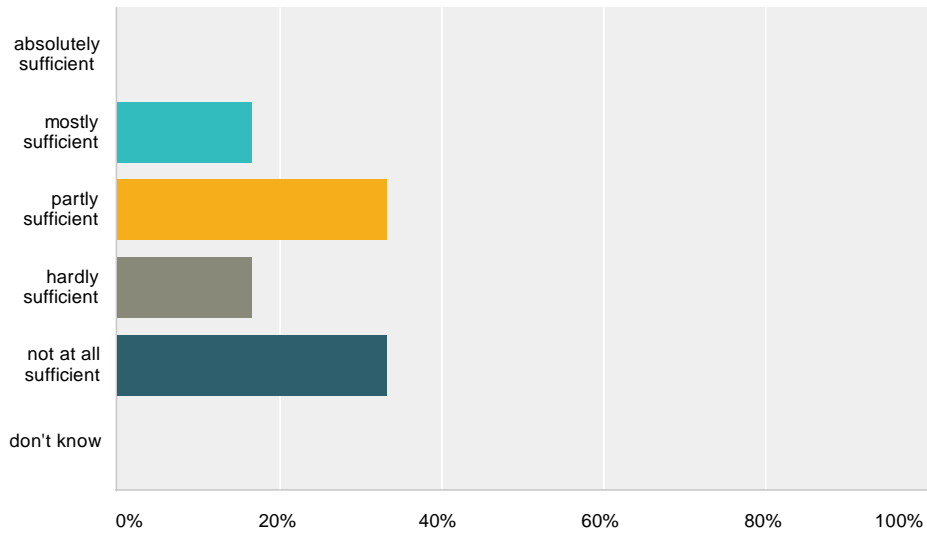
**Q27 c. In which settings and processes (e.g. specific types of working groups of the MSFD Common Implementation Strategy, certain kinds of projects, specific workshops, work on particular MSFD related thematic issues) do you think HELCOM and the European Union have worked successfully together for the protection of the marine environment in your region?  
Please specify.**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	don't know, lack of information	5/29/2013 3:52 PM
2	?	5/21/2013 1:57 PM
3	Cooperation with spatial planning institutions. Experience of Joint HELCOM -VASAB maritime spatial planning working group , established in 2010.	5/17/2013 3:31 PM
4	Specific working groups and workshops	5/17/2013 8:21 AM

## Q28 a. Do you think your involvement in HELCOM is sufficient?

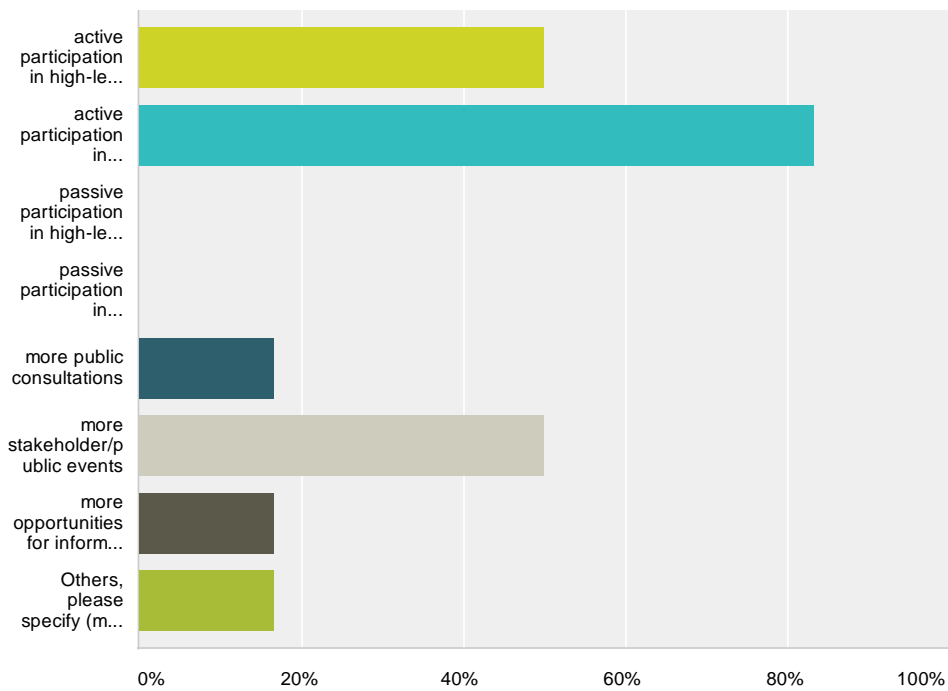
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Answer Choices	Responses
<b>absolutely sufficient</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>mostly sufficient</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>partly sufficient</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
<b>hardly sufficient</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>not at all sufficient</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
<b>don't know</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

## Q29 b. How could your involvement be improved? (you can tick several answers)

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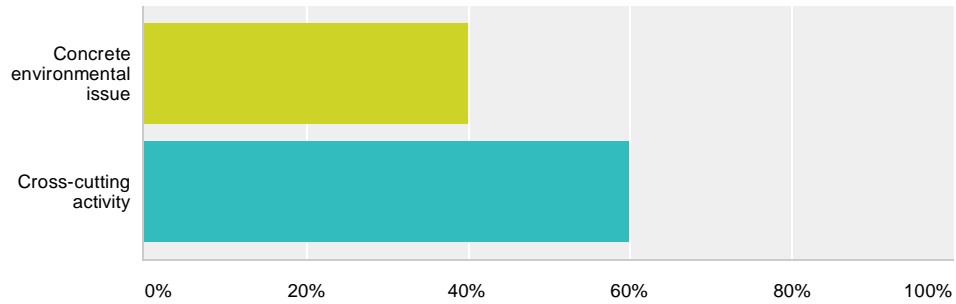


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
<b>active participation in high-level meetings</b>	<b>50%</b>	3
<b>active participation in working-level meetings</b>	<b>83.33%</b>	5
<b>passive participation in high-level meetings</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>passive participation in working-level meetings</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>more public consultations</b>	<b>16.67%</b>	1
<b>more stakeholder/public events</b>	<b>50%</b>	3
<b>more opportunities for informal contact with RSC staff (networking)</b>	<b>16.67%</b>	1
Others, please specify (max 500 characters) <b>Responses</b>	<b>16.67%</b>	1
Total Respondents: 6		

#	Others, please specify (max 500 characters)	Date
1	We are a member of the EU's 7 RACs (with 3 more to come) and also attend some ICES meetings and other marine events. Priorities are very much needed to balance the scarce resources (money, people) with the anticipated outcome. HELCOM, is seen as a lower ranking unit within marine affairs of our interest but surely would be one we would like to engage with much more - if we had the the money and time for this.	6/3/2013 12:45 PM

**Q30 12 Most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity When you think of the EU support that would be most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Concrete environmental issue</b>	<b>40%</b>	2
<b>Cross-cutting activity</b>	<b>60%</b>	3
Total		5

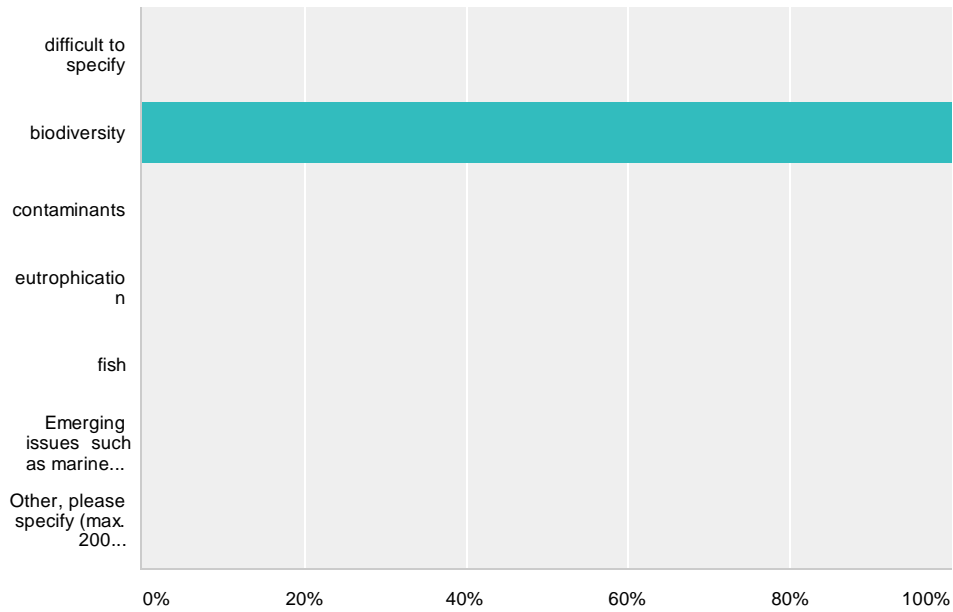
**Q31 a. Please specify the concrete environmental issue that would be most important.**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

#	Responses	Date
1	The MSFD rightly asks for considering the entire marine realm, but in fact there are quite few tools to legally address threats facing those parts of nature that are not protected under the Nature directives. For instance, there should be better and faster ways to address over-fishing and/or destructive fishing inside MPAs. And have better tools to protect those parts of marine biodiversity not covered by Habitats Directive.	5/31/2013 12:37 PM
2	Climate change impacts on coastal marine ecosystems	5/29/2013 3:54 PM

### Q32 b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

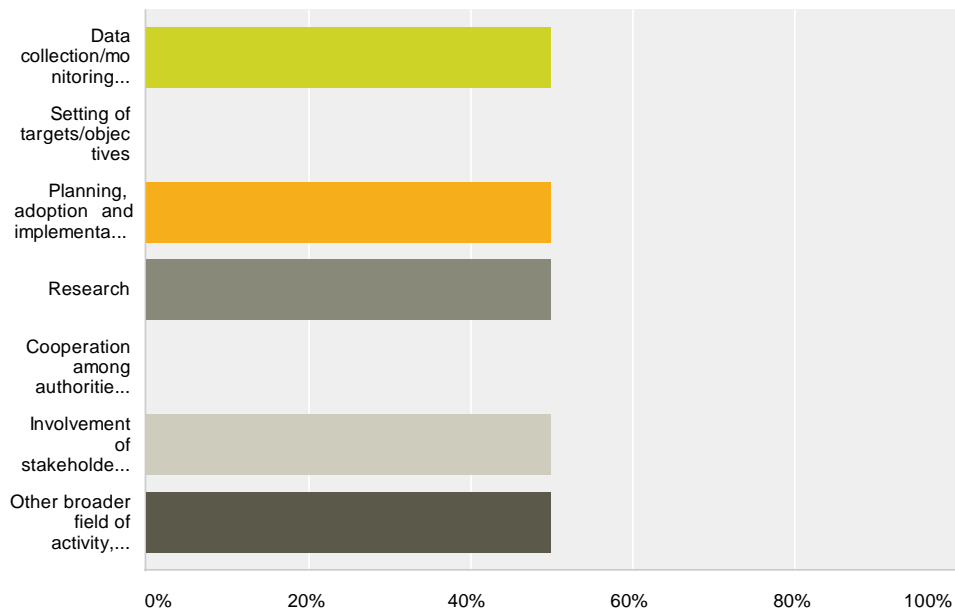


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>difficult to specify</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>biodiversity</b>	<b>100%</b> 2
<b>contaminants</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>eutrophication</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>fish</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q33 c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the most important environmental issue.**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

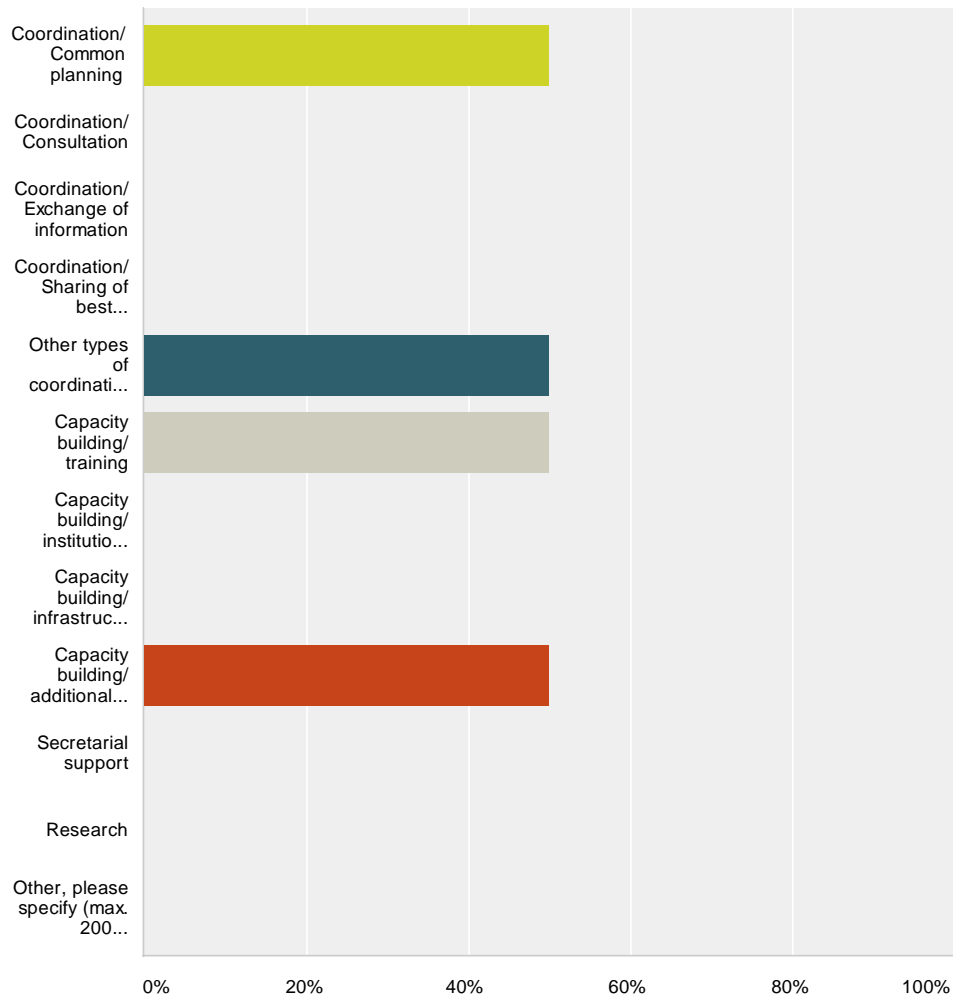


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Data collection/monitoring assessment</b>	50% 1
<b>Setting of targets/objectives</b>	0% 0
<b>Planning, adoption and implementation of measures</b>	50% 1
<b>Research</b>	50% 1
<b>Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)</b>	0% 0
<b>Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)</b>	50% 1
<b>Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):</b> <a href="#">Responses</a>	50% 1
Total Respondents: 2	

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
1	Have legally binding instruments to address the shortcomings described above.	5/31/2013 12:37 PM

**Q34 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue.**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ training</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ institutional structures</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ additional staff</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 2	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	



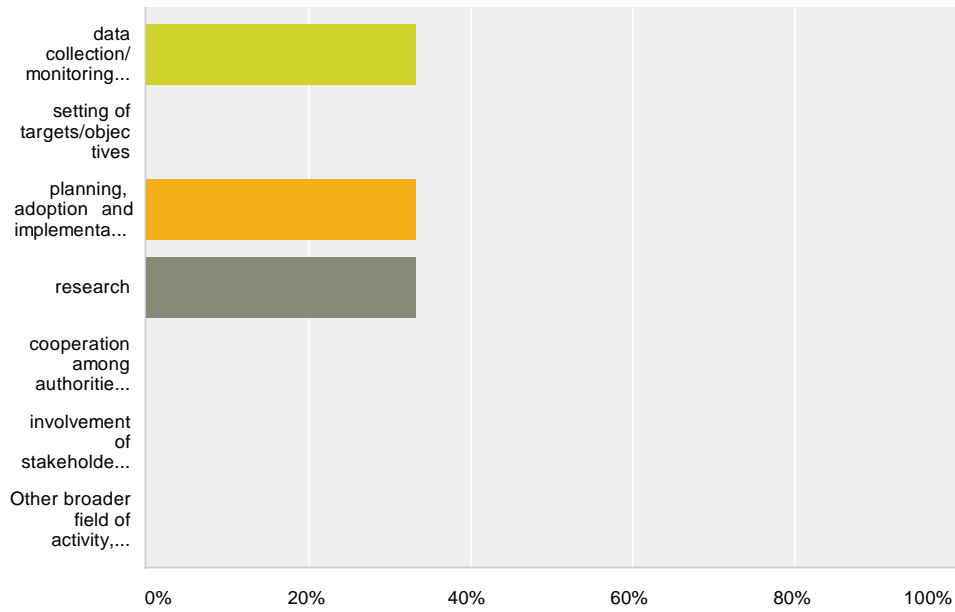
**Q35 a. Please specify the cross-cutting activity that would be most important.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	Various human activities impact on wildlife in the sea	5/21/2013 1:57 PM
2	maritime spatial planning	5/17/2013 3:35 PM
3	Operationalisation of coordinated monitoring activities (coordinated use of infrastructures, sharing of activities and responsibilities, on-line data streams, combined application of autonomous systems, remote sensing, operational models and research vessel based monitoring)	5/17/2013 8:27 AM

### Q36 b. Please select the broader field to which the activity belongs:

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

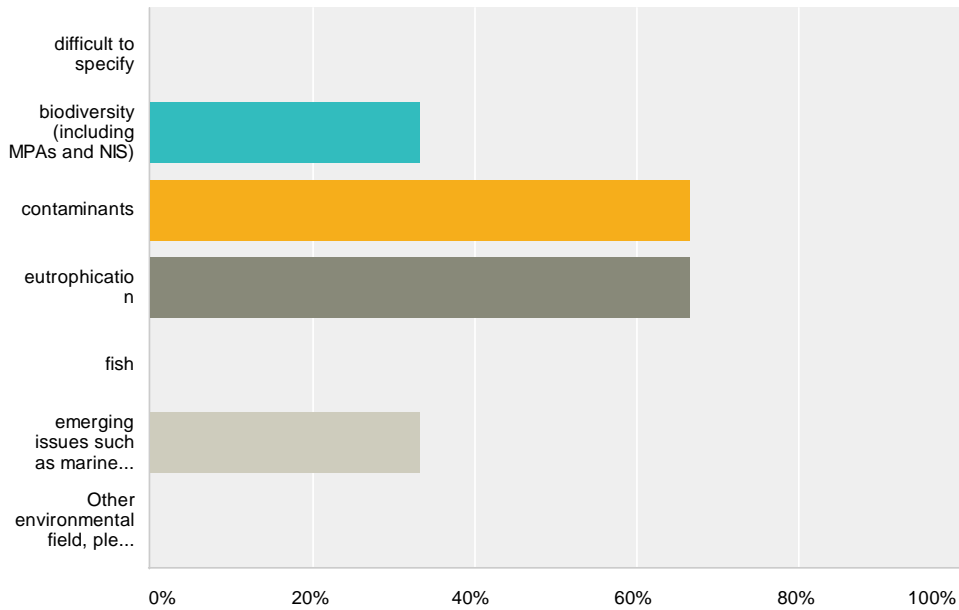


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>data collection/ monitoring assessment</b>	33.33% 1
<b>setting of targets/objectives</b>	0% 0
<b>planning, adoption and implementation</b>	33.33% 1
<b>research</b>	33.33% 1
<b>cooperation among authorities (contracting parties, EU, RSCs etc.)</b>	0% 0
<b>involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc.)</b>	0% 0
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q37 c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

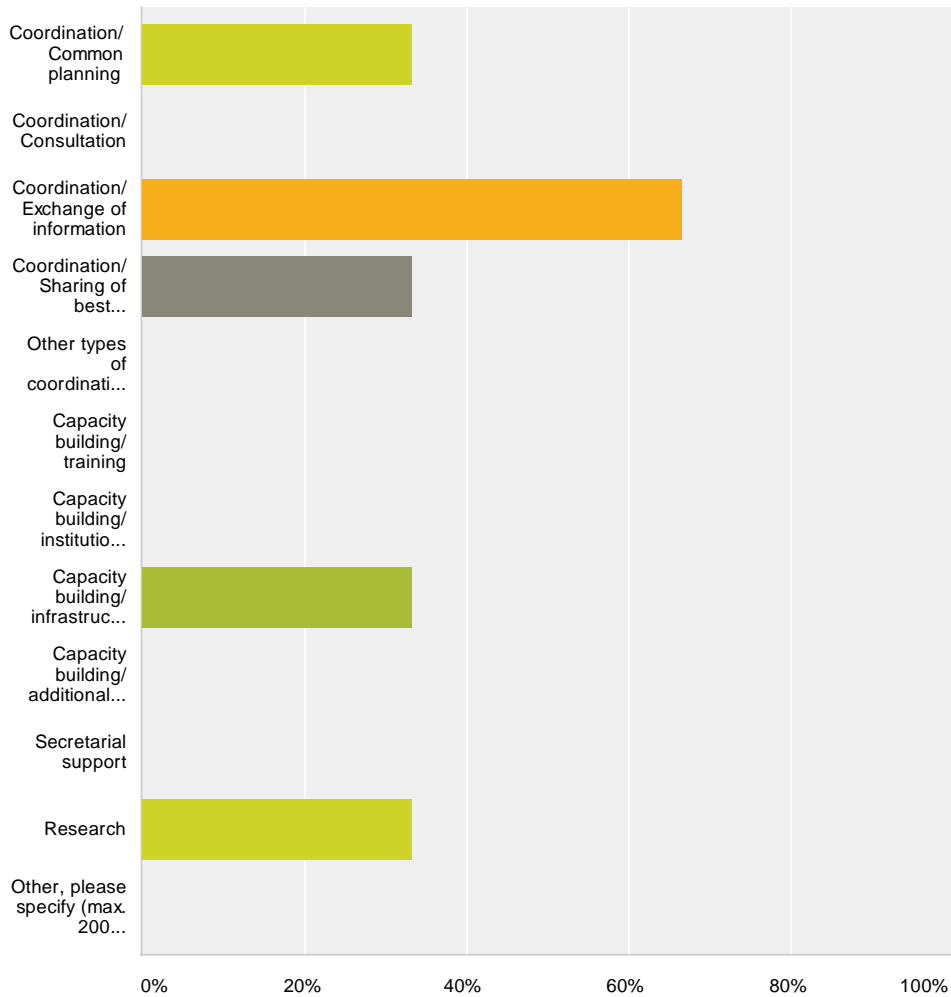


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>difficult to specify</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>contaminants</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 2
<b>eutrophication</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 2
<b>fish</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 3	

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q38 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47



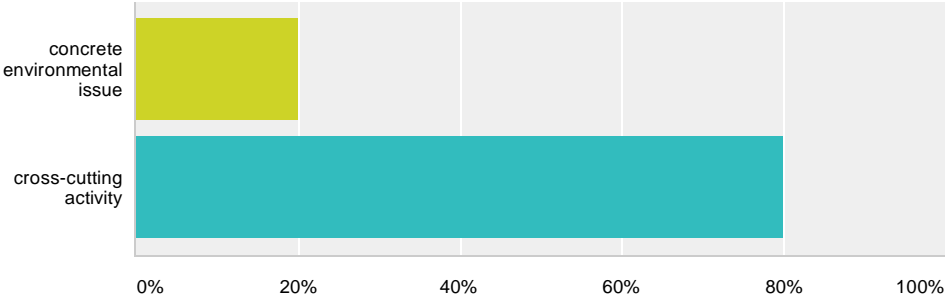
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 2
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ training</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ institutional structures</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ additional staff</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Total Respondents: 3</b>	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
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There are no responses.	
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**Q39 When you think of the EU support that would be second most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>concrete environmental issue</b>	<b>20%</b> 1
<b>cross-cutting activity</b>	<b>80%</b> 4
Total	5

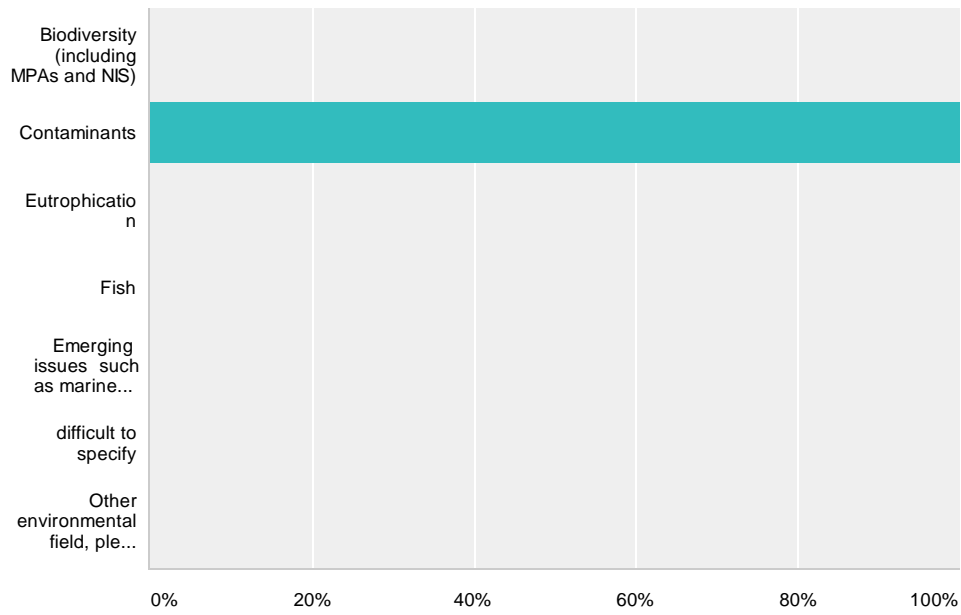
**Q40 a. Please describe the second most important concrete environmental issue in a few sentences:**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	discharges of contaminants from sewage plants and industries	5/21/2013 1:57 PM

### Q41 b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49



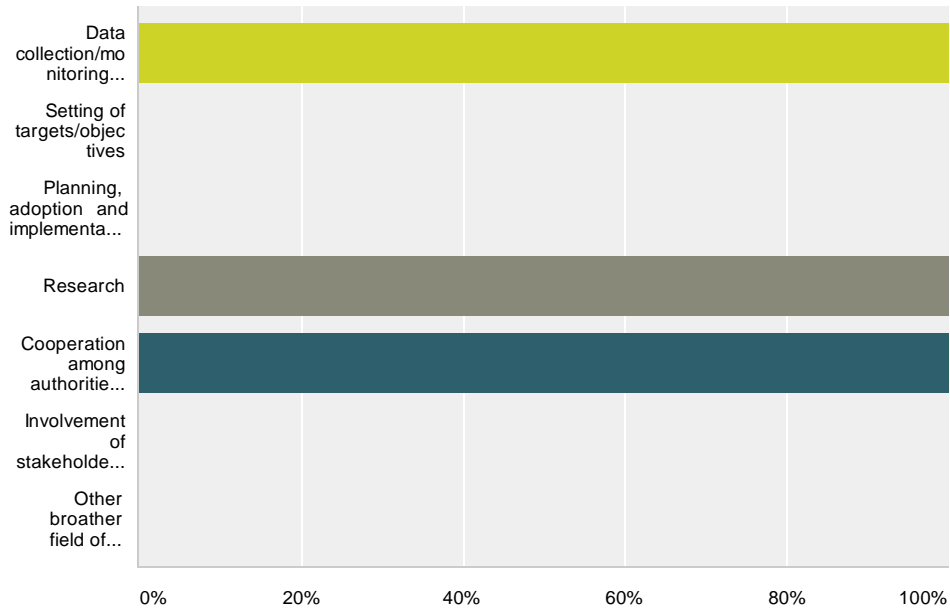
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	0% 0
<b>Contaminants</b>	100% 1
<b>Eutrophication</b>	0% 0
<b>Fish</b>	0% 0
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	0% 0
<b>difficult to specify</b>	0% 0
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters)	0% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters)	Date
	There are no responses.	



**Q42 c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the second most important environmental issue:**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

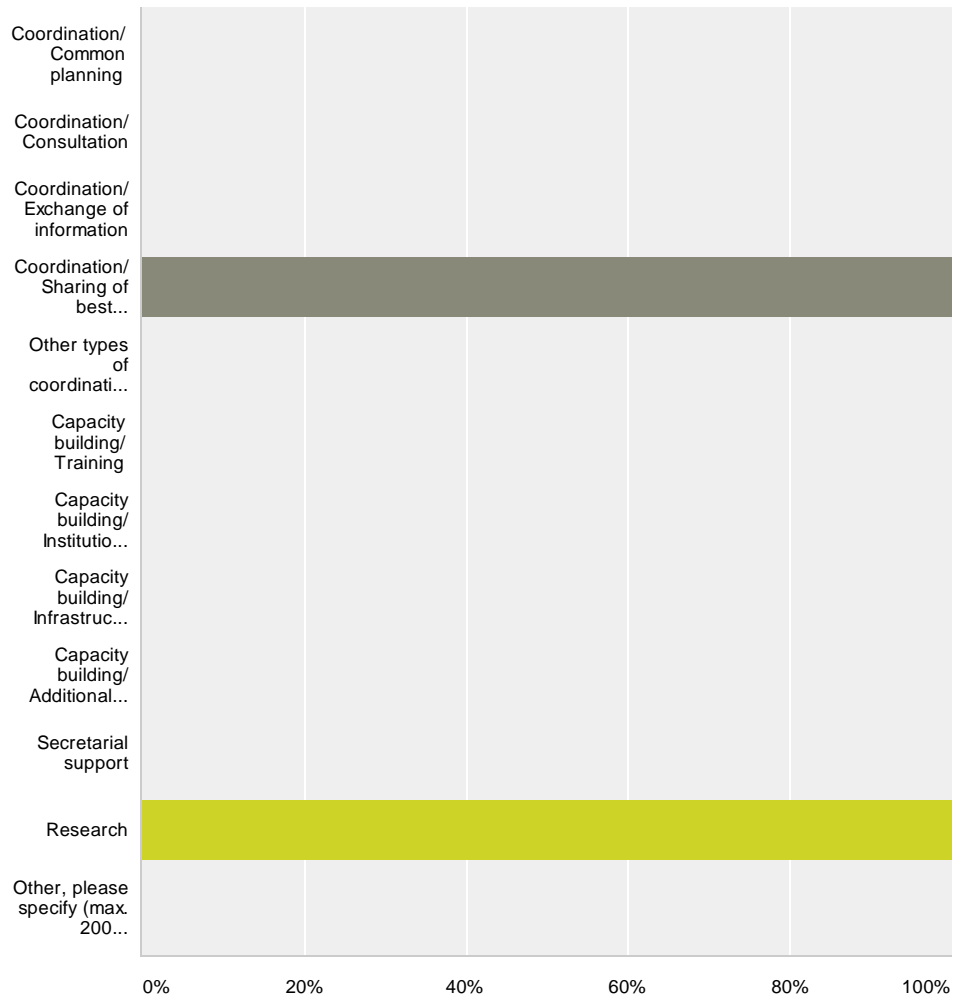


Answer Choices	Responses
Data collection/monitoring assessment	100% 1
Setting of targets/objectives	0% 0
Planning, adoption and implementation of measures	0% 0
Research	100% 1
Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)	100% 1
Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)	0% 0
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
Total Respondents: 1	

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q43 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue:**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>100%</b> 1
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Training</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Institutional structures</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Additional staff</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>100%</b> 1
<b>Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 1	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)	Date
	There are no responses.	

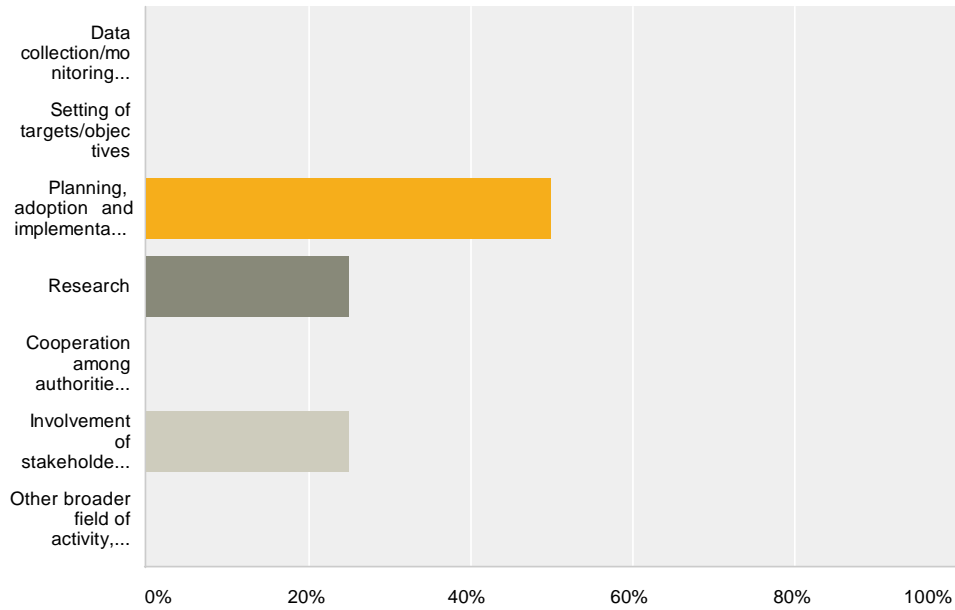
**Q44 a. Please describe the second most important cross-cutting activity in a few sentences:**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	Now there are a number of parallel processes on-going aiming to same outcome. For instance the EU Strategy for Baltic Sea Region, implementation of MSFD and implementation of Baltic Sea Action Plan. It would be beneficial for countries and stakeholders if these were discussed together as much as possible to avoid repeating same issues in many meetings.	5/31/2013 12:41 PM
2	Marine Research performing organizations with Regional authorities	5/29/2013 3:56 PM
3	integrated maritime policy and maritime spatial planning	5/17/2013 3:37 PM
4	Understanding of functioning of the baltic Sea system	5/17/2013 8:30 AM

**Q45 b. Please select from the broader field to which the activity belongs (max. 200 characters):**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

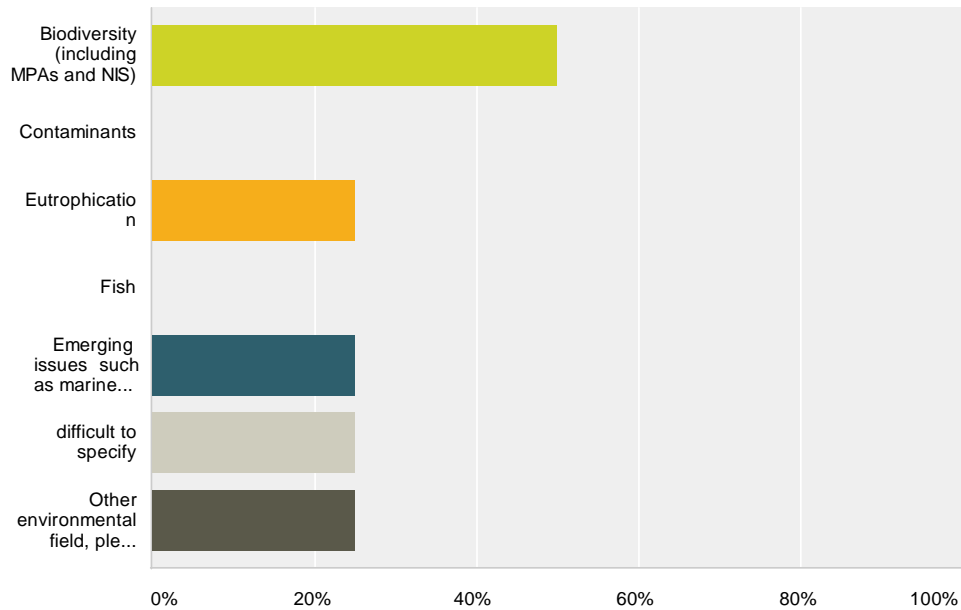


Answer Choices	Responses
Data collection/monitoring assessment	0% 0
Setting of targets/objectives	0% 0
Planning, adoption and implementation of measures	50% 2
Research	25% 1
Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)	0% 0
Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)	25% 1
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q46 c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

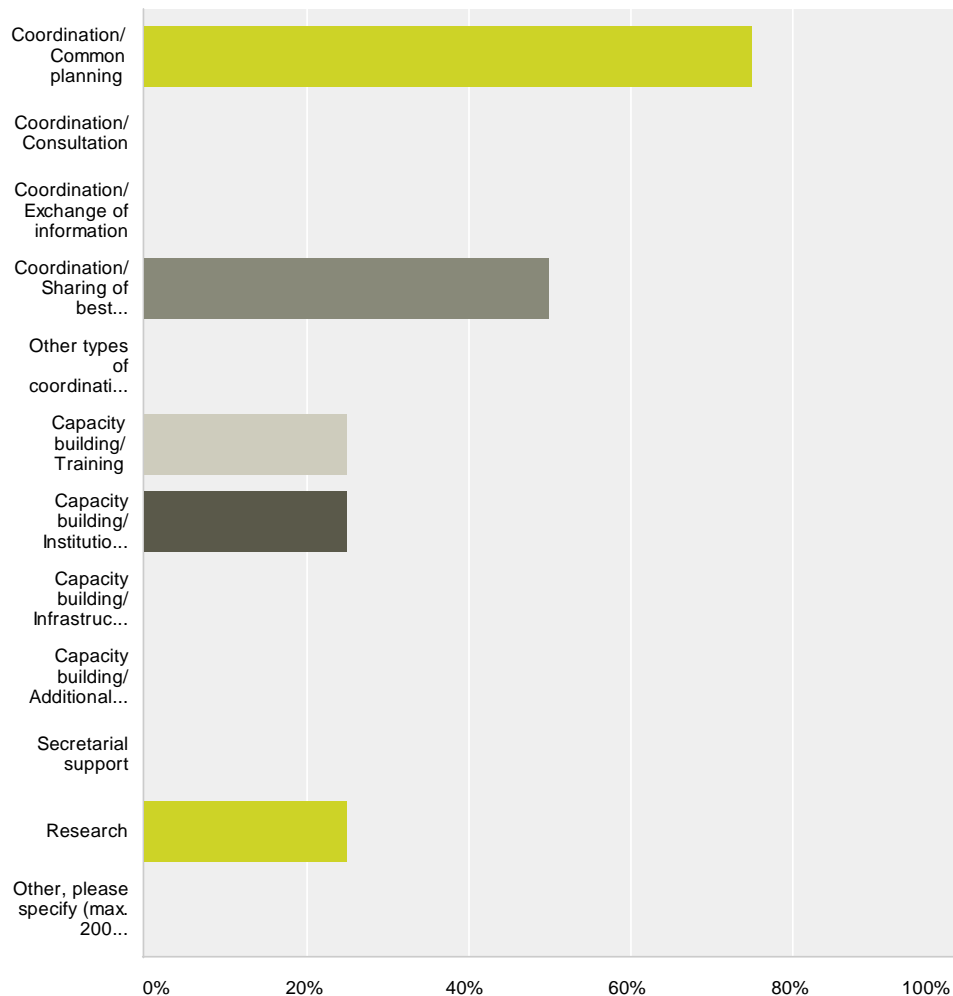


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
<b>Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	<b>50%</b>	2
<b>Contaminants</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Eutrophication</b>	<b>25%</b>	1
<b>Fish</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>25%</b>	1
<b>difficult to specify</b>	<b>25%</b>	1
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters): <a href="#">Responses</a>	<b>25%</b>	1
Total Respondents: 4		

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
1	Combined effects of pressures	5/17/2013 8:30 AM

**Q47 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46



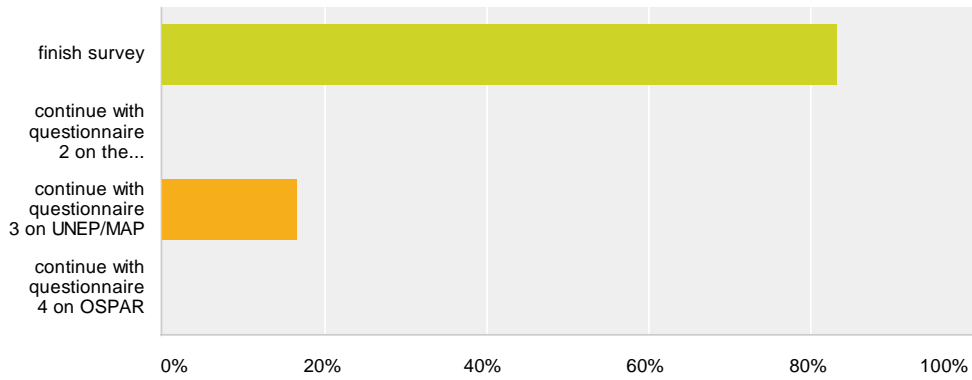
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>75%</b> 3
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>50%</b> 2
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Training</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ Institutional structures</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Additional staff</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
<b>Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 4	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
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There are no responses.	
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## Q48 Would you like to finish the survey or answer a questionnaire on another RSC?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



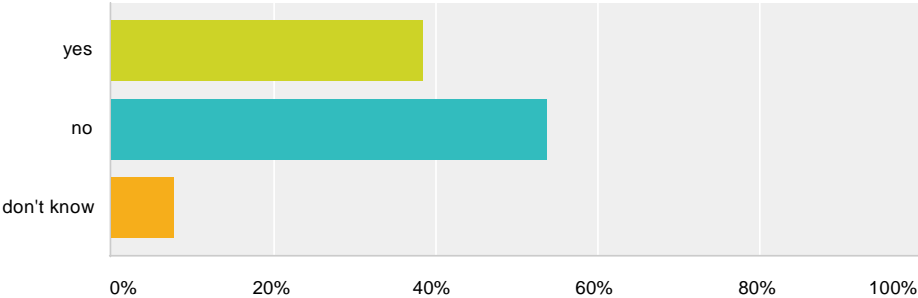
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>finish survey</b>	<b>83.33%</b> 5
<b>continue with questionnaire 2 on the Black Sea Commission</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>continue with questionnaire 3 on UNEP/MAP</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>continue with questionnaire 4 on OSPAR</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Total	6



3.3. Black Sea

Q49 3 Are you an accredited stakeholder at the Black Sea Commission?

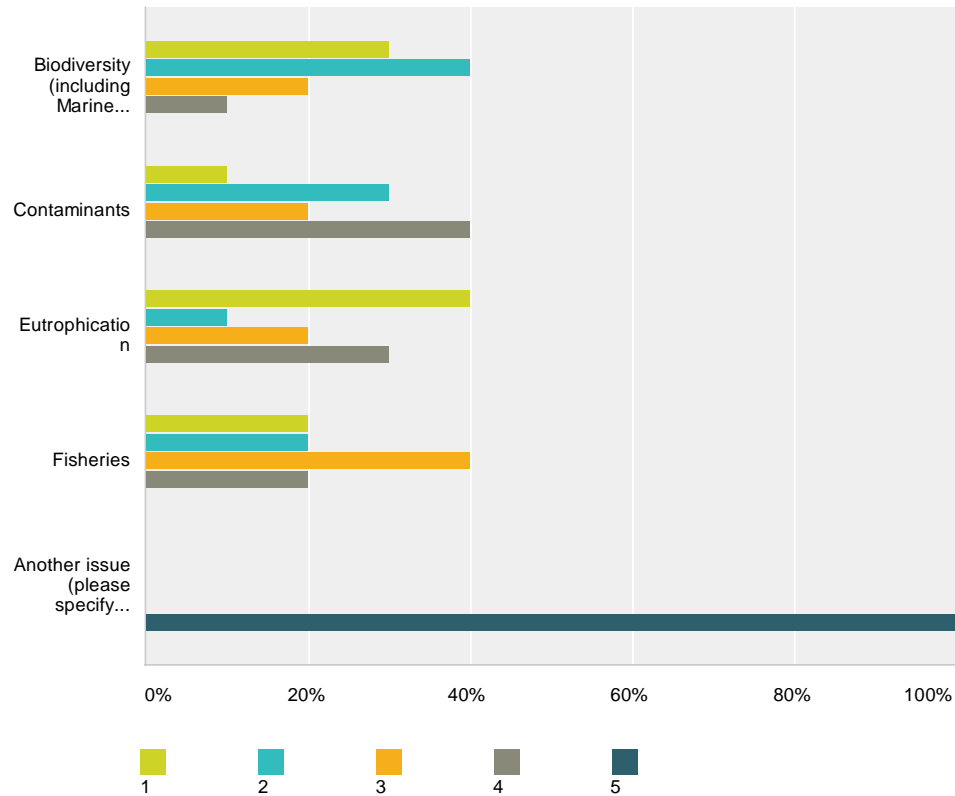
Answered: 13 Skipped: 37



Answer Choices	Responses
yes	38.46% 5
no	53.85% 7
don't know	7.69% 1
Total	13

**Q50 4a Which are the priority issues in your marine regions? Please rank the following on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = most important issue, 5=less important issue) (If you do not want to identify any "other issue", please rank it 5):**

Answered: 10 Skipped: 40



	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average Ranking
<b>Biodiversity (including Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and non-indigenous species (NIS))</b>	30% 3	40% 4	20% 2	10% 1	0% 0	10	3.90
<b>Contaminants</b>	10% 1	30% 3	20% 2	40% 4	0% 0	10	3.10
<b>Eutrophication</b>	40% 4	10% 1	20% 2	30% 3	0% 0	10	3.60
<b>Fisheries</b>	20% 2	20% 2	40% 4	20% 2	0% 0	10	3.40
<b>Another issue (please specify below)</b>	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	100% 10	10	1.00

**Q51 4b If you identified "another issue",  
please specify here:**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	land base of pollution sources impacts reduction reduction of over fish catchings	5/31/2013 9:32 PM
2	Marine litter, Noise	5/28/2013 2:18 PM
3	NGO representation and public involvement	5/28/2013 7:43 AM

**Q52 4c Comment on ranking (max. 500 characters) :**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	All of the environmental factors, fisheries and invasive species have great impact on the Black Sea biodiversity. First we have to increase biodiversity using selective fishing gears, combat with IUU fisheries and establish more MPA's even supporting by AR's. Other factors need regional decision and needs more money to carry on scientific research and completely stop.	5/28/2013 8:41 PM
2	The Black Sea is one of the best example of direct impact of NIS (Mnemiopsis/Beroe) on biodiversity and ecosystem hunctioning; Although there is a positive sign towards reduction of nutrient fluxes eutrophication is still an issue due to the influence of the riverine freshwater input to the NW Black Sea; There is still no CFP policy binding document/activity to regulate overfishing towards sustainable management; there is not enough measurements on priority substances at basin scale	5/28/2013 2:18 PM
3	Eutrophication and contamination from land based sources,marine transport and tourism are the most important issues	5/28/2013 1:46 PM
4	Eutrophication due to nutrient loads and pollution by chemical substances are the key issues between ICPDR and BSC	5/22/2013 9:30 AM
5	All above mentioned issues were identified and prioritized in the Black Sea Strategic Action Plan adopted in 1996 and updated in 2009.	5/17/2013 11:20 AM

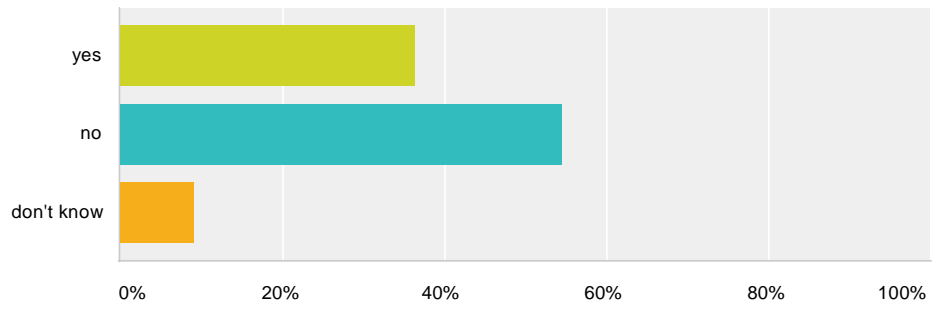
**Q53 5 Are there issues addressed at the European level (in particular by the Marine Strategy Framework Directive) which should also be addressed by the Black Sea Commission? Please specify.**

Answered: 9 Skipped: 41

#	Responses	Date
1	Common monitoring standards Integrated MPA network Proper fisheries management	6/1/2013 6:35 AM
2	As EU member state all MSFD have to studied , applied, and implemented as happen also with the WFD for all categories the internal water resources	5/31/2013 9:32 PM
3	yes all these issues addressed by the two as well as GFCM as a new focused area.	5/28/2013 8:41 PM
4	Priority substances, Marine litter, Noise, Fishery (CFP)	5/28/2013 2:18 PM
5	Yes, there are addressed at EU level trough MSFD and monitoring programmes	5/28/2013 1:46 PM
6	EU becoming party to the Black Sea Convention, MSFD and GES addressed more adequately by the BSC	5/28/2013 7:43 AM
7	As strategic issues ,these are included in MSFD process.	5/17/2013 11:20 AM
8	BETTER LINKAGE BETWEEN EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND BLACK SEA COMMISSION	5/17/2013 9:46 AM
9	Yes	5/16/2013 6:39 PM

**Q54 a. Do you think that the Black Sea Commission has a comprehensive knowledge of the state of the marine waters in their marine region?**

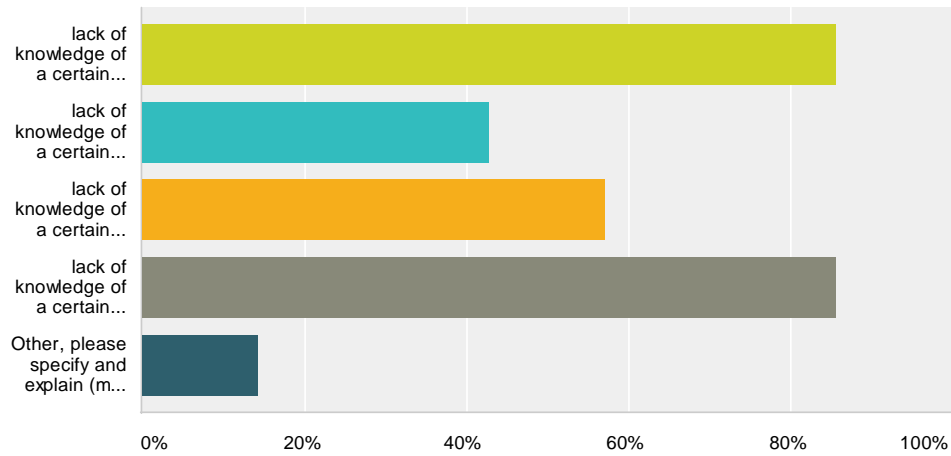
Answered: 11 Skipped: 39



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>yes</b>	<b>36.36%</b>	4
<b>no</b>	<b>54.55%</b>	6
<b>don't know</b>	<b>9.09%</b>	1
Total		11

## Q55 b. If not, where do you think are the main gaps in knowledge?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 43

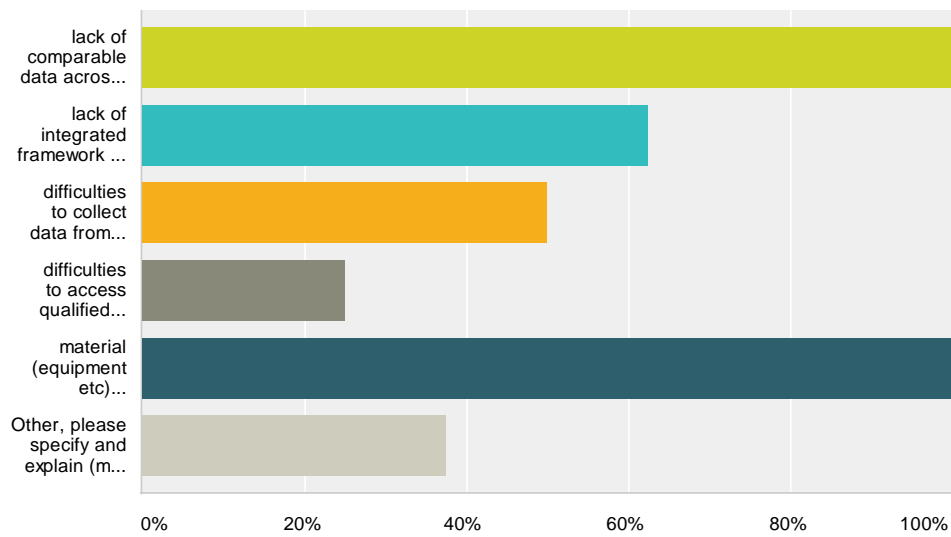


Answer Choices	Responses
lack of knowledge of a certain topic (biodiversity, eutrophication, etc.)	85.71% 6
lack of knowledge of a certain element (specific marine species, specific contaminant, etc.)	42.86% 3
lack of knowledge of a certain geographical area	57.14% 4
lack of knowledge of a certain period of time (lack of historical data, lack of recent data)	85.71% 6
Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters) <a href="#">Responses</a>	14.29% 1
Total Respondents: 7	

#	Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)	Date
1	political commitment	5/28/2013 7:46 AM

### Q56 c. What do you think is/are the reason(s) for this/these gap(s)?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 42



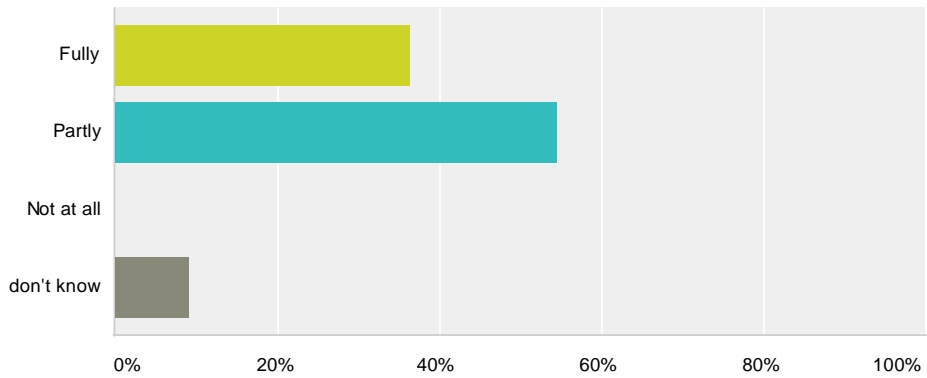
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>lack of comparable data across countries</b>	<b>100%</b> 8
<b>lack of integrated framework at RSC level</b>	<b>62.50%</b> 5
<b>difficulties to collect data from private sources</b>	<b>50%</b> 4
<b>difficulties to access qualified experts</b>	<b>25%</b> 2
<b>material (equipment etc) difficulties</b>	<b>100%</b> 8
Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters) <b>Responses</b>	<b>37.50%</b> 3
Total Respondents: 8	

#	Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)	Date
1	Lack of commitment from the riparian states to the BSC and not willing to update Bucharest Convention (especially concerning finance and admission of EU as a party)	6/1/2013 6:38 AM
2	lack of a real cooperation between all signatories countries, especially with regard to the loads, concentrations and timely produced data on the main tributaries from the respective countries , there are other national and trans-boundary water courses, discharging in the Black Sea for which the data are missing or are not sufficiently qualitative produced	5/31/2013 9:40 PM
3	regular surveys	5/28/2013 7:46 AM



**Q57 a. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by the Black Sea Commission for the protection of the marine environment cover the right priority areas?**

Answered: 11 Skipped: 39



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Fully</b>	<b>36.36%</b>	4
<b>Partly</b>	<b>54.55%</b>	6
<b>Not at all</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>don't know</b>	<b>9.09%</b>	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>

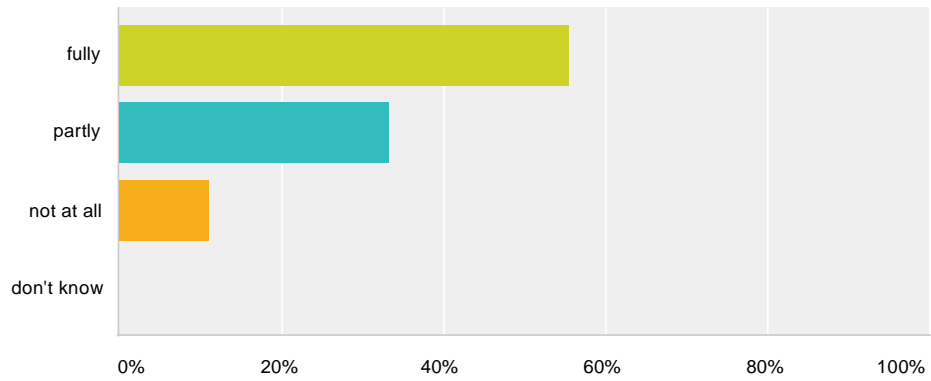
**Q58 b. If only partly or not at all, which areas are missing?**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	the inventory of all discharges which creates pollution and impacts the biodiversity , as point sources, as tributaries	5/31/2013 9:42 PM
2	Fisheries is still not has limited priority due to Commisiion composed by Environmental Ministries whom are not familiar fisheries issues and prefer environmental preferences during conflicting interests with fisheries.	5/28/2013 8:50 PM
3	Marine litter and underwater noise.Some new commers need more research, not Legally Binding Document on Fisheries management exist in Black Sea region.	5/28/2013 5:49 PM
4	Marine Litter, Noise, CFP	5/28/2013 2:25 PM

**Q59 c. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by the Black Sea Commission are sufficiently ambitious to ensure a healthy sea?**

Answered: 9 Skipped: 41



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>fully</b>	<b>55.56%</b> 5
<b>partly</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 3
<b>not at all</b>	<b>11.11%</b> 1
<b>don't know</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Total	9

**Q60 d. If only partly or not at all, please explain**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	Ecosystem should be considered with fisheries issues not mostly pollution, pollutants and sensitive areas	5/28/2013 8:50 PM
2	Need harmonized manner of monitoring, assessment, intercalibration of gears, common governance of the resources;	5/28/2013 5:49 PM
3	Theoretically they are correctly formulated, the enforcement is lagging behind	5/28/2013 2:25 PM
4	MSFD not applied on regional level	5/28/2013 7:47 AM
5	The objectives are very ambitious, but there are some reasons and constraints which represent serious obstacles for achievement of objectives	5/17/2013 11:32 AM

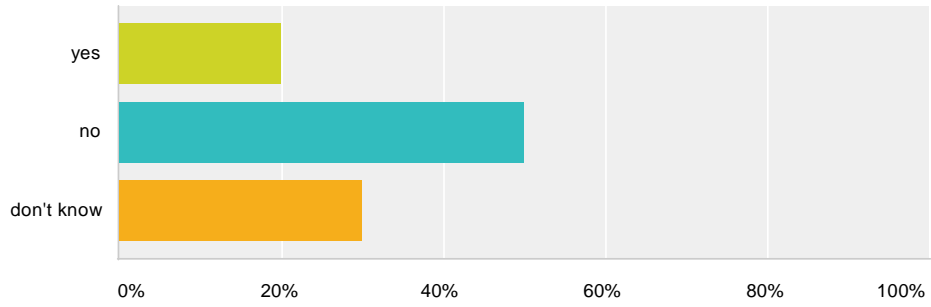
## Q61 e. In your opinion, what are the main obstacles to their achievement?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 41

#	Responses	Date
1	Lack of political will	6/1/2013 6:38 AM
2	the cooperation between all member states signatories of Convention	5/31/2013 9:42 PM
3	NAtional commissionars shoud reflect all stake holders opinions. Not only environment.	5/28/2013 8:50 PM
4	Fragmentation in the region as regards different political systems; Not common understanding of the needs in the region;Lack of communication on administrative and legal aspects of sustainable development issues in the ragion.	5/28/2013 5:49 PM
5	The lack of enough commitment by the Black Sea governments for the implementation of the mangement approaches, insufficient funding for research and advanced monitoring facilities	5/28/2013 2:25 PM
6	political attitudes of some parties to the BS Convention	5/28/2013 7:47 AM
7	Financial constraints	5/22/2013 9:35 AM
8	-Not enought committment of some countries to achive the objectives ; -Lock of financial support for achivement of all agreed activities .	5/17/2013 11:32 AM
9	Financial resources	5/16/2013 6:42 PM

**Q62 a. Do you think that the measures taken by the Black Sea Commission to protect the marine environment are adequate (e.g. they address the critical issues)?**

Answered: 10 Skipped: 40



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>yes</b>	<b>20%</b>	2
<b>no</b>	<b>50%</b>	5
<b>don't know</b>	<b>30%</b>	3
Total		10

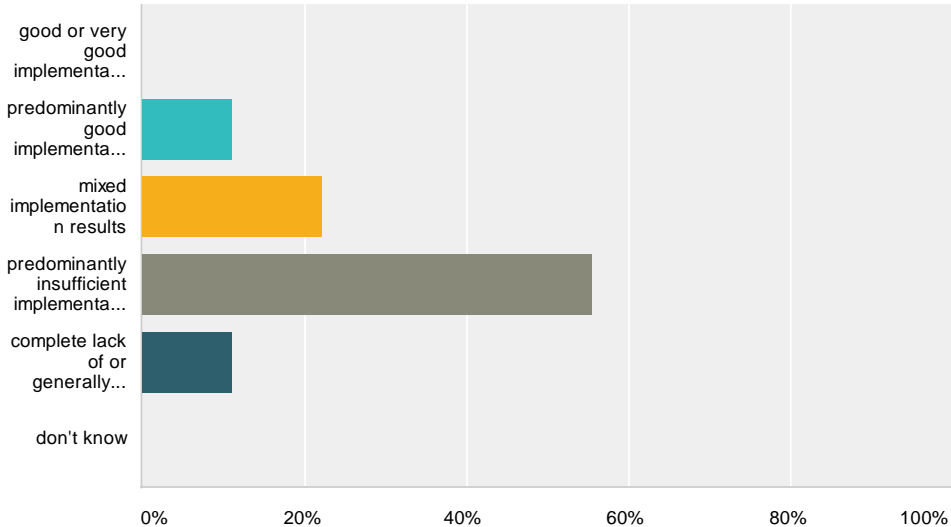
**Q63 b. If not, what additional/alternative measures would be needed?**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	Willingness of Parties to enforce Protocols and adopt an agreement on fisheries	6/1/2013 6:40 AM
2	Fisheries and fisheries management still at the second stage after pollution and environmental issues. IUU fisheries need to be monitored and basic common measures should be taken regionally. On fisheries issues there is any binding document. On the other hand there s no regional fisheries aggrement. So all the alternative measures remain as advices to all na	5/28/2013 9:16 PM
3	regional level measures funded by member countries	5/28/2013 7:50 AM
4	More commitment is needed primarily from non EU Member States	5/22/2013 9:36 AM
5	Regional agreement on fisheries.	5/16/2013 6:46 PM

**Q64 c. Have the measures been well-implemented at the regional/national level?  
Please score using the following scale:**

Answered: 9 Skipped: 41



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>good or very good implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>predominantly good implementation</b>	<b>11.11%</b> 1
<b>mixed implementation results</b>	<b>22.22%</b> 2
<b>predominantly insufficient implementation</b>	<b>55.56%</b> 5
<b>complete lack of or generally insufficient implementation</b>	<b>11.11%</b> 1
<b>don't know</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>



**Q65 d. Comment (possibility to name the specific measure(s)/country to which the scoring above applies.**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44

#	Responses	Date
1	the better inventory of biodiversity species mainly those endangered and increase the measures and actions plans power for their salvation	5/31/2013 9:46 PM
2	Georgia, there is insufficient competent authority and institutions, All countries have different designated authorities and legislations especially in non EU countries	5/28/2013 9:16 PM
3	on national level (EU waters) the measures are predominantly good implemented, on regional level - insufficient.	5/28/2013 5:51 PM
4	Funding for targeted basin scale Research, common approaches/ advanced monitoring techniques, harmonisation of monitoring strategies	5/28/2013 2:30 PM
5	-Integrated monitoring system; -some conservation measures for marine living resources(MLR); -MPAs	5/17/2013 11:43 AM
6	Georgia	5/16/2013 6:46 PM

**Q66 e. In your opinion, what improvements could be made to the implementation process?**

Answered: 8 Skipped: 42

#	Responses	Date
1	Improvement of political will, especially between existing / accession EU states and non-EU states	6/1/2013 6:40 AM
2	a better cooperation as said before and a more solid and powerful system for the implementation of the actions plans	5/31/2013 9:46 PM
3	all countries should join under the umbrella of GFCM as more practical solution. Countries need to be encouraged to implement same methodology and materials, Mobility and networking projects should be carried out.	5/28/2013 9:16 PM
4	Common agreement on political level; Legislative harmonization;Political will;	5/28/2013 5:51 PM
5	Commitment of Black Sea countries Governments, may be support from EC through specific calls addressing Black Sea basin (e.g. the BONUS Program example)	5/28/2013 2:30 PM
6	More active involvement of the non EU Member States	5/22/2013 9:36 AM
7	-to create regional agreed standards for water quality; -to improve Monitoring programme for special (hot) areas; -to create Legaly Binding Instrument for Fishery and conservation of MLR; -to create a choerent MPAs Network -etc.	5/17/2013 11:43 AM
8	Integrated river basin management, build waste water treatment facilities	5/16/2013 6:46 PM

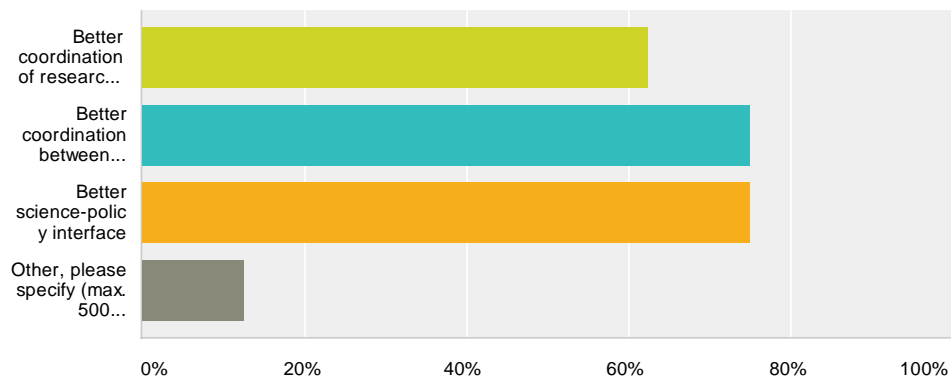
**Q67 a. In your opinion, what areas of scientific research should be prioritized in future for the Black Sea Commission as a whole?**

Answered: 7 Skipped: 43

#	Responses	Date
1	scientifically the efforts are large the results of SCResearch need more financial support from the states and IFIs	5/31/2013 9:49 PM
2	Ecosystem, Abundance of fish resources, Aquaculture of rare species, ie. turbot, sturgeon, mussel oyster. Socioeconomic studies	5/28/2013 9:20 PM
3	Common multispecies assessment of resources; Harmonized methodologies; Monitoring system implemented for the whole region; Regional fisheries agreement under the frame of GFCM, FAO; Elaboration of new common project for Ecosystem based approach to Fisheries and Marine Protected Areas; Ecological modelling for the BS ecosystem; Cetaceans abundance and trophic interactions research; Invasive species inventory etc.	5/28/2013 6:02 PM
4	Development and application of remote sensing methods, develop "omics" approaches to study biodiversity, more research on understanding ecosystem functioning (Food web interactions) ecosystem modeling; Fishery	5/28/2013 2:48 PM
5	water quality monitoring	5/22/2013 9:37 AM
6	-biodiversity and related index and indicators; -stock assessment on standardized methodologies; -joint survey on pelagic and demersal stock of shared and migration fish species; -common standards for dumping in marine and coastal areas	5/17/2013 1:01 PM
7	Commercial fish resources. Quality of bathing water.	5/16/2013 6:54 PM

## Q68 b. How could the research process be improved?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 42



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Better coordination of research topics between Contracting Parties/research institutes to avoid duplication of work and gaps</b>	<b>62.50%</b> 5
<b>Better coordination between Contracting Parties/research institutes with regard to the use of material resources (equipment/hardware)</b>	<b>75%</b> 6
<b>Better science-policy interface</b>	<b>75%</b> 6
Other, please specify (max. 500 characters): <a href="#">Responses</a>	<b>12.50%</b> 1
Total Respondents: 8	

#	Other, please specify (max. 500 characters):	Date
1	Increased funding for research	5/28/2013 2:48 PM

**Q69 c. According to you, which research projects carried out in your marine region were particularly successful? Please explain your answer.**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	The Black Sea Action Plan elaboration	5/31/2013 9:49 PM
2	Knowledge of the state and trends of the main gregorious species aiming harmonization and measures for sustainable utilization of shared stocks - Bilateral Romanian and Bulgarian project (2005-2007) - Harmonization of the methods for sampling and stock assessment; Black Sea Scene - Creation of good data base and coordination of research institutes, NGOs and related organizations; EUROGEL - new dimensions of trophic interractions in BS;	5/28/2013 6:02 PM
3	In fact the Black Sea countries are involved in many Projects and all of them have their valuable contribution to advance knowledge. The main problem is the fragmentation of this participation (one or two partners from the basin) which makes the output only locally relevant. There is a need to strengthen the capacity at Black Sea regional scale. Among the successful Projects at regional scales are SESAME, SPICOSA, KnowSEAS, Black Sea Scene, Sea Data Net, ODEMM (current) My Ocean, MISIS (current), promissing PERSEUS, DEVOTES although again the limited number of partners involved is an issue for most of the Projects.	5/28/2013 2:48 PM
4	-research on operational oceanography; -Joint Romania and Bulgaria research and survey for assesement of demersal species(using romanian research vessel) -SeaDatNet; -UE Perseus project; -	5/17/2013 1:01 PM
5	Can not evaluate.	5/16/2013 6:54 PM

**Q70 a. How effective is cooperation among the Black Sea Commission Contracting Parties? Please explain your assessment.**

Answered: 8 Skipped: 42

#	Responses	Date
1	it was mentioned above the weak points of it	5/31/2013 9:51 PM
2	supporting project, joint survey	5/30/2013 9:21 AM
3	Especially in case of fisheries there is a strong communication and coordination among scientists but less between governments	5/28/2013 9:24 PM
4	Very good on scientific level.Basicy good level.	5/28/2013 6:31 PM
5	As underlined in the previous sections the cooperation is not effective enough due to lack of legaly binding commitments.	5/28/2013 3:14 PM
6	Cooperation between the EU Member States is good while the effectiveness of cooperation with the non Member States should be improved	5/22/2013 9:41 AM
7	- Bulgaria and Romania very well ,as a member of UE; -Romania,Bulgaria,Turkey and Ukraine good in many regional and european projects	5/17/2013 1:12 PM
8	Cooperation is normal, but taking into account that two BS countries are EU members they have different goals and requirements.	5/16/2013 7:02 PM

**Q71 b. In which areas (topics or activities) do you consider cooperation with other RSCs would be most needed? Please specify with which RSC if relevant.**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44

#	Responses	Date
1	I do believe with the HELCOM from the Baltic Sea	5/31/2013 9:51 PM
2	Shared stocks and mixed fisheries in MED and Baltic Sea	5/28/2013 9:24 PM
3	Biodiversity; Fish stock assessment;	5/28/2013 6:31 PM
4	HELCOM is the most relevant, due to similarities between the Baltic and the Black Sea environments and the related environmental issues e.g. eutrophication (there is a joint Project Baltic2Black), implementation of MFSD	5/28/2013 3:14 PM
5	-with HELCOM taking into account some similarities between Baltic and Black Seas ecosystems. -with GFCM in the fields of fisheries and Marine Living Resources; -with ACCOBAMS in the field of conservation of cetacean and interaction of fisheries and cetaceans.	5/17/2013 1:12 PM
6	Improving the management taking into account MSFD and WFD.	5/16/2013 7:02 PM

**Q72 c. In which settings and processes (e.g. specific types of working groups of the MSFD Common Implementation Strategy, certain kinds of projects, specific workshops, work on particular MSFD related thematic issues) do you think the Black Sea Commission and the European Union have worked successfully together for the protection of the marine environment in your region? Please specify.**

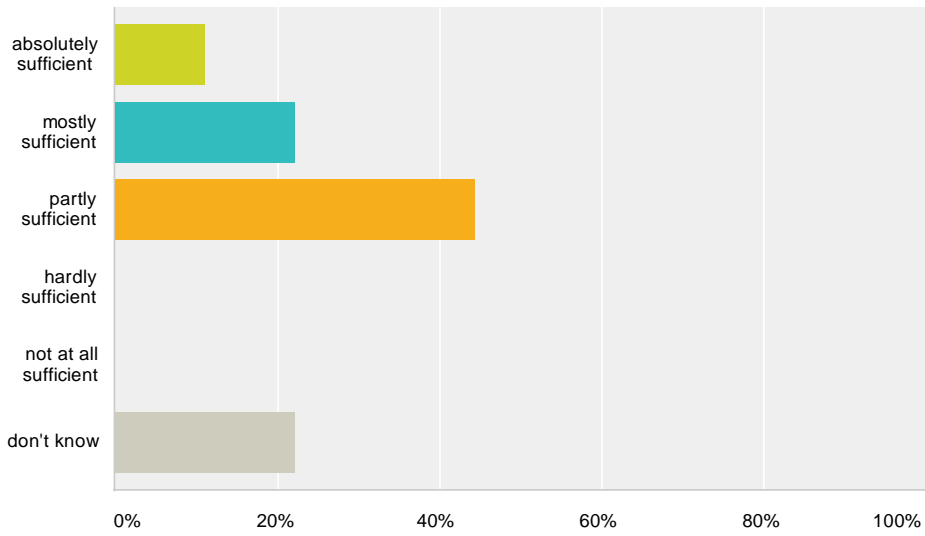
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#	Responses	Date
1	not able to answer to that because in the last 2 and half year I did not had anymore contacts with the BSC	5/31/2013 9:51 PM
2	for environmental issues there is successfull coordination and corporation but less in fisheries and aquaculture	5/28/2013 9:24 PM
3	Could be more successful cooperation	5/28/2013 6:31 PM
4	-In all areas of descriptors havin in mind lock of experience of national people in such activities.	5/17/2013 1:12 PM
5	Harmonization of BS Commission official documents with MSFD.	5/16/2013 7:02 PM



### Q73 a. Do you think your involvement in the Black Sea Commission is sufficient?

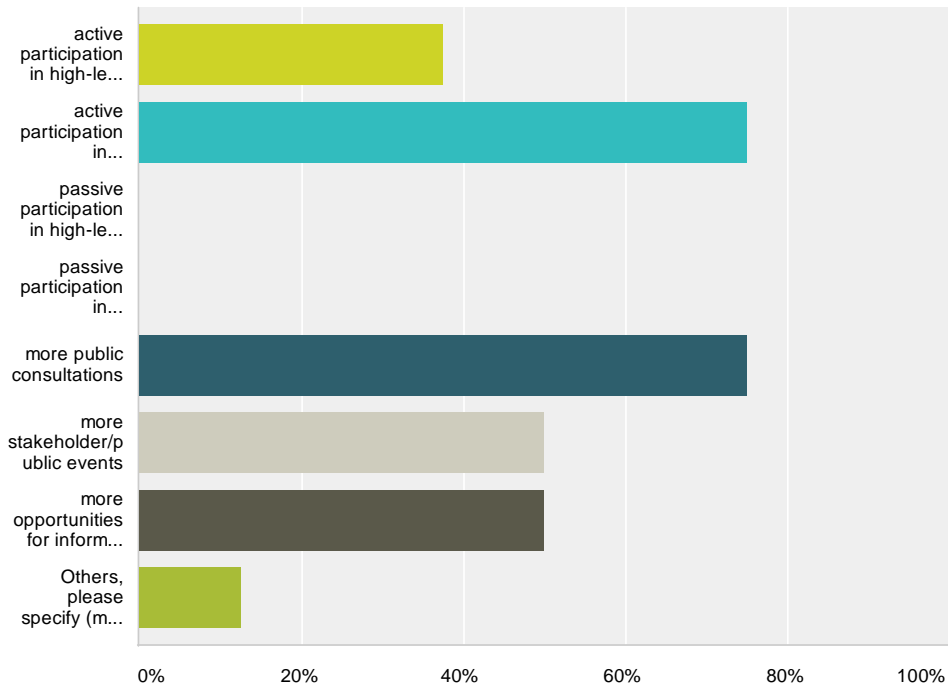
Answered: 9 Skipped: 41



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>absolutely sufficient</b>	<b>11.11%</b>	1
<b>mostly sufficient</b>	<b>22.22%</b>	2
<b>partly sufficient</b>	<b>44.44%</b>	4
<b>hardly sufficient</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>not at all sufficient</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>don't know</b>	<b>22.22%</b>	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>

## Q74 b. How could your involvement be improved? (you can tick several answers)

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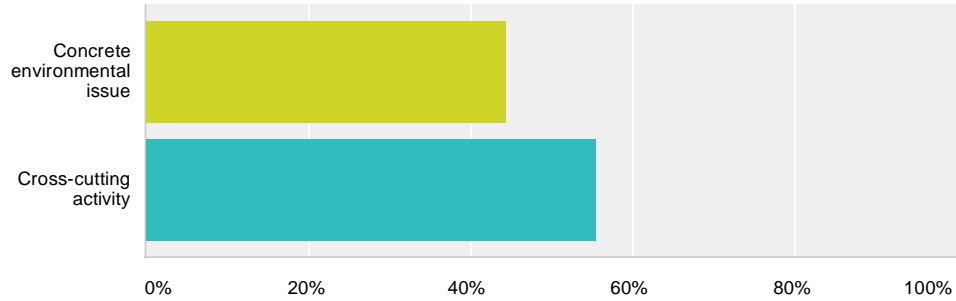


Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>active participation in high-level meetings</b>	<b>37.50%</b>	3
<b>active participation in working-level meetings</b>	<b>75%</b>	6
<b>passive participation in high-level meetings</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>passive participation in working-level meetings</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>more public consultations</b>	<b>75%</b>	6
<b>more stakeholder/public events</b>	<b>50%</b>	4
<b>more opportunities for informal contact with RSC staff (networking)</b>	<b>50%</b>	4
Others, please specify (max 500 characters) <b>Responses</b>	<b>12.50%</b>	1
Total Respondents: 8		

#	Others, please specify (max 500 characters)	Date
1	Not relevant as I am a consultant	6/1/2013 6:41 AM

**Q75 12 Most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity When you think of the EU support that would be most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Answered: 9 Skipped: 41



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Concrete environmental issue</b>	<b>44.44%</b>	4
<b>Cross-cutting activity</b>	<b>55.56%</b>	5
Total		9

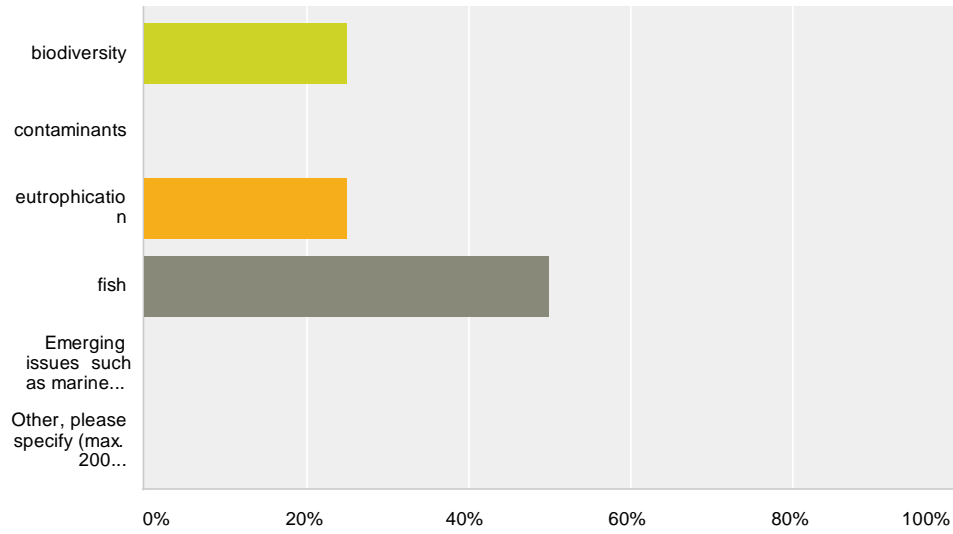
**Q76 a. Please specify the concrete environmental issue that would be most important.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	over fishing and possible of some very important fish species like the sturgeons or other archaic species that leaves in its water system	5/31/2013 9:57 PM
2	Protection of the coastal environment from adverse human activities,including pollution from diffrenet sources;	5/28/2013 6:37 PM
3	; -deliniation of fish stock boundaries and migration patterns for shared and migratory species and joints surveys for assesement of stocks and environtmental condition influenced them.	5/17/2013 1:33 PM

**Q77 b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.**

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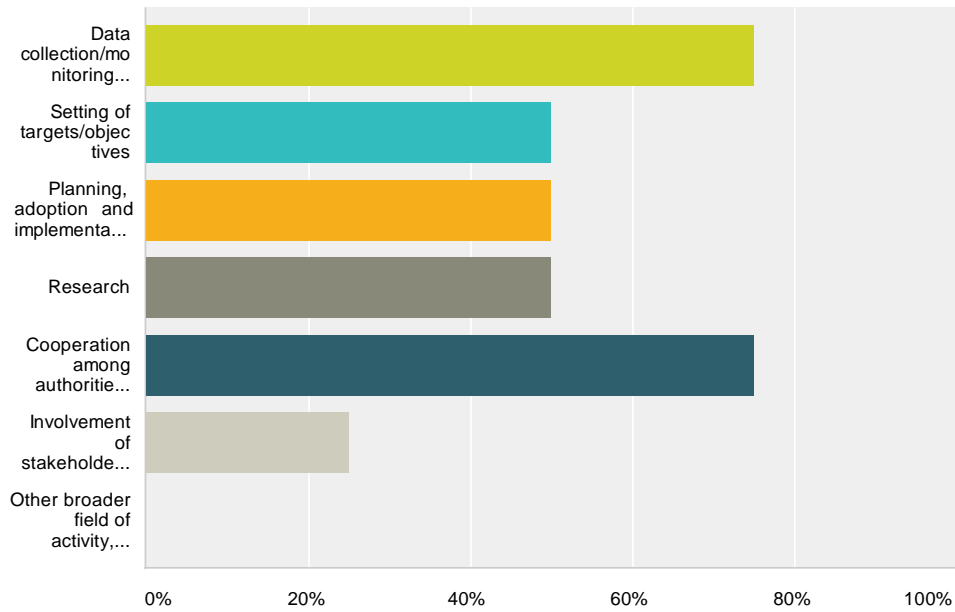


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>biodiversity</b>	25% 1
<b>contaminants</b>	0% 0
<b>eutrophication</b>	25% 1
<b>fish</b>	50% 2
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	0% 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q78 c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the most important environmental issue.**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

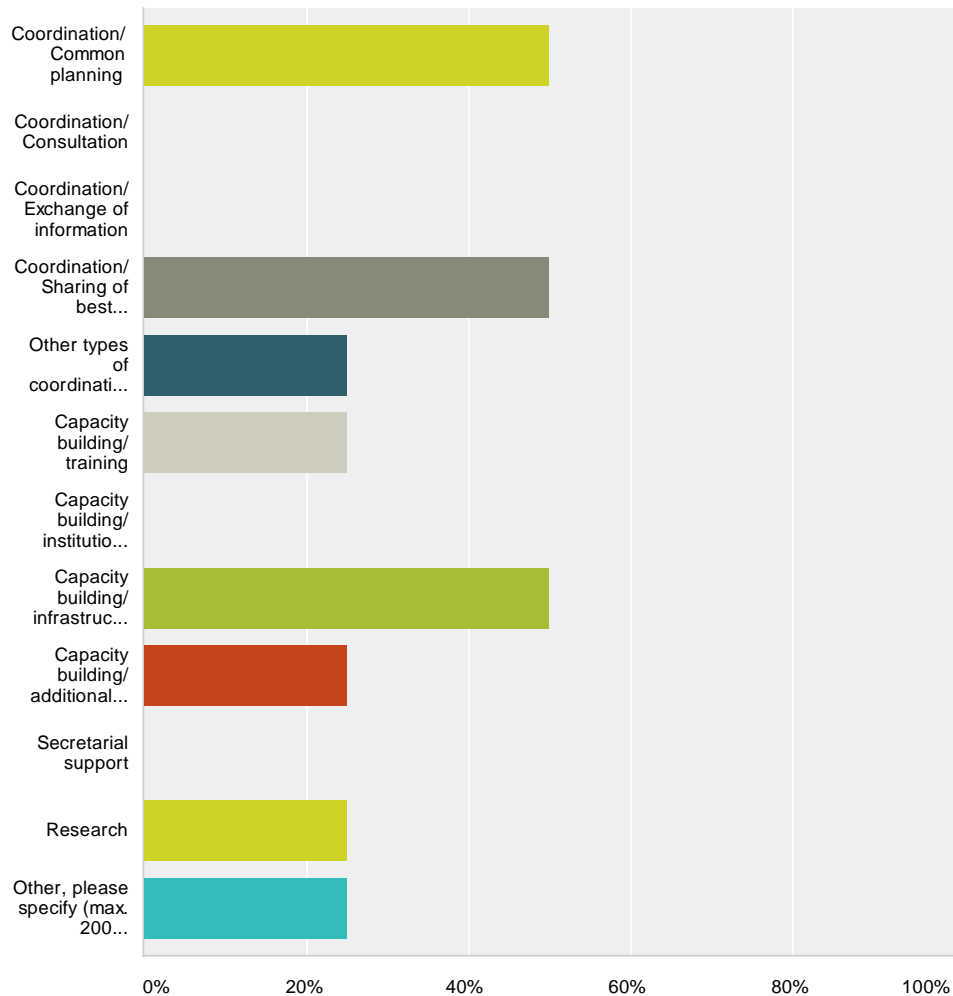


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Data collection/monitoring assessment</b>	<b>75%</b> 3
<b>Setting of targets/objectives</b>	<b>50%</b> 2
<b>Planning, adoption and implementation of measures</b>	<b>50%</b> 2
<b>Research</b>	<b>50%</b> 2
<b>Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)</b>	<b>75%</b> 3
<b>Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 4	

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q79 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue.**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>50%</b> 2
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>50%</b> 2
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ training</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ institutional structures</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>50%</b> 2
<b>Capacity building/ additional staff</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters): <a href="#">Responses</a>	<b>25%</b> 1
Total Respondents: 4	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
1	complex water systems survey in special areas like the shores	5/31/2013 9:57 PM

**Q80 a. Please specify the cross-cutting activity that would be most important.**

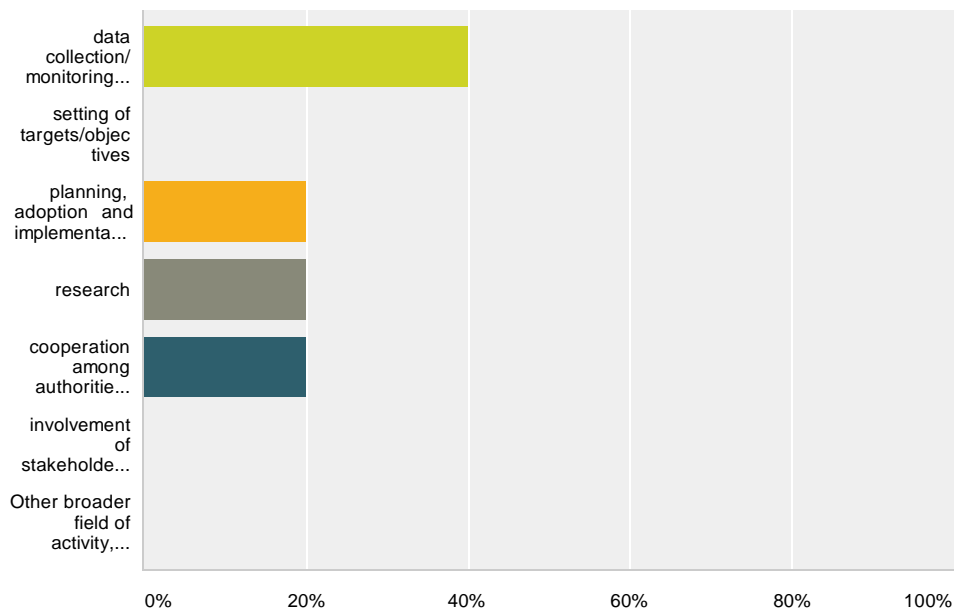
Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	Updating the Bucharest Convention and improving the resources available to the BSC	6/1/2013 6:42 AM
2	Develop indicators on CPUE on better and efficient way, eg g and larval abundances, data collection and meta data production.	5/28/2013 9:31 PM
3	Harmonised and targeted basin scale monitoring and fundamental research	5/28/2013 3:21 PM
4	Determination of nutrient pathways and related processes in the Black Sea (decomposition, remobilization..)	5/22/2013 9:49 AM
5	Harmonization of policies.	5/16/2013 7:08 PM



## Q81 b. Please select the broader field to which the activity belongs:

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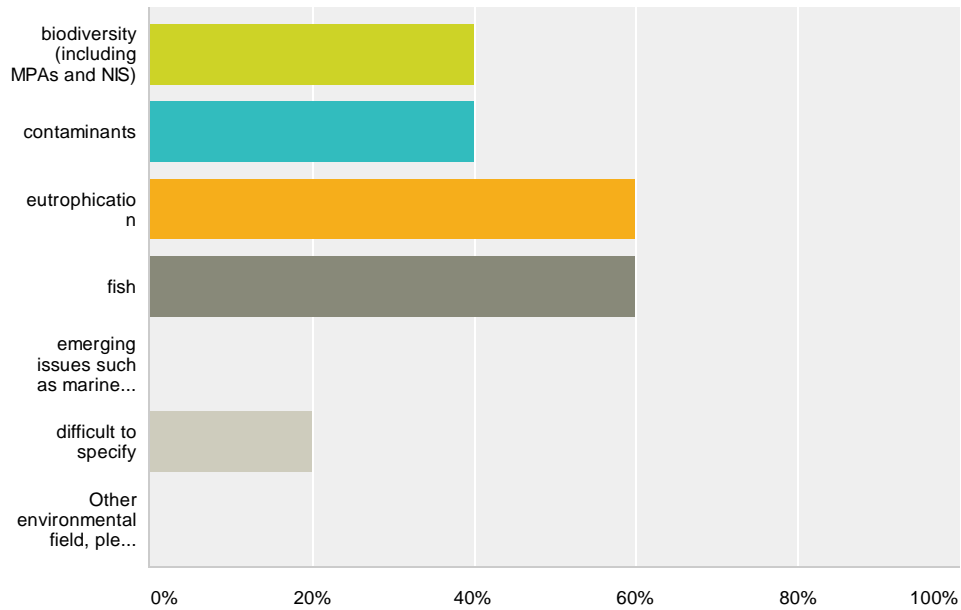


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>data collection/ monitoring assessment</b>	40% 2
<b>setting of targets/objectives</b>	0% 0
<b>planning, adoption and implementation</b>	20% 1
<b>research</b>	20% 1
<b>cooperation among authorities (contracting parties, EU, RSCs etc.)</b>	20% 1
<b>involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc.)</b>	0% 0
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q82 c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

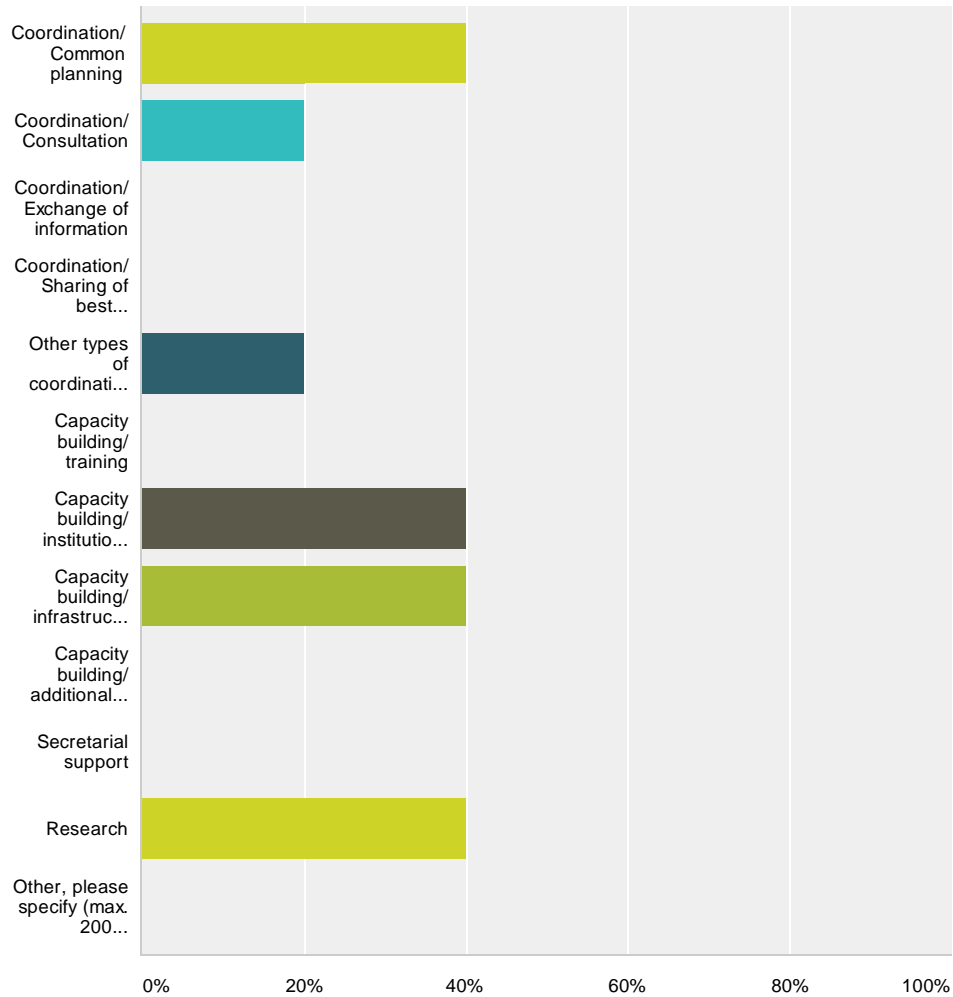


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	<b>40%</b> 2
<b>contaminants</b>	<b>40%</b> 2
<b>eutrophication</b>	<b>60%</b> 3
<b>fish</b>	<b>60%</b> 3
<b>emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>difficult to specify</b>	<b>20%</b> 1
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 5	

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q83 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity.**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



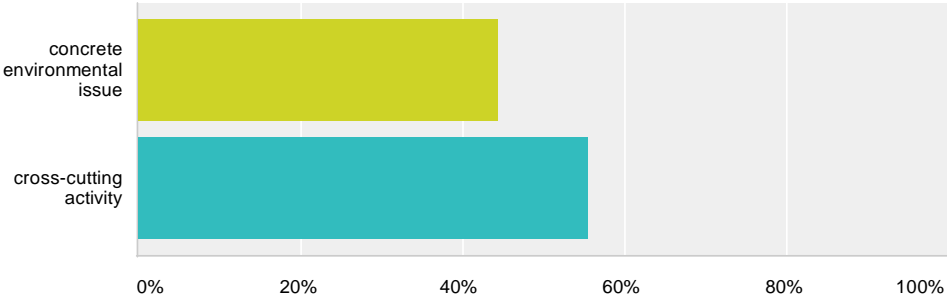
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	40% 2
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	20% 1
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	0% 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	0% 0
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	20% 1
<b>Capacity building/ training</b>	0% 0
<b>Capacity building/ institutional structures</b>	40% 2
<b>Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	40% 2
<b>Capacity building/ additional staff</b>	0% 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	0% 0
<b>Research</b>	40% 2
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
Total Respondents: 5	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
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There are no responses.	
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**Q84 When you think of the EU support that would be second most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Answered: 9 Skipped: 41



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>concrete environmental issue</b>	<b>44.44%</b> 4
<b>cross-cutting activity</b>	<b>55.56%</b> 5
Total	9

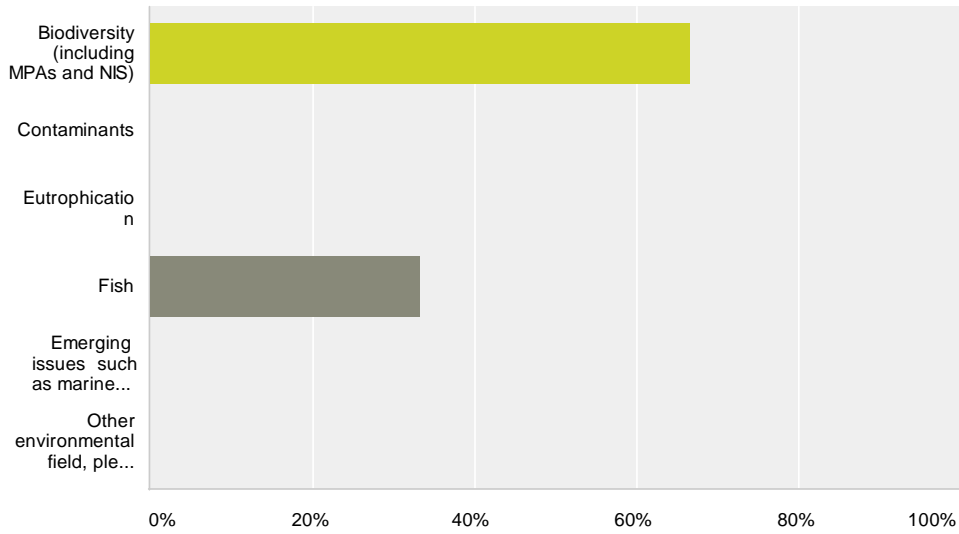
**Q85 a. Please describe the second most important concrete environmental issue in a few sentences:**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

#	Responses	Date
1	-rehabilitation of sensitive habitats important for conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity	5/17/2013 1:35 PM
2	Fishery	5/16/2013 7:10 PM

### Q86 b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

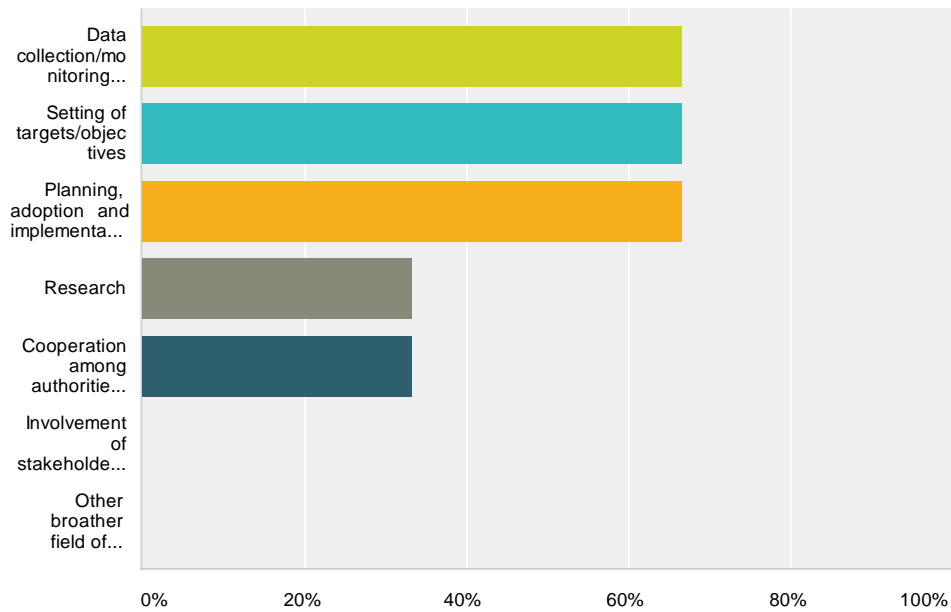


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 2
<b>Contaminants</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Eutrophication</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Fish</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters)	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters)	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q87 c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the second most important environmental issue:**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47



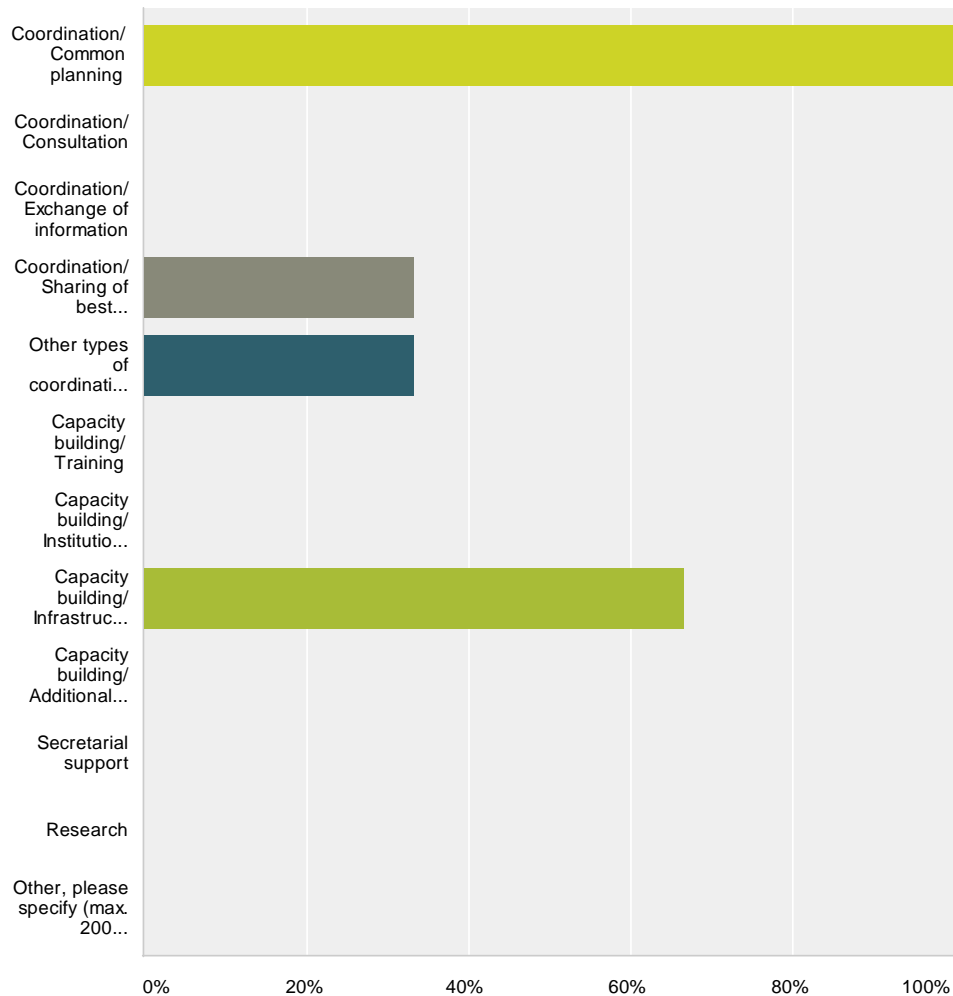
Answer Choices	Responses
Data collection/monitoring assessment	66.67% 2
Setting of targets/objectives	66.67% 2
Planning, adoption and implementation of measures	66.67% 2
Research	33.33% 1
Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)	33.33% 1
Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)	0% 0
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
Total Respondents: 3	

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	



**Q88 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue:**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>100%</b> 3
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ Training</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Institutional structures</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 2
<b>Capacity building/ Additional staff</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 3	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)	Date
	There are no responses.	

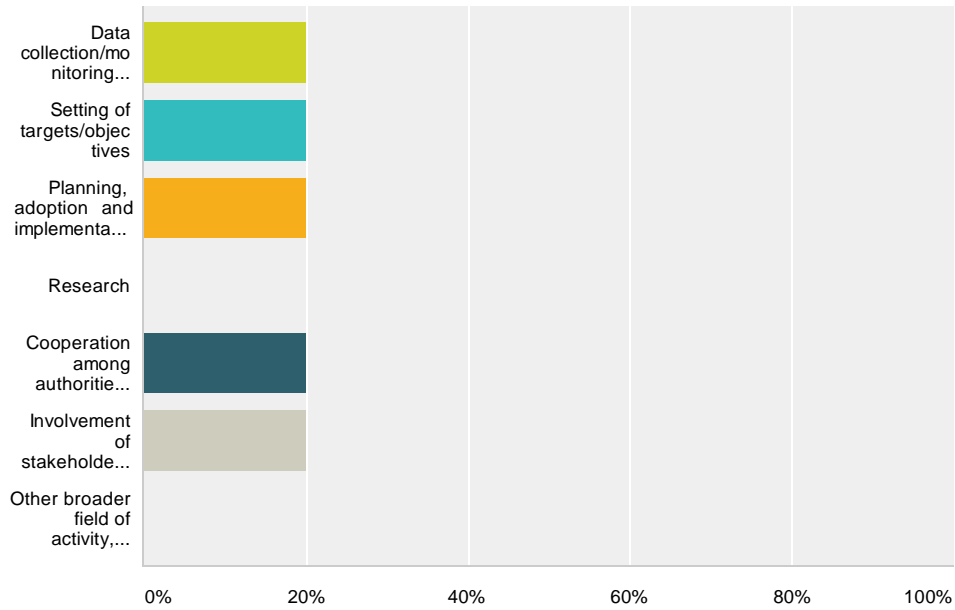
**Q89 a. Please describe the second most important cross-cutting activity in a few sentences:**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	Action Plans and Plans of Measures to be supported by MS and fully implemented	5/31/2013 10:00 PM
2	increase stakeholder participation	5/28/2013 9:33 PM
3	Unsustainable fishing activities,bottom destroying gears;Marine litter;	5/28/2013 6:40 PM
4	Enhancing cooperation based on EU legislation in the Black Sea region	5/22/2013 9:51 AM

**Q90 b. Please select from the broader field to which the activity belongs (max. 200 characters):**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

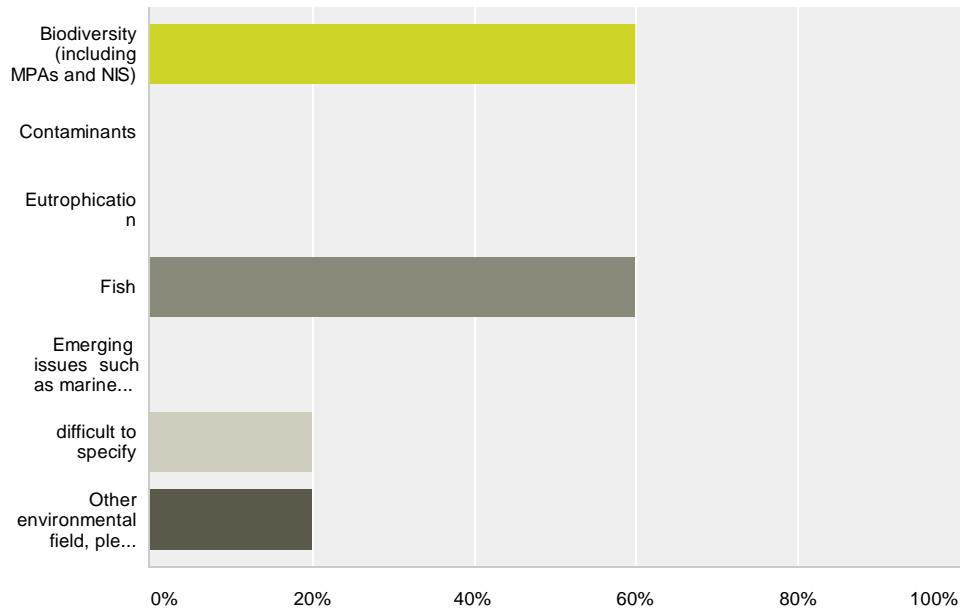


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Data collection/monitoring assessment</b>	20% 1
<b>Setting of targets/objectives</b>	20% 1
<b>Planning, adoption and implementation of measures</b>	20% 1
<b>Research</b>	0% 0
<b>Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)</b>	20% 1
<b>Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs. research institutions etc)</b>	20% 1
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q91 c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

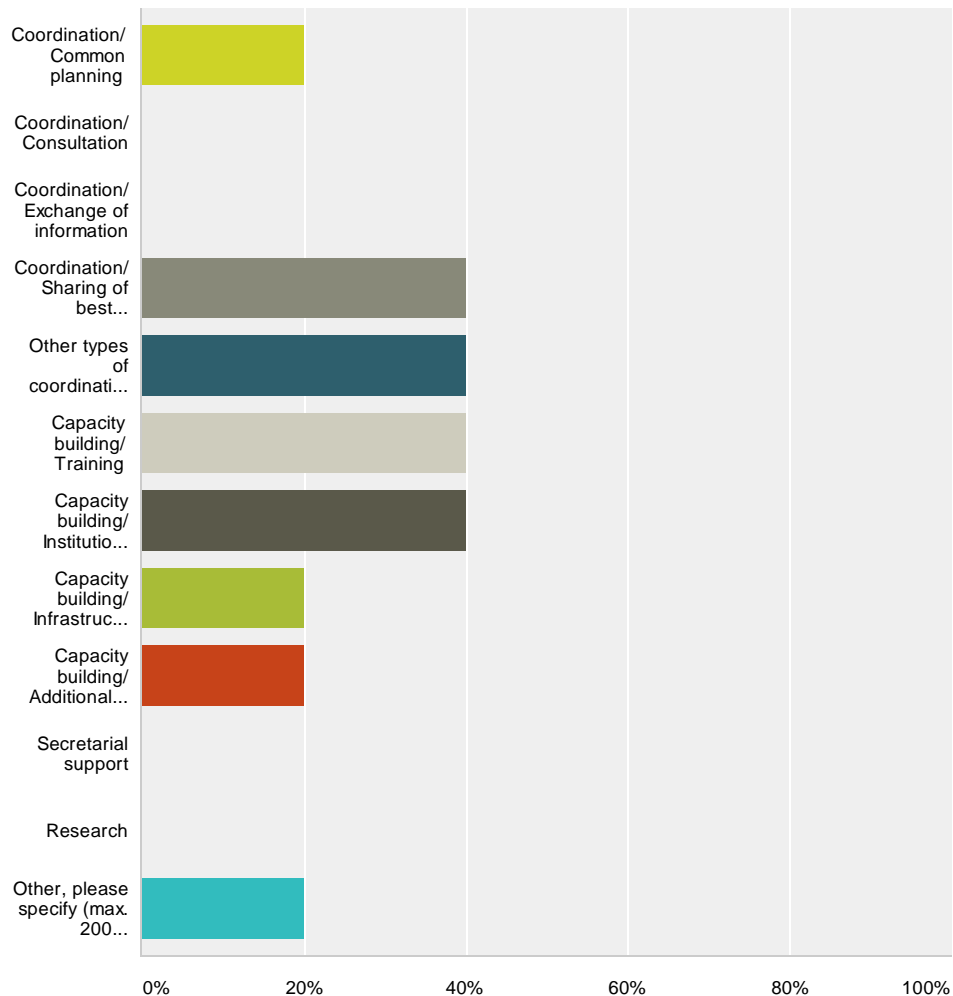


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	<b>60%</b> 3
<b>Contaminants</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Eutrophication</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Fish</b>	<b>60%</b> 3
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>difficult to specify</b>	<b>20%</b> 1
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters): <a href="#">Responses</a>	<b>20%</b> 1
Total Respondents: 5	

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
1	enhanced effectivity of cooperation	5/22/2013 9:51 AM

**Q92 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



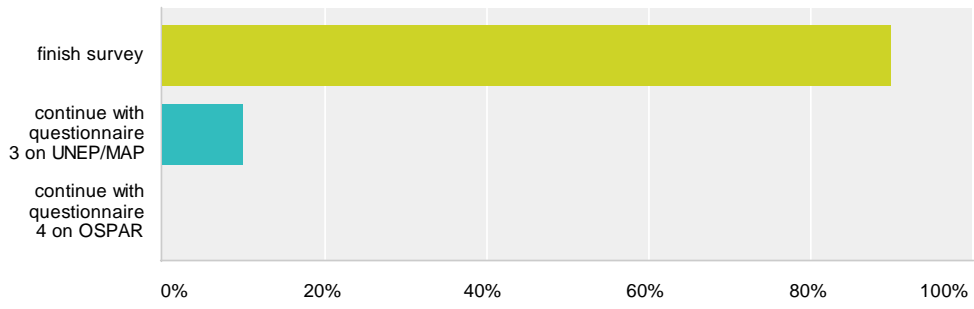
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	20% 1
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	0% 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	0% 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	40% 2
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	40% 2
<b>Capacity building/ Training</b>	40% 2
<b>Capacity building/ Institutional structures</b>	40% 2
<b>Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	20% 1
<b>Capacity building/ Additional staff</b>	20% 1
<b>Secretarial support</b>	0% 0
<b>Research</b>	0% 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters): <a href="#">Responses</a>	20% 1
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### Q93 Would you like to finish the survey or answer a questionnaire on another RSC?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 40

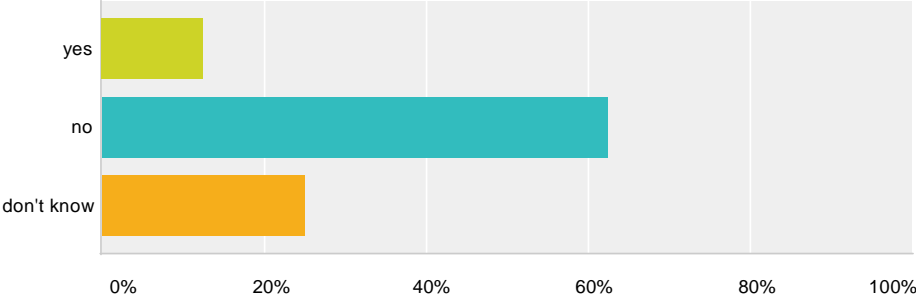


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>finish survey</b>	<b>90%</b> 9
<b>continue with questionnaire 3 on UNEP/MAP</b>	<b>10%</b> 1
<b>continue with questionnaire 4 on OSPAR</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Total	10

3.4. UNEP/MAP

**Q94 3 Are you an accredited stakeholder at  
UNEP/MAP?**

Answered: 8 Skipped: 42

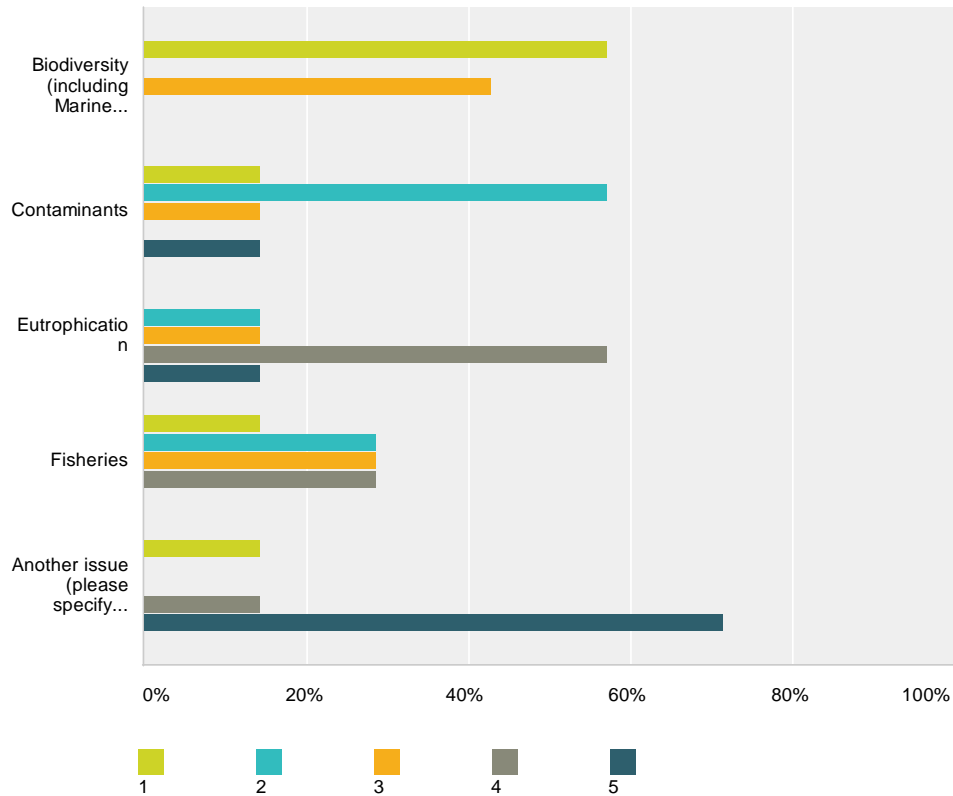


Answer Choices	Responses
yes	12.50% 1
no	62.50% 5
don't know	25% 2
Total	8



**Q95 4a Which are the priority issues in your marine regions? Please rank the following on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = most important issue, 5=less important issue) (If you do not want to identify any "other issue", please rank it 5):**

Answered: 7 Skipped: 43



	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average Ranking
<b>Biodiversity (including Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and non-indigenous species (NIS))</b>	57.14% 4	0% 0	42.86% 3	0% 0	0% 0	7	4.14
<b>Contaminants</b>	14.29% 1	57.14% 4	14.29% 1	0% 0	14.29% 1	7	3.57
<b>Eutrophication</b>	0% 0	14.29% 1	14.29% 1	57.14% 4	14.29% 1	7	2.29
<b>Fisheries</b>	14.29% 1	28.57% 2	28.57% 2	28.57% 2	0% 0	7	3.29
<b>Another issue (please specify below)</b>	14.29% 1	0% 0	0% 0	14.29% 1	71.43% 5	7	1.71

**Q96 4b If you identified "another issue",  
please specify here:**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

#	Responses	Date
1	Coastal and sea-floor development & integrity, climate change monitoring & adaptation. 1\ote that we consider contaminants to also include litter.	6/6/2013 11:46 AM
2	Governance	5/28/2013 2:17 PM

### Q97 4c Comment on ranking:

Answered:0 Skipped:50

#	Responses	Date
1	There are no responses.	

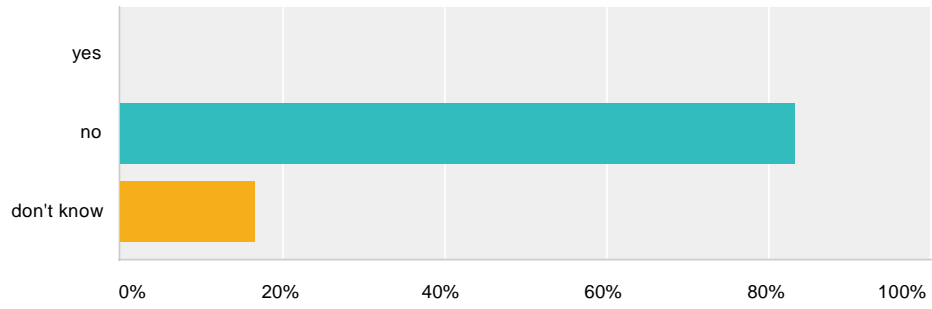
**Q98 5 Are there issues addressed at the European level (in particular by the Marine Strategy Framework Directive) which should also be addressed by UNEP/MAP? Please specify.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	Most issues addressed by UNEP/MAP through Action Plans and Protocols. It must be noted that some of the Protocols and hence Action Plans have not been fully ratified by several of the Contracting Parties (CPs). Climate change adaptation at a lesser extent. Marine noise and hydrographical conditions not addressed. Fisheries issues are mostly addressed by the GFCM until recently.	6/6/2013 11:46 AM
2	Combined Sewer Overflows and other water industry assets that discharge untreated sewage.	6/3/2013 2:50 PM
3	All 4 issues are addressed by the MSFD. They are/should also be addressed by UNEP/MAP in order to take into account the non-EU member countries as well as the regional specificities.	5/20/2013 1:23 PM

**Q99 a. Do you think that UNEP/MAP has a comprehensive knowledge of the state of the marine waters in their marine region?**

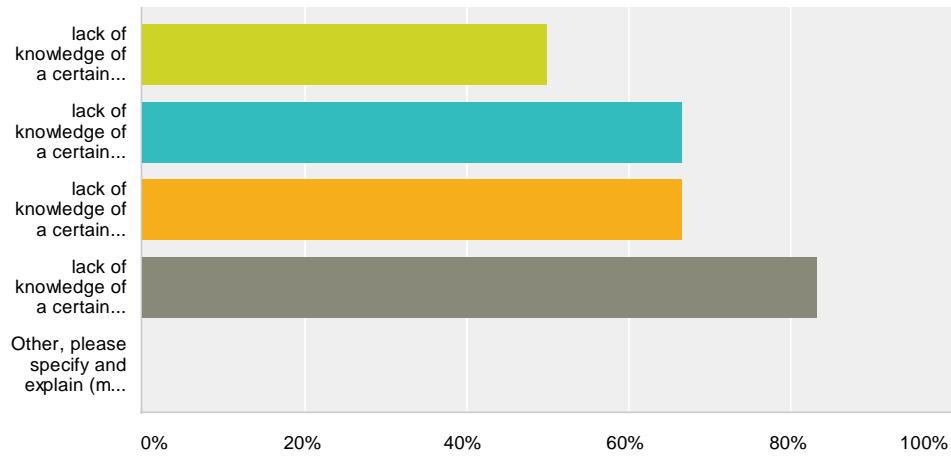
Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>yes</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>no</b>	<b>83.33%</b>	5
<b>don't know</b>	<b>16.67%</b>	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>

## Q100 b. If not, where do you think are the main gaps in knowledge?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44

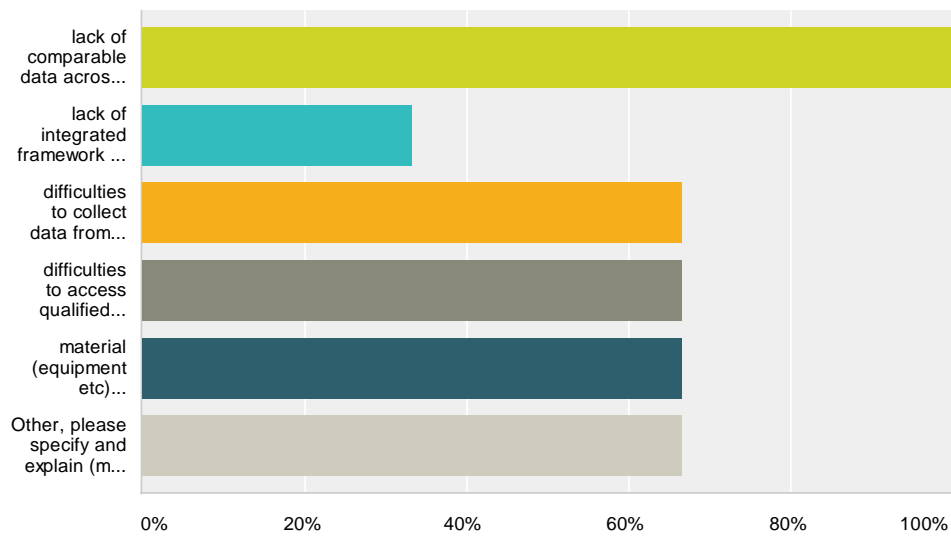


Answer Choices	Responses
lack of knowledge of a certain topic (biodiversity, eutrophication, etc.)	50% 3
lack of knowledge of a certain element (specific marine species, specific contaminant, etc.)	66.67% 4
lack of knowledge of a certain geographical area	66.67% 4
lack of knowledge of a certain period of time (lack of historical data, lack of recent data)	83.33% 5
Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)	0% 0
Total Respondents: 6	

#	Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)	Date
	There are no responses.	

## Q101 c. What do you think is/are the reason(s) for this/these gap(s)?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44

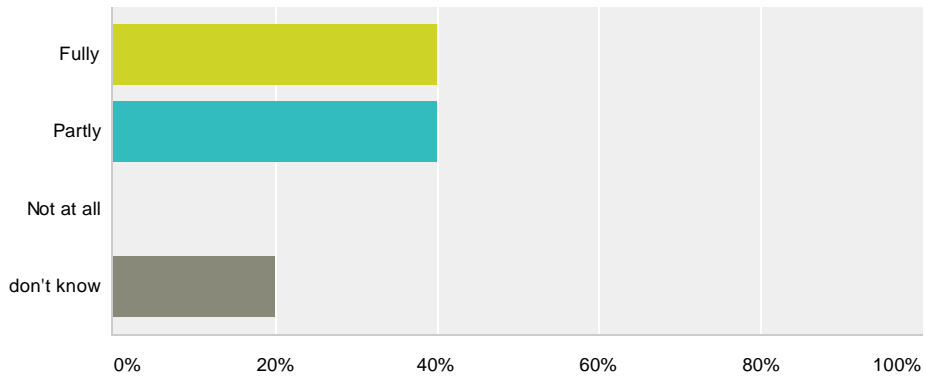


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>lack of comparable data across countries</b>	<b>100%</b> 6
<b>lack of integrated framework at RSC level</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
<b>difficulties to collect data from private sources</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 4
<b>difficulties to access qualified experts</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 4
<b>material (equipment etc) difficulties</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 4
Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters) <b>Responses</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 4
Total Respondents: 6	

#	Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)	Date
1	In addition to knowledge obtained through UNEP & EU projects, MAP relies on information provided by CPs which may not be dependable, or may be fragmented, due to lack of monitoring or of capacity to effectively collect & report data. Disparities exist as regards standards & quality of monitoring, and historical data. Not all knowledge holders are (en)able(d) to participate in the MAP's processes. No public/wide consultation. Knowledge gap as regards open seas (beyond jurisdiction).	6/6/2013 11:47 AM
2	The sampling being done is too infrequent to give a robust picture of the environment	6/3/2013 2:51 PM
3	Difficulties to access available data. MS need to share data better.	5/28/2013 2:18 PM
4	Very few data are available in the southern part of the Mediterranean mainly due to lack of observing systems. Existing data are sporadic and of limited time period.	5/20/2013 1:26 PM

**Q102 a. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by UNEP/MAP for the protection of the marine environment cover the right priority areas?**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Fully</b>	<b>40%</b>	2
<b>Partly</b>	<b>40%</b>	2
<b>Not at all</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>don't know</b>	<b>20%</b>	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>5</b>



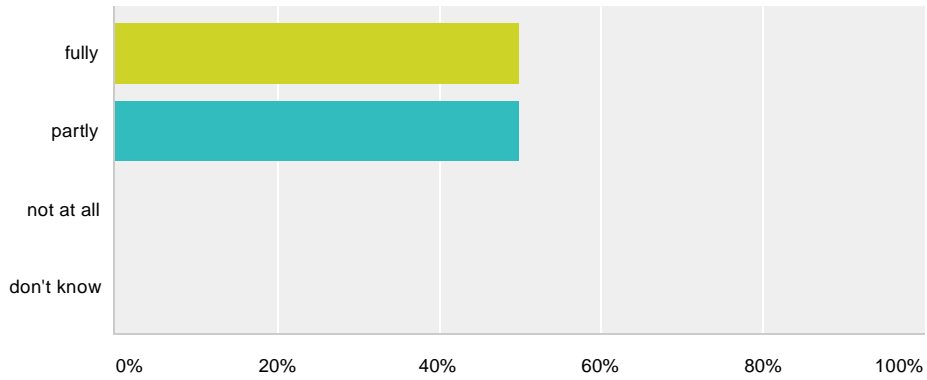
**Q103 b. If only partly or not at all, which areas are missing?**

Answered:2 Skipped:48

#	Responses	Date
1	See above re priority issues.	6/6/2013 11:48 AM
2	Predictive scenarios and narratives	5/29/2013 4:00 PM

**Q104 c. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by UNEP/MAP are sufficiently ambitious to ensure a healthy sea?**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
<b>fully</b>	<b>50%</b>	2
<b>partly</b>	<b>50%</b>	2
<b>not at all</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>don't know</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>

**Q105 d. If only partly or not at all, please explain.**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

#	Responses	Date
1	As regards the proposed draft List of Targets for Indicators of Operational Objectives of the MAP ecosystem approach roadmap (EcAP), qualitative and no quantitative targets are set. Hence targets shall finally lack ambition and be too vague to become useful as a tool to monitor the real ES in relation to a baseline, and inform management decision, thus jeopardising the ultimate aim of reaching GES and/or cleaning up the Med before 2020.	6/6/2013 11:48 AM
2	see above	5/29/2013 4:00 PM

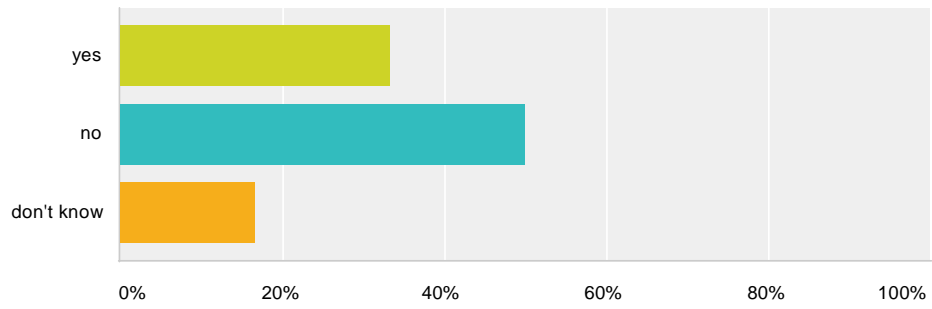
## Q106 e. In your opinion, what are the main obstacles to their achievement?

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	Unlike the EU, the Convention and MAP lacks implementation/enforcement capacity and effective infringement procedures. This means that some decisions, plans, recommendations made lack "teeth" and are not legally binding in the same way as the EU legislative framework is. This situation undermines the achievement of applying the EcAp and achieving GES. At the same time, and despite the fact that failure to comply does not bring penalties, reluctance of CPs to set ambitious targets reflects the lack of capacity (in relation to funds, skills and equipment) and political will to participate in the processes, commit to and implement decisions/protocols (and translate these into monitoring, reporting and corrective/remediation programmes). It may also reflect the bureaucratic burden in some occasions (especially for EU members where activities are duplicated).	6/6/2013 11:48 AM
2	adequate communication with relevant experts	5/29/2013 4:00 PM
3	lack of governance, control and enforcement.	5/28/2013 2:19 PM
4	The knowledge of the past/present state of the marine environment in several of its elements in the Mediterranean is a main obstacle. The lack of funding for observing systems as well as for long term programs for protection/restoration are also major obstacles.	5/20/2013 1:29 PM

**Q107 a. Do you think that the measures taken by UNEP/MAP to protect the marine environment are adequate (e.g. they address the critical issues)?**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>yes</b>	<b>33.33%</b>	2
<b>no</b>	<b>50%</b>	3
<b>don't know</b>	<b>16.67%</b>	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>

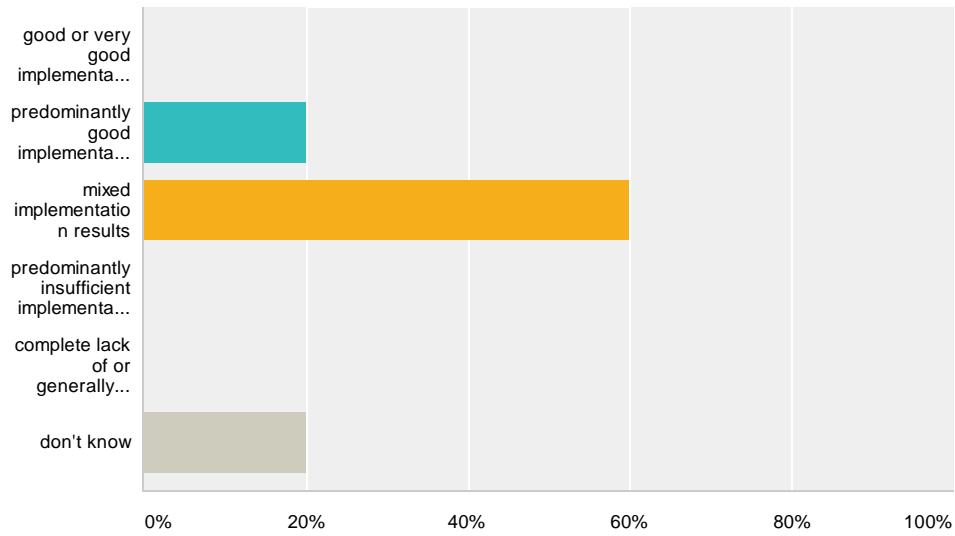
## Q108 b. If not, what additional/alternative measures would be needed?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	Indeed the MAP activities address most of the critical issues (fisheries mostly addressed by the GFCM). At the coordination level, the MAP has been effective in bringing countries together to discuss and address issues, although some CPs still lack the capacity to effectively participate in these processes. Increased support is needed for more and better monitoring and knowledge production, and harmonization of these regionally. Increased funding is needed for the implementation of MAP action plans and protocols especially in non-EU countries. Increased awareness raising in the region is needed: how aware are actual citizens and important target groups of the regional efforts made by CPs through the MAP and of the EcAp? Increased management/policy implementation effectiveness assessment is of critical importance. Specifically as regards protected areas created under the Barcelona Convention (SPAs, SPAMs, etc): the situation in these areas needs to be monitored and assessed by the MAP and its RACs, which should encourage CPs to take corrective measures when activities and developments take place that do not fit the SPA status, similar to action taken by the EU as regards Natura 2000. The same applies for mortality events and developments affecting species listed under the SPA/BD protocol. More stakeholders and knowledge holders should be supported to participate in the MAP processes.	6/6/2013 11:52 AM
2	Strong legislation with more measurable targets	6/3/2013 2:53 PM
3	Measures that secure implementation and integrated approach through'out the region.	5/28/2013 2:20 PM

**Q109 c. Have the measures been well-implemented at the regional/national level?  
Please score using the following scale:**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>good or very good implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>predominantly good implementation</b>	<b>20%</b> 1
<b>mixed implementation results</b>	<b>60%</b> 3
<b>predominantly insufficient implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>complete lack of or generally insufficient implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>don't know</b>	<b>20%</b> 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

**Q110 d. Comment (possibility to name the specific measure(s)/country to which the scoring above applies.**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	Systematic and ongoing monitoring-evaluation-reaction in relation to the habitats and species under the SPA/BD, ICZM and the instruments generated through these (SAP/BIO, etc) is lacking in several countries. The status of the (endangered) species, hotspots and sensitive habitats has not improved, marine litter is an escalating issue, and resources continue to be depleted, indicating that although at the policy and planning level progress has been made, their implementation is poor.	6/6/2013 11:52 AM



**Q111 e. In your opinion, what improvements could be made to the implementation process?**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	More resources geared towards implementation and assessment are needed now that a regulatory framework has been set out to address priority issues. Once the capacity has been locally instilled through international support, an improved evaluation and compliance mechanism needs to be introduced, which will effectively encourage CPs to fulfill the commitments made, ultimately securing implementation on the ground.	6/6/2013 11:52 AM
2	More detailed recording of the environmental baseline	6/3/2013 2:53 PM
3	Implementation of measures could benefit from financial support to certain countries.	5/20/2013 1:31 PM

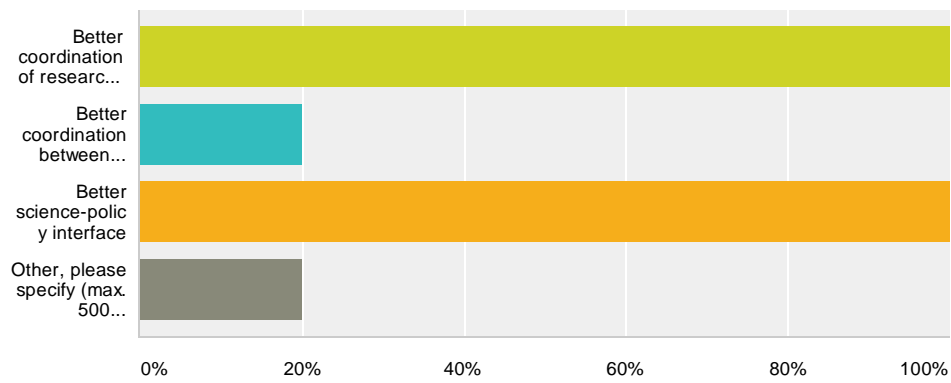
**Q112 a. In your opinion, what areas of scientific research should be prioritized in future for UNEP/MAP as a whole?**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	See priority areas above.	6/6/2013 12:07 PM
2	water quality and biodiversity.	6/3/2013 2:54 PM
3	Assessment of potential impact of predicted climate change (warming and acidification) on coastal marine species, specifically WHOLE LIFE-CYCLE STUDIES	5/29/2013 4:02 PM
4	- Design and implementation of an integrated observing system for sustained monitoring of the Mediterranean marine ecosystem - Development of new ecosystem modeling tools that include higher trophic levels and can be used for hind cast, nowcast and forecast application	5/20/2013 1:39 PM

## Q113 b. How could the research process be improved?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Better coordination of research topics between Contracting Parties/research institutes to avoid duplication of work and gaps</b>	100% 5
<b>Better coordination between Contracting Parties/research institutes with regard to the use of material resources (equipment/hardware)</b>	20% 1
<b>Better science-policy interface</b>	100% 5
Other, please specify (max. 500 characters): <a href="#">Responses</a>	20% 1
Total Respondents: 5	

#	Other, please specify (max. 500 characters):	Date
1	funding	6/3/2013 2:54 PM

**Q114 c. According to you, which research projects carried out in your marine region were particularly successful? Please explain your answer.**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

#	Responses	Date
1	<p>It is extremely difficult to answer this question with specific examples without a timeframe (i.e does this refer to the last 30 years or last 10 years?). The numerous local, small scale projects have been important in providing baseline data or first evidence on distribution of several species and habitats status, as well as improving local research capacities. Local actions can make a huge difference both for livelihoods and local environments as they usually provide adapted and implementable solutions. Those that have successfully provided a legacy/continuity are viewed as the most successful, either due to the capacity building they involved or by streamlining the research/monitoring into an ongoing nationally endorsed activity. EU Life and FP7 projects have had a great impact in enabling research and monitoring and are seen as successful and necessary. Large scale, collaborative, regional projects have also been important in linking localized research efforts to a region-wide effort/goal especially as regards species and environmental issues that surpass the national scope (e.g. FP projects, some IPA projects, the recent MedPan projects, projects funded by World Bank, UNEP, etc)</p>	6/6/2013 12:07 PM
2	<p>The SESAME and PERSEUS EU funded projects because they included a large number of countries and stakeholders and addressed MSFD issues. Also the implementation of the GMES/MyOcean project in this area because it provides essential background information for the physical state of the marine environment.</p>	5/20/2013 1:39 PM

**Q115 a. How effective is cooperation among  
UNEP/MAP Contracting Parties? Please  
explain your assessment.**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	As mentioned, there are still disparities in the ability of CPs to effectively participate in the MAP processes.	6/6/2013 12:09 PM
2	don't know, not enough information	5/29/2013 4:02 PM
3	Rather effective in certain issues where long term programs are in place (MED-POL, pollution) but less effective in other areas.	5/20/2013 1:43 PM
4	Not enough effective	5/17/2013 2:52 PM

**Q116 b. In which areas (topics or activities) do you consider cooperation with other RSCs would be most needed? Please specify with which RSC if relevant.**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

#	Responses	Date
1	e.g. OSPAR and HELCOM for fisheries-related issues, pollution, and EcAp	6/6/2013 12:09 PM
2	Development of coherent monitoring strategies across all European regional seas.	5/20/2013 1:43 PM

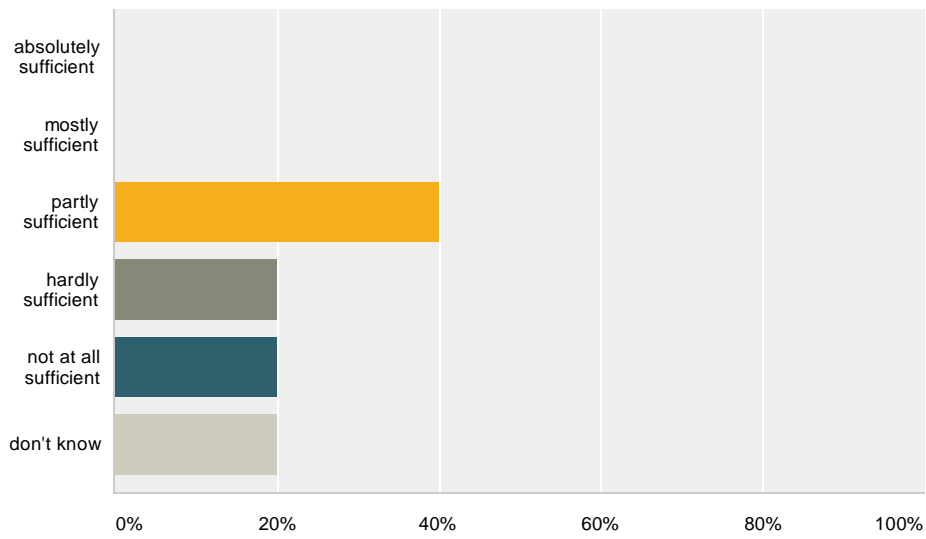
**Q117 c. In which settings and processes (e.g. specific types of working groups of the MSFD Common Implementation Strategy, certain kinds of projects, specific workshops, work on particular MSFD related thematic issues) do you think UNEP/MAP and the European Union have worked successfully together for the protection of the marine environment in your region? Please specify.**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	EcAP-related processes and workshops Pollution-related processes Maritime-related issues	6/6/2013 12:09 PM

### Q118 a. Do you think your involvement in UNEP/MAP is sufficient?

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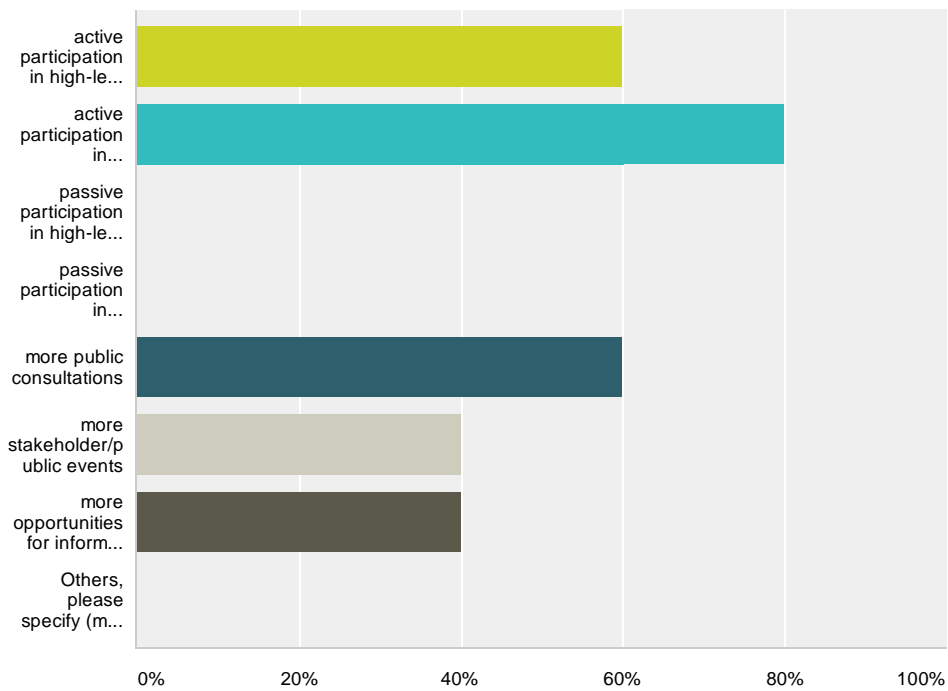


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>absolutely sufficient</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>mostly sufficient</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>partly sufficient</b>	<b>40%</b> 2
<b>hardly sufficient</b>	<b>20%</b> 1
<b>not at all sufficient</b>	<b>20%</b> 1
<b>don't know</b>	<b>20%</b> 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>



## Q119 b. How could your involvement be improved? (you can tick several answers)

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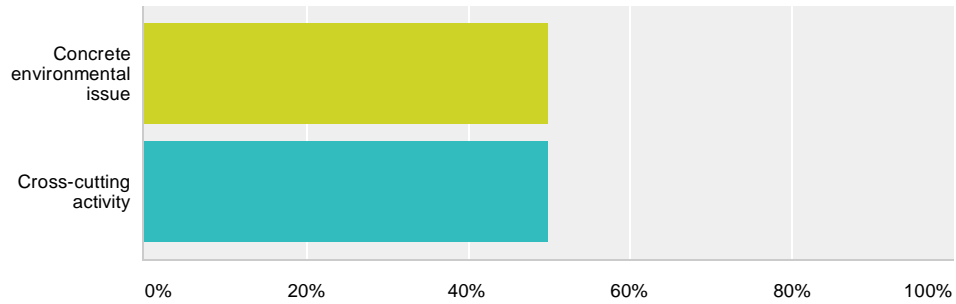


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>active participation in high-level meetings</b>	<b>60%</b> 3
<b>active participation in working-level meetings</b>	<b>80%</b> 4
<b>passive participation in high-level meetings</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>passive participation in working-level meetings</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>more public consultations</b>	<b>60%</b> 3
<b>more stakeholder/public events</b>	<b>40%</b> 2
<b>more opportunities for informal contact with RSC staff (networking)</b>	<b>40%</b> 2
Others, please specify (max 500 characters)	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 5	

#	Others, please specify (max 500 characters)	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q120 12 Most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity When you think of the EU support that would be most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Concrete environmental issue</b>	<b>50%</b>	3
<b>Cross-cutting activity</b>	<b>50%</b>	3
Total		6

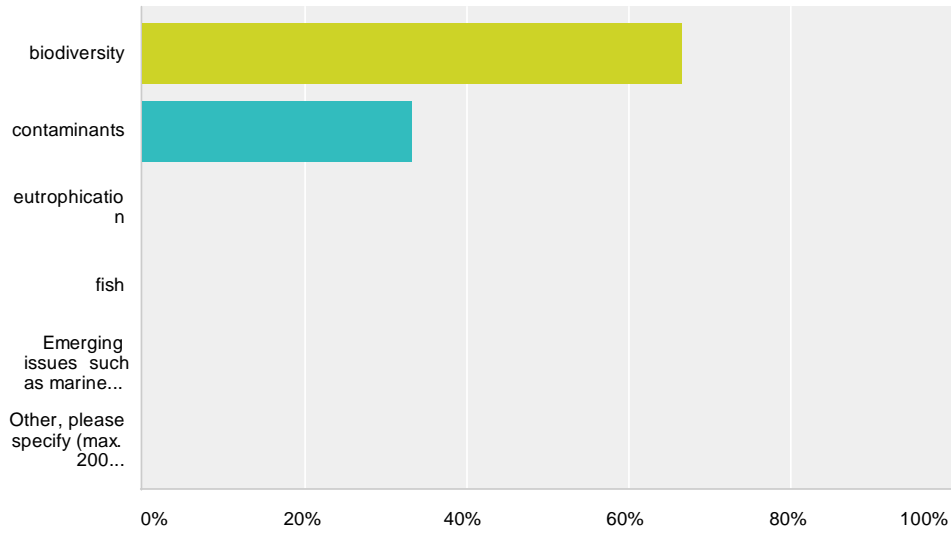
**Q121 a. Please specify the concrete environmental issue that would be most important.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	<p>The implementation of the MSFD requires that EU member countries as well as Med non-EU countries can ensure that their marine strategies are coherent and coordinated. At the same time Member States must make every effort to coordinate their activities with non – EU countries in the same marine region including through Regional Sea Conventions. A tool for achieving this is the creation of marine and coastal protected areas. Unfortunately, coastal and marine protected areas in the Mediterranean cover approximately only 4% of the Region meaning that the CBD target of 10% of protection will likely not be achieved. Additionally, it becomes clear that the current MPA system is not either coherent or representative. All MPAs are located in coastal waters under national jurisdiction, with the exception of the Pelagos Sanctuary, the only high-sea MPA to date in the Mediterranean. Results revealed disparities in MPA distribution where major Mediterranean Sea habitats and biomes are not included in and where spacing between protected sites may be too wide to ensure larval exchange of most marine organisms amongst the network of protected sites. Also, weak data collection and research in areas under protection represents another obstacle towards the successful implementation of the MSFD in each of the Management Unions of the strategy. It has been shown that despite the protective status a high proportion of managers perceived negative trends in key habitats, such as seagrass beds and coralligenous communities, and critical areas such as fish spawning aggregations and feeding grounds. This coupled together with over-fishing poses a great threat for the Mediterranean. Hence, it can become clear that EU support should be targeted towards uniformity and good representation of (M)PAs especially in the high seas where a lot of the large scale fishing activity can also be localized. It should also be noted that the EU should target its support in improving management effectiveness in already established (M)PAs. To achieve this, Mediterranean (M)PAs need to have adequate management bodies; make widespread use of management plans and support their implementation; perform detailed and accurate natural resource inventory and assess their geographical distribution; assess management effectiveness; provide for human resources and training; explore innovative financing mechanisms for secure financial resources, equipment and facilities; implement effective surveillance combined with education and awareness-raising programmes in areas where a need is identified.</p>	6/7/2013 5:18 PM
2	water quality & marine litter	6/3/2013 2:57 PM
3	Impact of climate change (warming and acidification) on WHOLE LIFE-CYCLE of coastal marine species	5/29/2013 4:04 PM

**Q122 b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

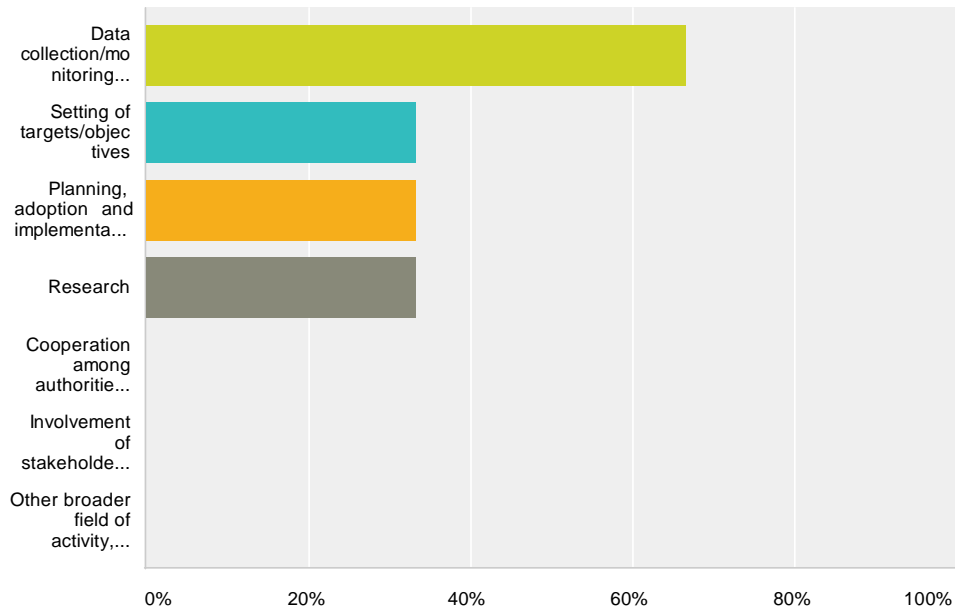


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>biodiversity</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 2
<b>contaminants</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>eutrophication</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>fish</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q123 c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the most important environmental issue.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

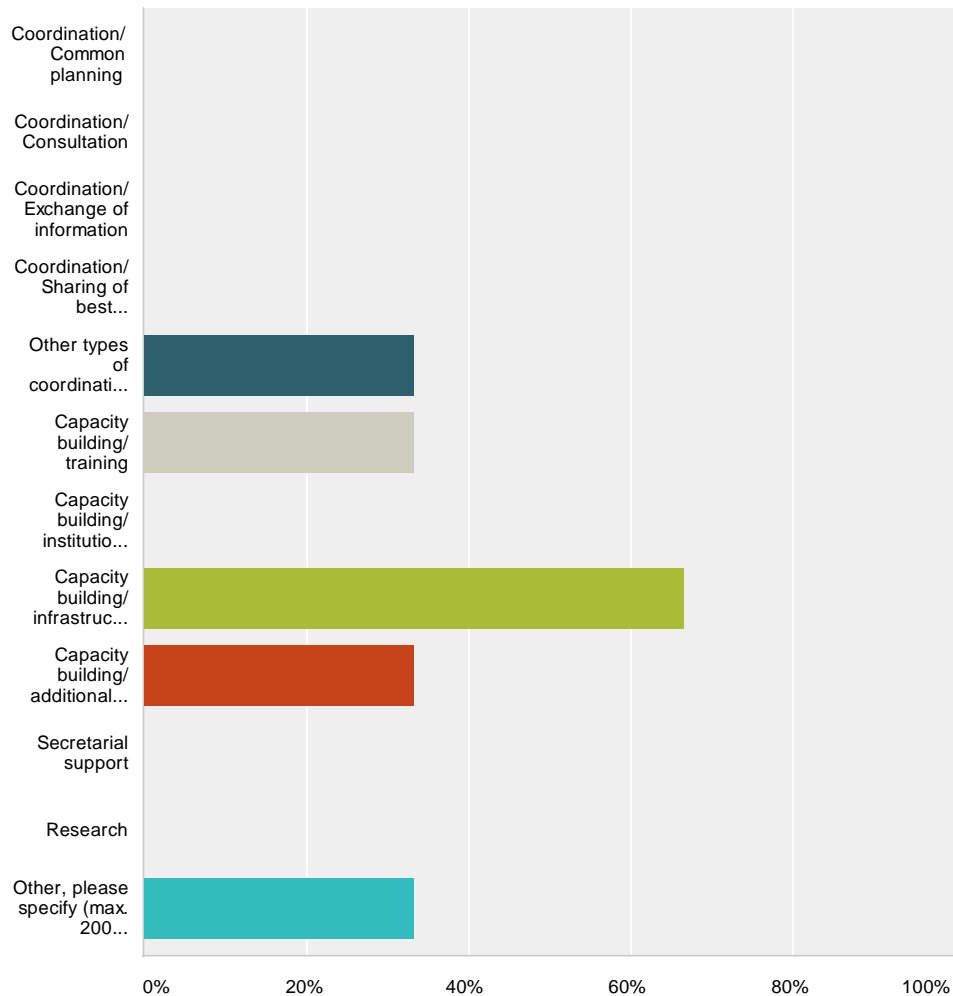


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Data collection/monitoring assessment</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 2
<b>Setting of targets/objectives</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Planning, adoption and implementation of measures</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Research</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 3	

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q124 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ training</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ institutional structures</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 2
<b>Capacity building/ additional staff</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters): <a href="#">Responses</a>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
Total Respondents: 3	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
1	Stronger legislation	6/3/2013 2:57 PM

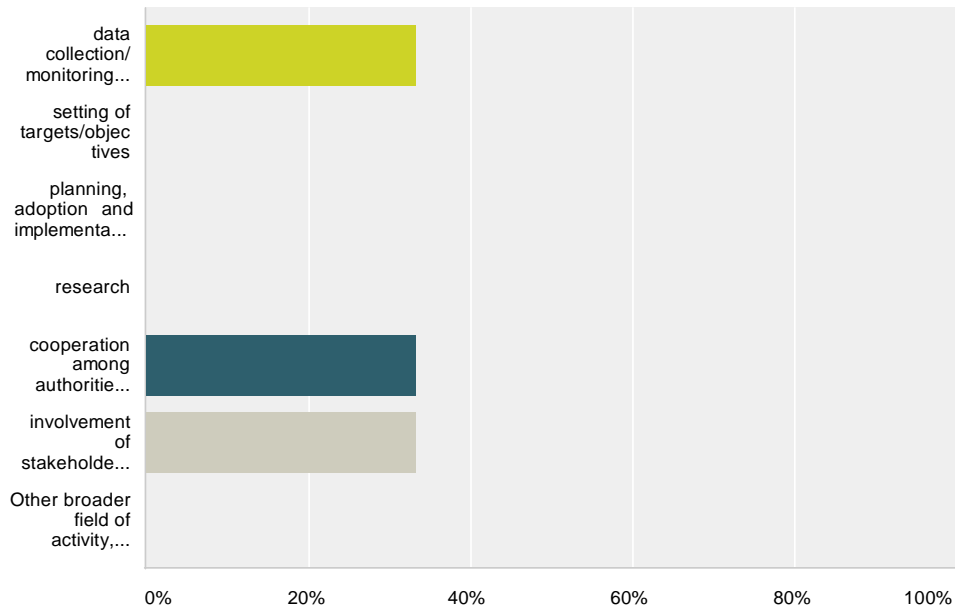
**Q125 a. Please specify the cross-cutting activity that would be most important.**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

#	Responses	Date
1	governance	5/28/2013 2:22 PM
2	Development of an integrated long term monitoring capacity to serve the needs of MSFD and other societal challenges (climate, blue growth etc) as part of a European Ocean Observing System	5/20/2013 1:49 PM

## Q126 b. Please select the broader field to which the activity belongs:

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47



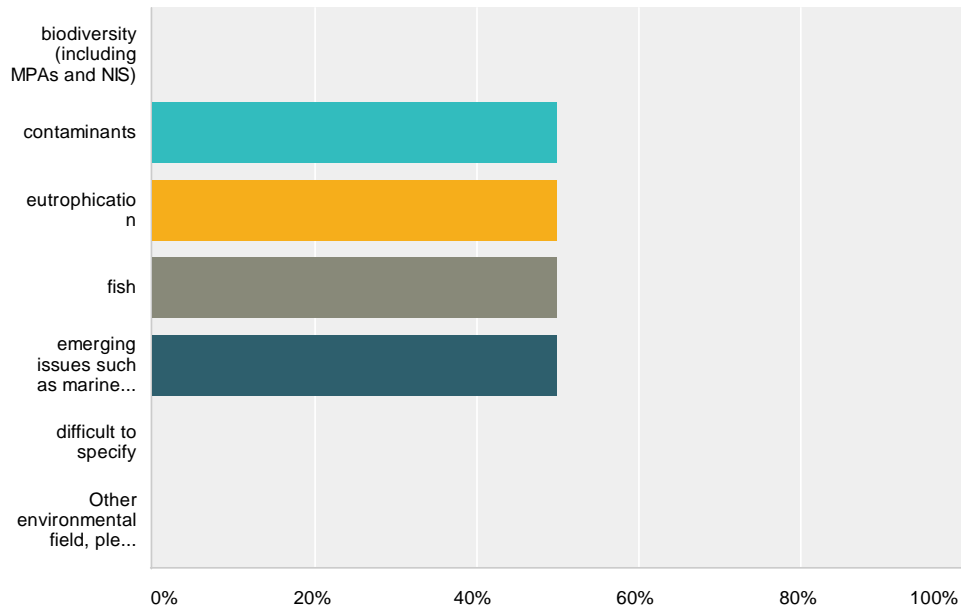
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>data collection/ monitoring assessment</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>setting of targets/objectives</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>planning, adoption and implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>research</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>cooperation among authorities (contracting parties, EU, RSCs etc.)</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
<b>involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc.)</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 1
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	



**Q127 c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

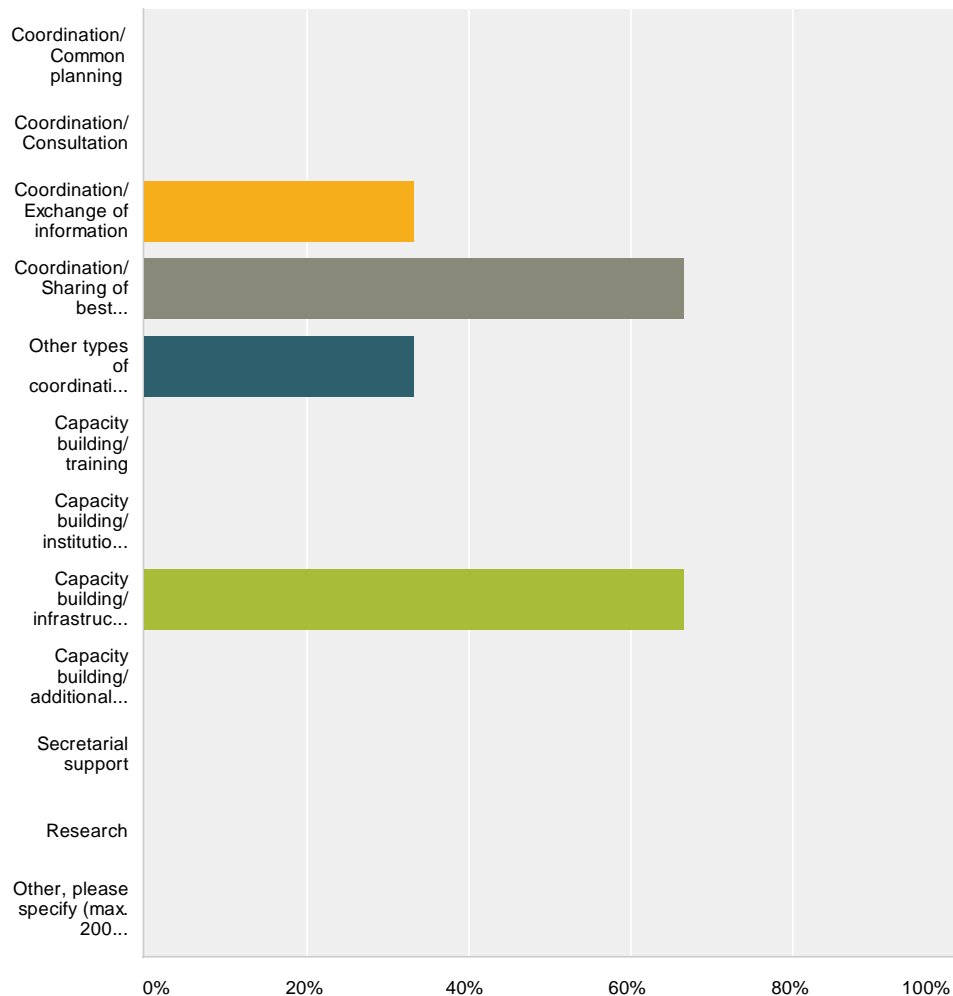


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>contaminants</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>eutrophication</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>fish</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>difficult to specify</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 2	

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q128 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity.**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47



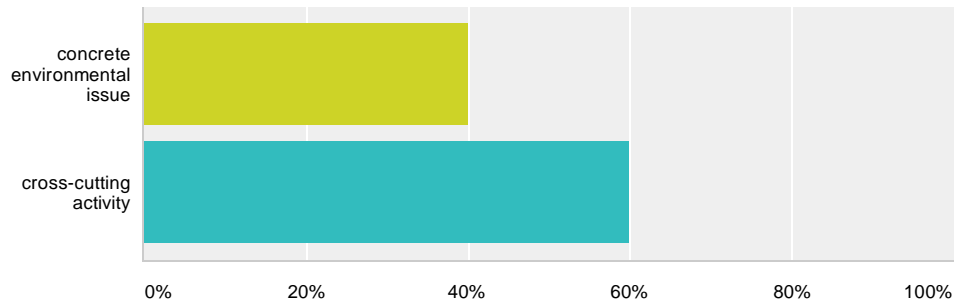
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	0% 0
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	0% 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	33.33% 1
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	66.67% 2
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	33.33% 1
<b>Capacity building/ training</b>	0% 0
<b>Capacity building/ institutional structures</b>	0% 0
<b>Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	66.67% 2
<b>Capacity building/ additional staff</b>	0% 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	0% 0
<b>Research</b>	0% 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
Total Respondents: 3	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
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There are no responses.	
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**Q129 When you think of the EU support that would be second most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>concrete environmental issue</b>	<b>40%</b> 2
<b>cross-cutting activity</b>	<b>60%</b> 3
Total	5

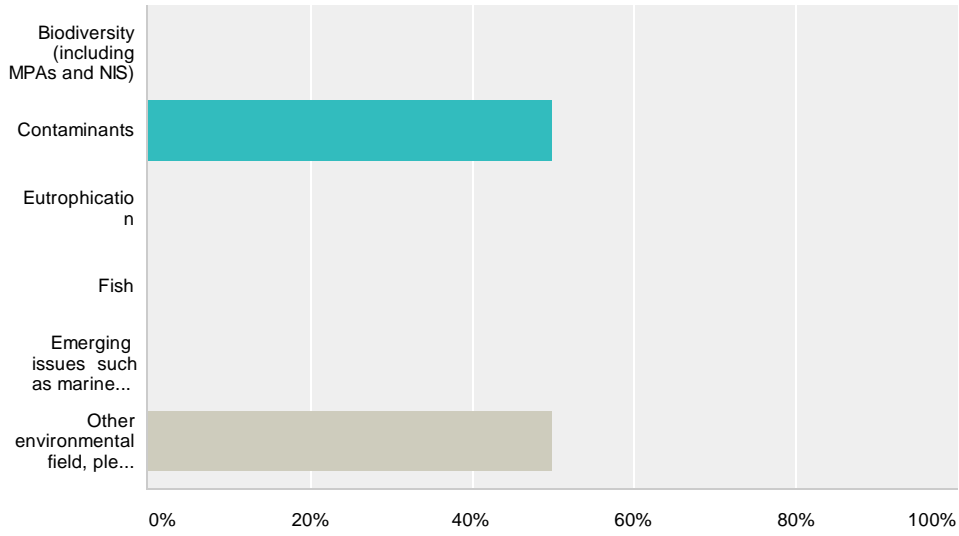
**Q130 a. Please describe the second most important concrete environmental issue in a few sentences:**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	<p>Overfishing in the Mediterranean is undoubtedly a very important environmental issue as it is an activity related to both biodiversity and marine resources loss, marine species endangerment of European and Mediterranean importance, underwater noise and marine litter deriving from the increased fishing effort (increased maritime traffic and emissions and actual litter e.g. sewage discharge ,ghost nets and other destructive gear that has been destroyed obstructing the growth of habitats important for commercial fish (such as coral reefs and Posidonia beds). Fishing constitutes a significant source of employment and income (especially for coastal communities) for the region and an important component of the region's cultural identity. (Over) fishing by large vessels using very intrusive gear is endangering the livelihood of a great portion of artisanal fishermen operating in coastal zones and fishing in depths no greater than 100 metres. Although over 85% of the boats in the Mediterranean fishing fleet are involved in small-scale fisheries, in certain countries like Greece, Italy, Tunisia over 50% of the total catch is from offshore fishing activities related to the use of destructive fishing gear (e.g. trawlers, purse seines etc.). As fishing production in the Mediterranean no longer satisfies demand in the coastal nations, supplying on average one third of the demand for fish, fishing in deep water areas will commence soon. Most deep-sea fishes have life histories giving them far less population resilience/productivity than shallow-water fishes, and could be fished sustainably only at very low catch rates if population resilience were the sole consideration. But like old-growth trees and great whales, their biomass makes them tempting targets while their low productivity creates strong economic incentive to liquidate their populations rather than exploiting them sustainably. Many deep-sea fisheries use bottom trawls, which often have high impacts on non-target fishes (e.g., sharks) and invertebrates (e.g., corals), and can often proceed only because they receive massive government subsidies. The combination of very low target population productivity, non-selective fishing gear, economics that favour population liquidation and a very weak regulatory regime makes deep-sea fisheries unsustainable with very few exceptions (Norse et al., 2012). Overfishing of certain commercial fishes has caused abnormalities which at a first glance can be viewed as a good thing when in reality they are not. The overexploitation, for example, of commercial species of the Sargus family commonly found in the surf zone of the Mediterranean sea has caused a proliferation of sea urchins in shallow waters which is often viewed as an indicator of good sea water quality especially for tourists visiting the southern coasts of the Mediterranean. However, this exponential growth of sea urchins in the shallows is the main cause for the deterioration of Posidonia oceanica meadows home to a lot of commercial fish species and feeding havens for endangered marine species such as sea turtles. Although the participation of GFCM experts in Biodiversity and Fisheries clusters meetings of the EcAp for the quantification of relevant targets is necessary and very useful, EU support should be targeted towards more consistent monitoring and the implementation of the CFP targets at a national level. In addition, as regards non-EU Med countries, EU support should be targeted to increasing EU fleet compliance to regulations, promote CFP targets and empower these countries to implement targets and consistent data collection.</p>	6/7/2013 5:25 PM

**Q131 b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

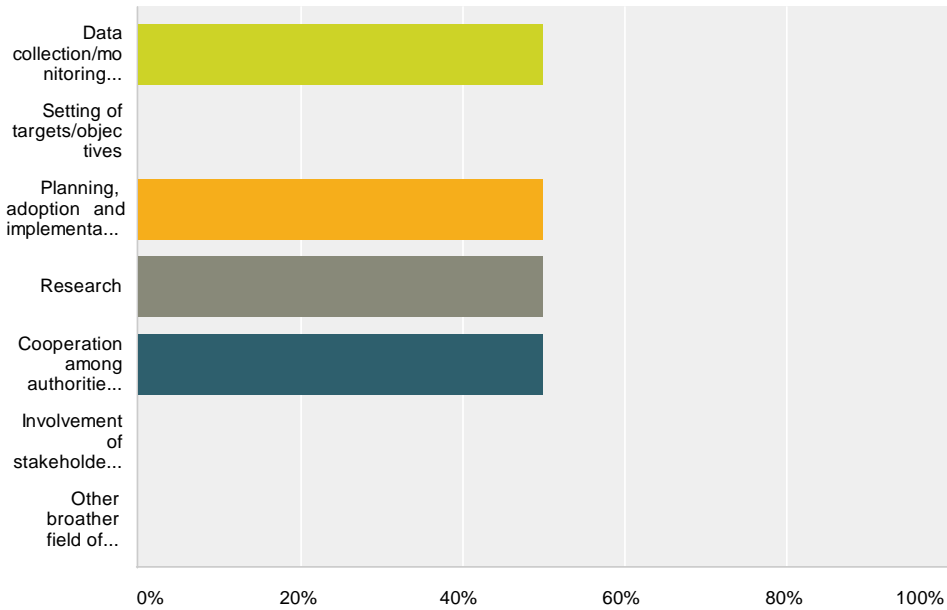


Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Contaminants</b>	<b>50%</b>	1
<b>Eutrophication</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Fish</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters) <b>Responses</b>	<b>50%</b>	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters)	Date
1	Marine biodiversity, including fish	6/7/2013 5:25 PM

**Q132 c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the second most important environmental issue:**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

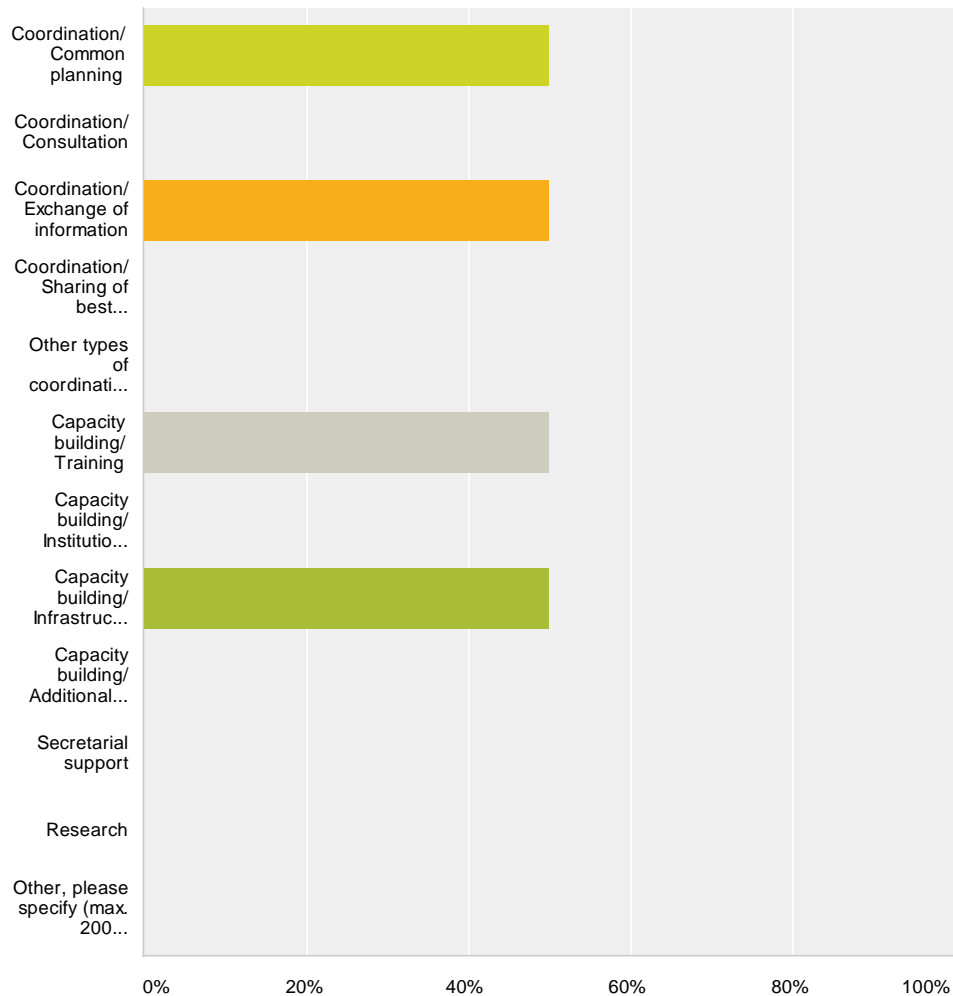


Answer Choices	Responses
Data collection/monitoring assessment	50% 1
Setting of targets/objectives	0% 0
Planning, adoption and implementation of measures	50% 1
Research	50% 1
Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)	50% 1
Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)	0% 0
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
Total Respondents: 2	

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q133 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue:**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Training</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ Institutional structures</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ Additional staff</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)</b>	<b>0%</b> 0

Total Respondents: 2

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)	Date
	There are no responses.	



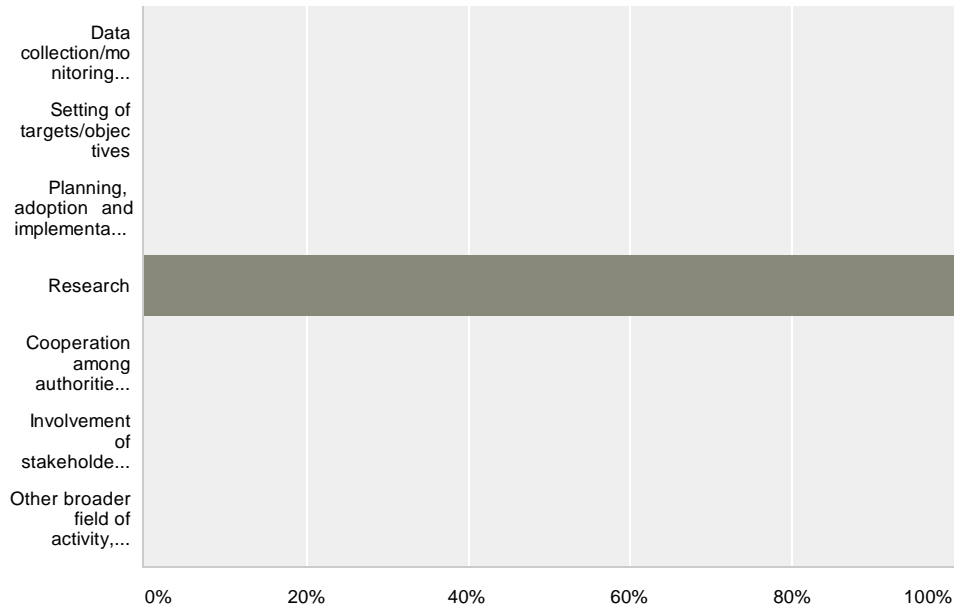
**Q134 a. Please describe the second most important cross-cutting activity in a few sentences:**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	Develop a platform for joint marine research activities in the Mediterranean. Building on previous Era-NET type of projects (MARINERA, SEASERA) the cooperation of national funding agencies should be enhanced through an Article 185 initiative. Based also on best practices from other areas (Baltic, BONUS).	5/20/2013 1:52 PM

**Q135 b. Please select from the broader field to which the activity belongs (max. 200 characters):**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

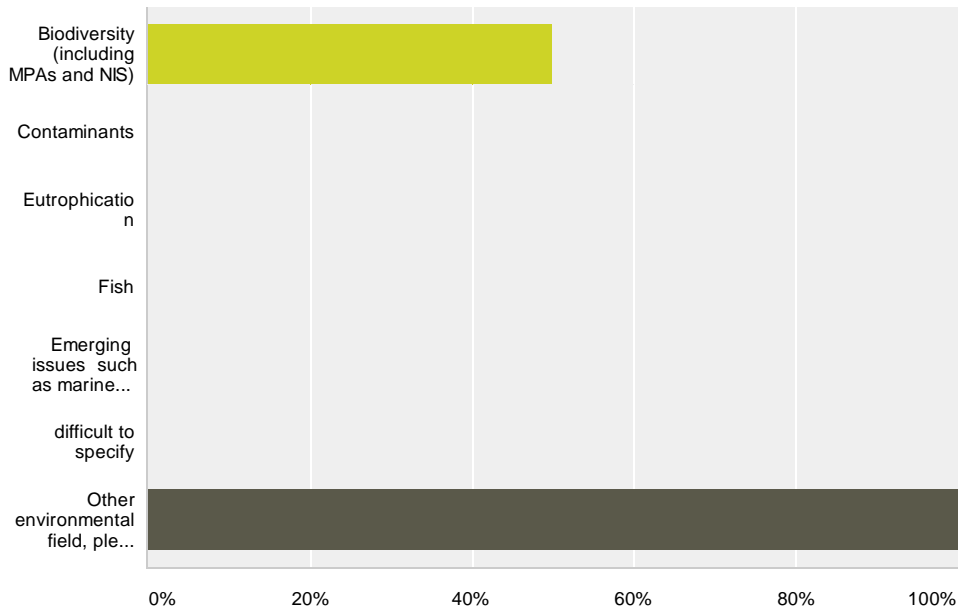


Answer Choices	Responses
Data collection/monitoring assessment	0% 0
Setting of targets/objectives	0% 0
Planning, adoption and implementation of measures	0% 0
Research	100% 2
Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)	0% 0
Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs. research institutions etc)	0% 0
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q136 c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

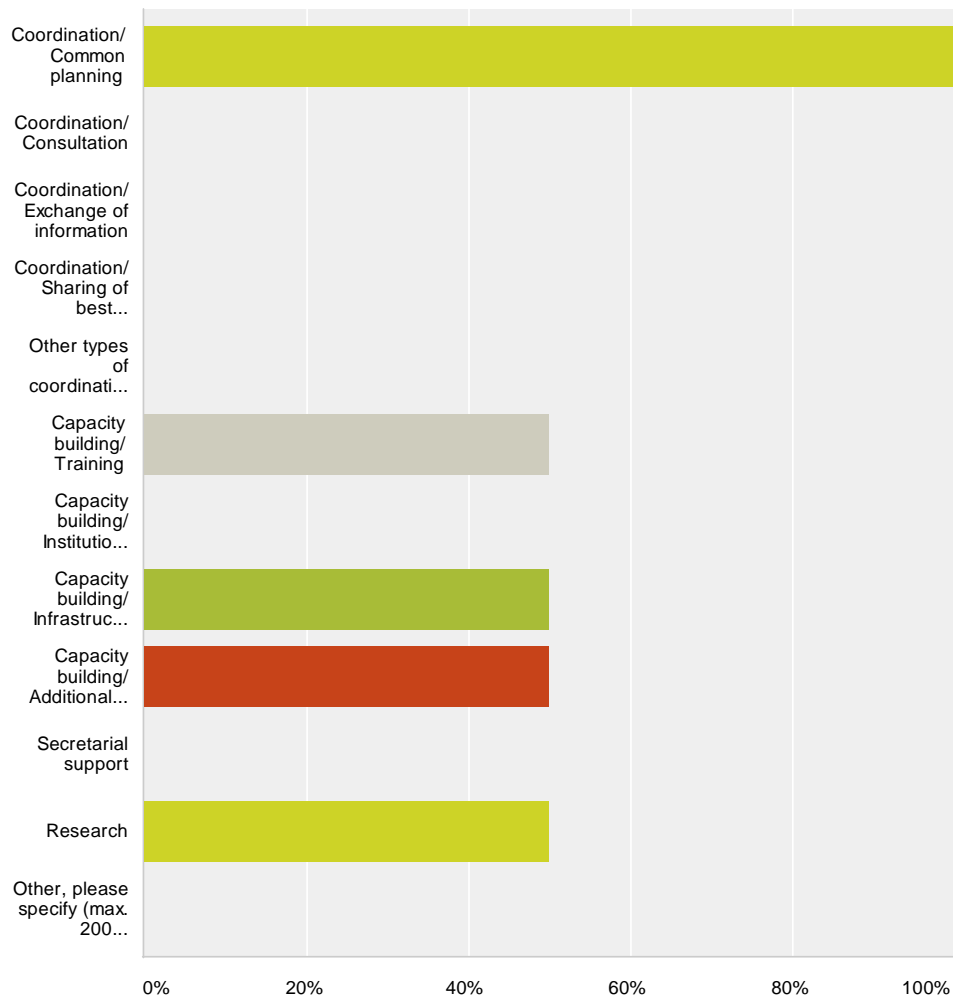


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
<b>Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	<b>50%</b>	1
<b>Contaminants</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Eutrophication</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Fish</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>difficult to specify</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters): <a href="#">Responses</a>	<b>100%</b>	2
Total Respondents: 2		

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
1	Climate change	5/29/2013 4:05 PM
2	all of the above	5/20/2013 1:52 PM

**Q137 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48



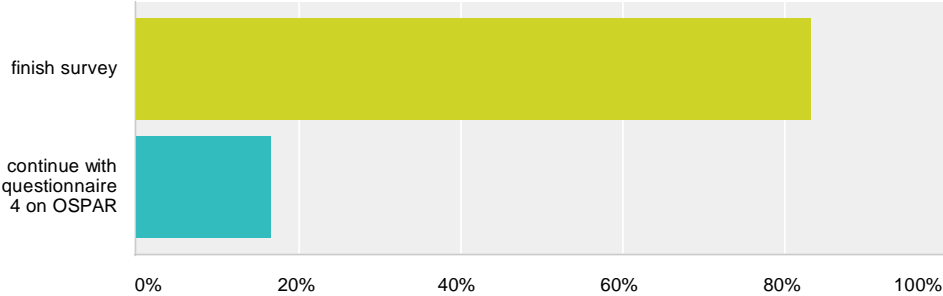
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>100%</b> 2
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Training</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ Institutional structures</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ Additional staff</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>50%</b> 1
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 2	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
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There are no responses.	
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### Q138 Would you like to finish the survey or answer a questionnaire on another RSC?

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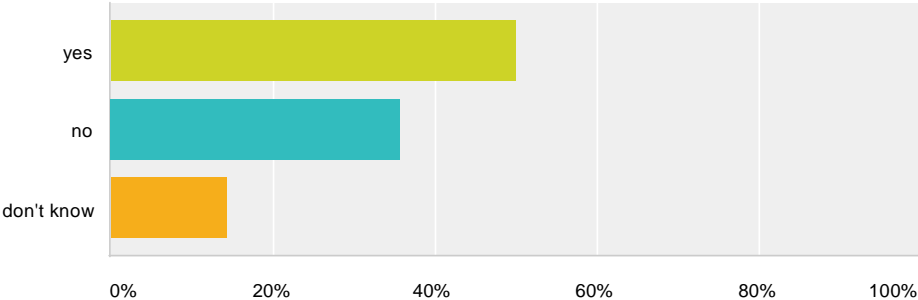


Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>finish survey</b>	<b>83.33%</b>	5
<b>continue with questionnaire 4 on OSPAR</b>	<b>16.67%</b>	1
Total		6

3.5. OSPAR

Q139 3 Are you an accredited stakeholder at OSPAR?

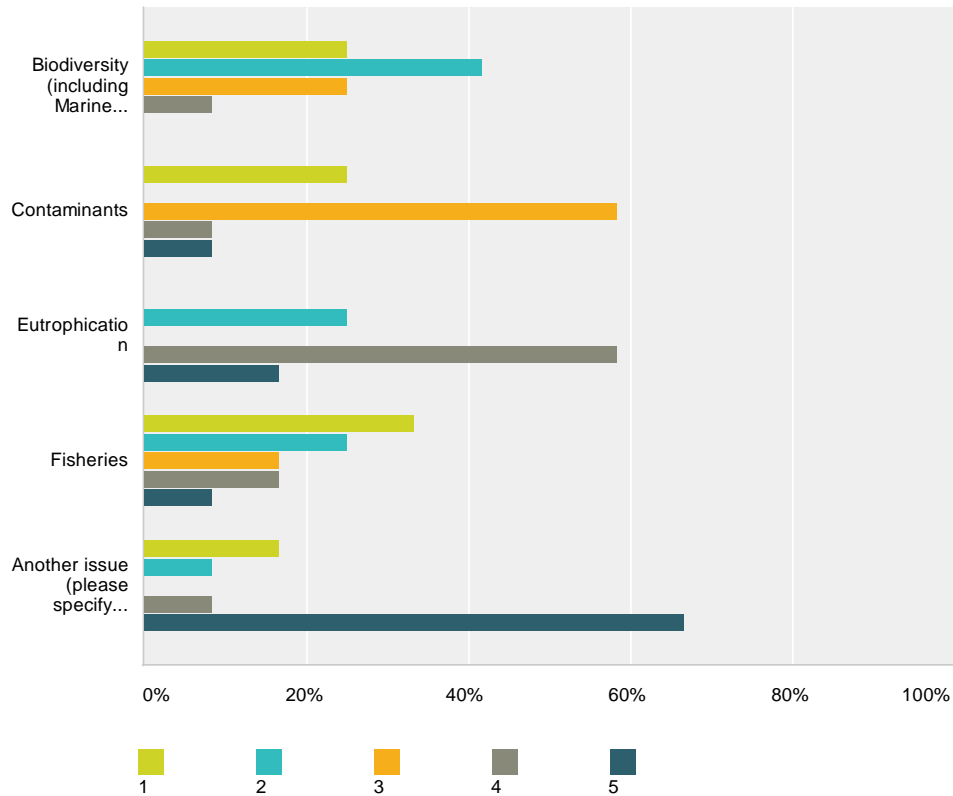
Answered: 14 Skipped: 36



Answer Choices	Responses
yes	50% 7
no	35.71% 5
don't know	14.29% 2
Total	14

**Q140 4a Which are the priority issues in your marine regions? Please rank the following on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 = most important issue, 5=less important issue) (if you do not want to identify any "other issue", please rank it 5):**

Answered: 12 Skipped: 38



	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Average Ranking
<b>Biodiversity (including Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and non-indigenous species (NIS))</b>	25% 3	41.67% 5	25% 3	8.33% 1	0% 0	12	3.83
<b>Contaminants</b>	25% 3	0% 0	58.33% 7	8.33% 1	8.33% 1	12	3.25
<b>Eutrophication</b>	0% 0	25% 3	0% 0	58.33% 7	16.67% 2	12	2.33
<b>Fisheries</b>	33.33% 4	25% 3	16.67% 2	16.67% 2	8.33% 1	12	3.58
<b>Another issue (please specify below)</b>	16.67% 2	8.33% 1	0% 0	8.33% 1	66.67% 8	12	2.00



**Q141 4b If you identified "another issue",  
please specify here (max. 100 characters):**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	Underwater sound; Sea-floor integrity; Litter	5/30/2013 10:09 AM
2	The link between rivers and amrine areas, i.e inputs of substances (incl. litter) and migratory fish	5/28/2013 2:38 PM
3	Ocean Noise pollution and it's adverse impact on marine life, mitigation measures	5/20/2013 2:04 PM
4	Climate Change	5/17/2013 12:19 PM

## Q142 4c Comment on ranking (max. 500 characters) :

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	The Pelagic RAC is set up to deal with pelagic fisheries hence the max. ranking for fisheries.	5/31/2013 7:26 PM
2	1. The ranking is based on the EU Member state Marine Strategy studies in OSPAR region II: - UK ("Marine Strategy Framework Directive consultation: UK Initial Assessment and Proposals for Good Environmental Status"); - Denmark ("The Danish Marine Strategy - Good Environmental Status, Targets and Indicators" - France ("Évaluation initiale des eaux marines; Sous-région marine Manche-mer du Nord"); -Netherlands ("Mariene Strategie voor het Nederlandse deel van de Noordzee") -Belgium; " ( <a href="http://www.health.belgium.be/eportal/Environment/Inspectionandenvironmentalright/Environmentalrights/PublicConsultations/MMEvalStateObj/index.htm">http://www.health.belgium.be/eportal/Environment/Inspectionandenvironmentalright/Environmentalrights/PublicConsultations/MMEvalStateObj/index.htm</a> )	5/30/2013 10:09 AM
3	Ranking on other issues should all be not applicable.	5/28/2013 2:38 PM
4	Fisheries is by far the biggest impacting activity to the North East Atlantic, affecting seafloor integrity, food-webs balance, commercially exploited fish as well as wildlife and other non commercial species (e.g. molluscs, sponges, corals etc.)	5/17/2013 12:19 PM

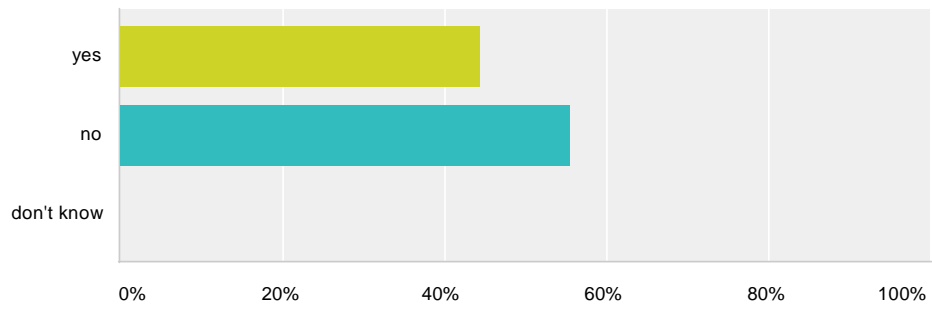
**Q143 5 Are there issues addressed at the European level (in particular by the Marine Strategy Framework Directive) which should also be addressed by OSPAR? Please specify.**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44

#	Responses	Date
1	Defining more precisely what constitutes good environmental status and how this can be measured (parameters), monitored and assessed.	5/31/2013 7:26 PM
2	Transboundary cooperation	5/31/2013 4:22 PM
3	Although good progress has been made within EU level further efforts to improve coordination needed be made between OSPAR and EU and scientific knowledge gaps (e.g. cumulative effects, effects of litter and uw-noise in ecosystem) need to be prioritized in the light of this work in both organisations	5/30/2013 10:09 AM
4	Descriptor 11 Noise and GES	5/20/2013 2:04 PM
5	Not really. Fisheries issues ony loosely connected from MSFD issues, because of institutional processes. Fisheries issues are being discussed under the CFP, and often falls under the competence of Agri/fisheries ministries whereas MSFD and environmental matters are under the ministries of environment. Similarly OSPAR has no competence to act over fisheries, it is under the remit of NEAFC the RFMO in charge of the North East Atlantic. As a consequences OSPAR cannot tackle fishing pressures, and this is a major issue. similarly CFP discussions are not so much contributing to MSFD objectives, which is already impeding its ultimate aim.	5/17/2013 12:19 PM
6	Yes	5/16/2013 10:44 AM

### Q144 a. Do you think that OSPAR has a comprehensive knowledge of the state of the marine waters in their marine region?

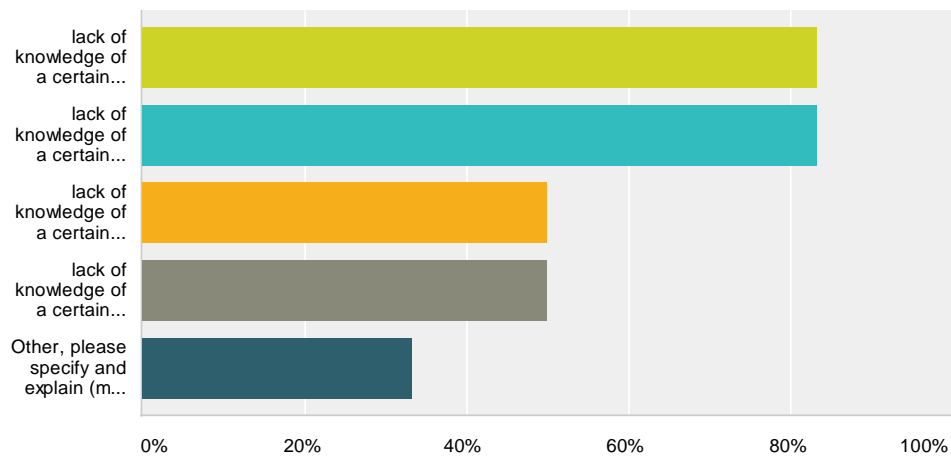
Answered: 9 Skipped: 41



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>yes</b>	<b>44.44%</b>	4
<b>no</b>	<b>55.56%</b>	5
<b>don't know</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
Total		9

## Q145 b. If not, where do you think are the main gaps in knowledge?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44

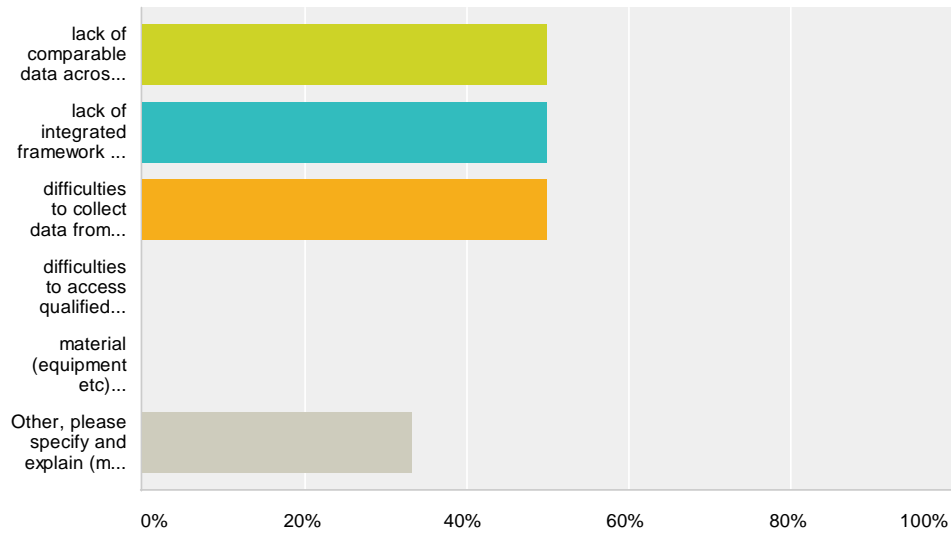


Answer Choices	Responses
lack of knowledge of a certain topic (biodiversity, eutrophication, etc.)	83.33% 5
lack of knowledge of a certain element (specific marine species, specific contaminant, etc.)	83.33% 5
lack of knowledge of a certain geographical area	50% 3
lack of knowledge of a certain period of time (lack of historical data, lack of recent data)	50% 3
Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters) <a href="#">Responses</a>	33.33% 2
Total Respondents: 6	

#	Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)	Date
1	Lack of knowledge of transboundary issues relating to MSFD implementation	5/31/2013 4:22 PM
2	ittle is known about the concentration and effects of most emerging contaminants and the complex environmental mixtures of contaminants.	5/30/2013 10:11 AM

### Q146 c. What do you think is/are the reason(s) for this/these gap(s)?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44

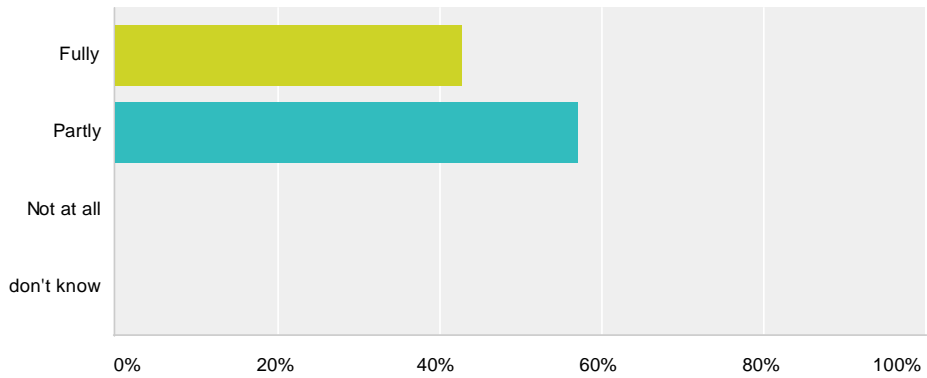


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>lack of comparable data across countries</b>	<b>50%</b> 3
<b>lack of integrated framework at RSC level</b>	<b>50%</b> 3
<b>difficulties to collect data from private sources</b>	<b>50%</b> 3
<b>difficulties to access qualified experts</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>material (equipment etc) difficulties</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters) <b>Responses</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
Total Respondents: 6	

#	Other, please specify and explain (max. 500 characters)	Date
1	There is no platform for exchange of information between marine stakeholders across national boundaries	5/31/2013 4:22 PM
2	It is recommended to identify the chemical contaminants that really cause the effect.	5/30/2013 10:11 AM

**Q147 a. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by OSPAR for the protection of the marine environment cover the right priority areas?**

Answered: 7 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Fully</b>	<b>42.86%</b>	3
<b>Partly</b>	<b>57.14%</b>	4
<b>Not at all</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>don't know</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>

### Q148 b. If only partly or not at all, which areas are missing?

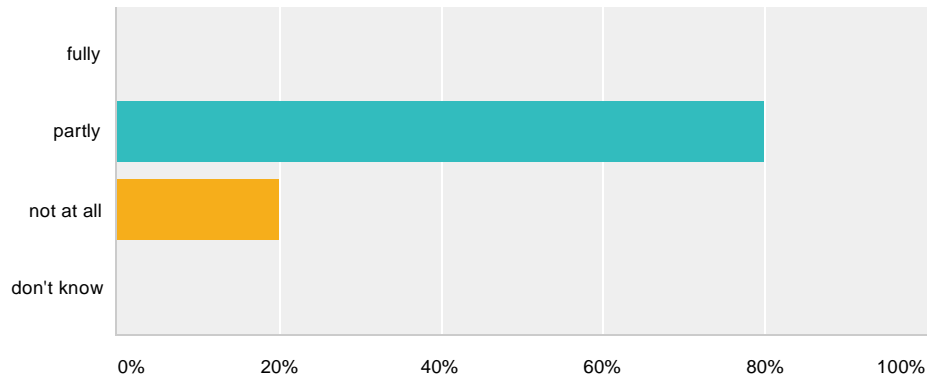
Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	The lack of a clear definition of what constitutes good environmental status.	5/31/2013 7:37 PM
2	The more coastal areas like Dutch Wadden Sea	5/30/2013 10:13 AM
3	perhaps not so much about commercially exploited fish	5/17/2013 12:52 PM



**Q149 c. Do you think that the objectives/targets defined by OSPAR are sufficiently ambitious to ensure a healthy sea?**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>fully</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>partly</b>	<b>80%</b> 4
<b>not at all</b>	<b>20%</b> 1
<b>don't know</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Total	5

**Q150 d. If only partly or not at all, please explain**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	Lack of quantified targets Lack of coordination of targets across countries	6/3/2013 5:17 PM
2	If good environment status is not fully defined it is not possible to ascertain if the objectives are sufficiently ambitious to ensure a healthy sea.	5/31/2013 7:37 PM
3	OSPAR is an obligation of exercise with no ecosystem approach by sustainable services.	5/30/2013 10:13 AM
4	Overfishing	5/16/2013 10:46 AM

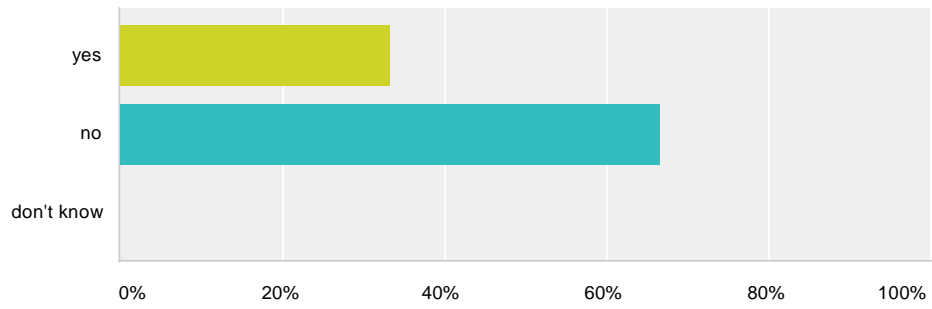
### Q151 e. In your opinion, what are the main obstacles to their achievement?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	Political will	6/3/2013 5:17 PM
2	Precise definition of good environmental status.	5/31/2013 7:37 PM
3	OSPAR needs international result commitment to reach sustainable ecosystems	5/30/2013 10:13 AM
4	Mostly the fact that common indicators are sometimes set with little ambition, and despite efforts to find commonalities across countries, comparison will be hard, hence impeding the regional evaluation	5/17/2013 12:52 PM
5	Lobby	5/16/2013 10:46 AM

**Q152 a. Do you think that the measures taken by OSPAR to protect the marine environment are adequate (e.g. they address the critical issues)?**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>yes</b>	<b>33.33%</b>	2
<b>no</b>	<b>66.67%</b>	4
<b>don't know</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>

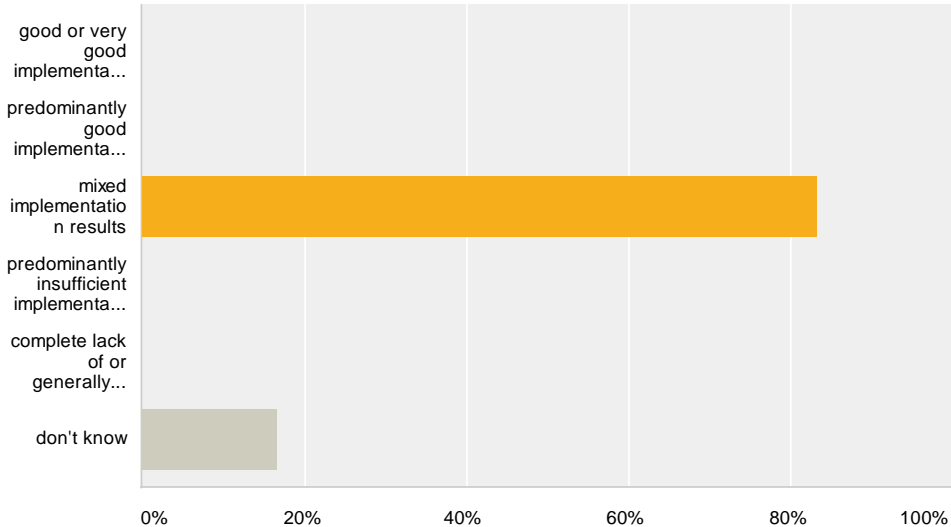
## Q153 b. If not, what additional/alternative measures would be needed?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	1. The knowledge gaps has to be solved (e.g. cumulative effects, effects of litter and uw-noise on ecosystem). 2. International coordinated sophisticated monitoring programme are needed (use of sensors) 3. Open source data availability of chemical and biological monitoring parameters 4. Open source monitoring models	5/30/2013 10:16 AM
2	few measures are actually legally binding (only Decisions), many use a soft law approach. As mentioned OSPAR has limited power to address fishing pressure, and would benefit if collaboration with fisheries counterpart would be enhanced.	5/17/2013 1:01 PM
3	sustainable exploitation of marine resources	5/16/2013 10:47 AM

**Q154 c. Have the measures been well-implemented at the regional/national level?  
Please score using the following scale:**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>good or very good implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>predominantly good implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>mixed implementation results</b>	<b>83.33%</b> 5
<b>predominantly insufficient implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>complete lack of or generally insufficient implementation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>don't know</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

**Q155 d. Comment (possibility to name the specific measure(s)/country to which the scoring above applies:**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

#	Responses	Date
1	??? EU member states organised the best way open source data availability and models	5/30/2013 10:16 AM
2	some OSPAR regions (Arctic, Iberian coast, wider Atlantic) suffer from a lower level of implementation. For instance with regards to MPAs these regions are lagging behind other sub-regions. Generally southern countries (Spain, Portugal) seems to be less committed (e.g. absence in meeting)	5/17/2013 1:01 PM

**Q156 e. In your opinion, what improvements could be made to the implementation process?**

Answered: 3 Skipped: 47

#	Responses	Date
1	Coordination, targetting	6/3/2013 5:18 PM
2	1. OSPAR process has not stakeholder consultation rounds like with the MSFD 2. The OSPAR proposals need to be developed by policy makers in consultation with experts and key stakeholders.	5/30/2013 10:16 AM
3	Ospar coordination on MSFD is rather decent, and progress is visible. Perhaps better integration of sub-regional issues would encourage concerned countries to engage more. Compliance mechanism would also help to get decisions implemented, and reported upon.	5/17/2013 1:01 PM



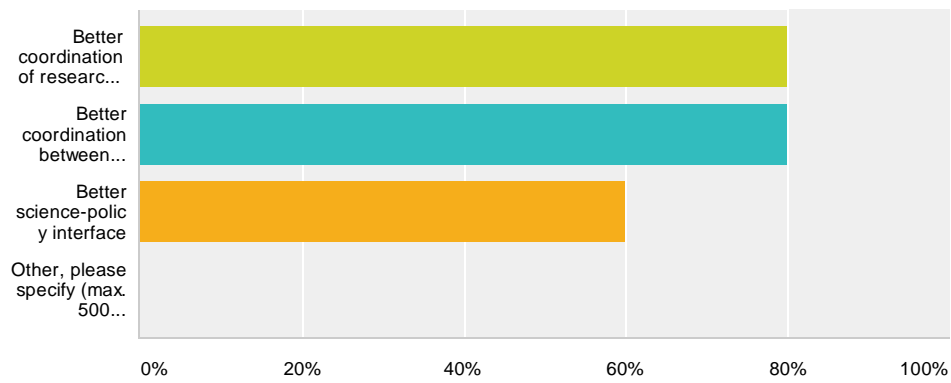
**Q157 a. In your opinion, what areas of scientific research should be prioritized in future for the OSPAR as a whole?**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	Scientific research on what constitutes good environmental status and what parameters should be used and how to monitor these.	5/31/2013 7:42 PM
2	We suggest to prioritise the knowledge gaps cumulative effects, effects of underwater noise on the ecosystem; effects of litter on the ecosystem.	5/30/2013 10:17 AM
3	climate change impacts on marine environment review of list of threatened species/habitats (distributional change, behavioral studies) linkages between fisheries and MPAs ecological coherence of MPAs role of biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction	5/17/2013 1:03 PM
4	sustainability	5/16/2013 10:48 AM

## Q158 b. How could the research process be improved?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Better coordination of research topics between Contracting Parties/research institutes to avoid duplication of work and gaps</b>	<b>80%</b> 4
<b>Better coordination between Contracting Parties/research institutes with regard to the use of material resources (equipment/hardware)</b>	<b>80%</b> 4
<b>Better science-policy interface</b>	<b>60%</b> 3
Other, please specify (max. 500 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 5	

#	Other, please specify (max. 500 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q159 c. According to you, which research projects carried out in your marine region were particularly successful? Please explain your answer.**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	The Working with Nature philosophy (PIANC, 2011) provides a sustainable approach to including consideration of ecosystem goods and services in the project development, appraisal and decision-making process.	5/30/2013 10:17 AM

**Q160 a. How effective is cooperation among OSPAR Contracting Parties? Please explain your assessment.**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	Not in position to comment on this question.	5/31/2013 7:45 PM
2	Effective at the Governmental level but currently less effective at the stakeholder level as there is no platform for transboundary discussion or exchange of information at this level.	5/31/2013 4:22 PM
3	Climate change and ecosystem impacts are often experienced as water-related events, such as pollution, flooding, drought, extreme storms, or loss of ecosystem services. Extreme environmental impact is associated with a changing climate carry both economic and human costs. Economic losses from floods and environmental unbalance were devastating, so international (global) policy, marine spatial planning and scientific (monitoring) exchange is necessary.	5/30/2013 10:19 AM
4	transboundray cooperation is rather good as CPs often share issues/solution/practices. the most crucial merit of OSPAR is to bring CPOs at the table, to make them communication and exchange	5/17/2013 1:05 PM
5	good	5/16/2013 10:50 AM

**Q161 b. In which areas (topics or activities) do you consider cooperation with other RSCs would be most needed? Please specify with which RSC if relevant.**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	MSFD - RSCs should exchange information and pool methods and data system and expert pools Maritime spatial planning	6/3/2013 5:20 PM
2	Not in position to comment on this question.	5/31/2013 7:45 PM
3	MPAs climate change issues	5/17/2013 1:05 PM
4	influence of policy makers	5/16/2013 10:50 AM

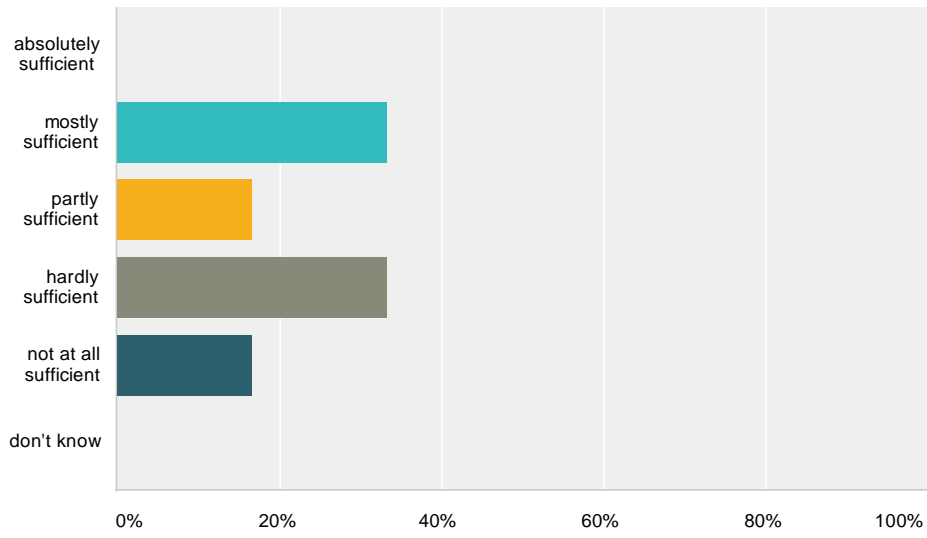
**Q162 c. In which settings and processes (e.g. specific types of working groups of the MSFD Common Implementation Strategy, certain kinds of projects, specific workshops, work on particular MSFD related thematic issues) do you think OSPAR and the European Union have worked successfully together for the protection of the marine environment in your region? Please specify.**

Answered: 5 Skipped: 45

#	Responses	Date
1	Marine litter seems to come together well	6/3/2013 5:20 PM
2	Not in position to comment on this question.	5/31/2013 7:45 PM
3	EU JRC working groups worked successful together. In the WG were scientific experts and members (pro)active of ICES and OSPAR	5/30/2013 10:19 AM
4	on MPAs on hasardous substances	5/17/2013 1:05 PM
5	yes	5/16/2013 10:50 AM

### Q163 a. Do you think your involvement in OSPAR is sufficient?

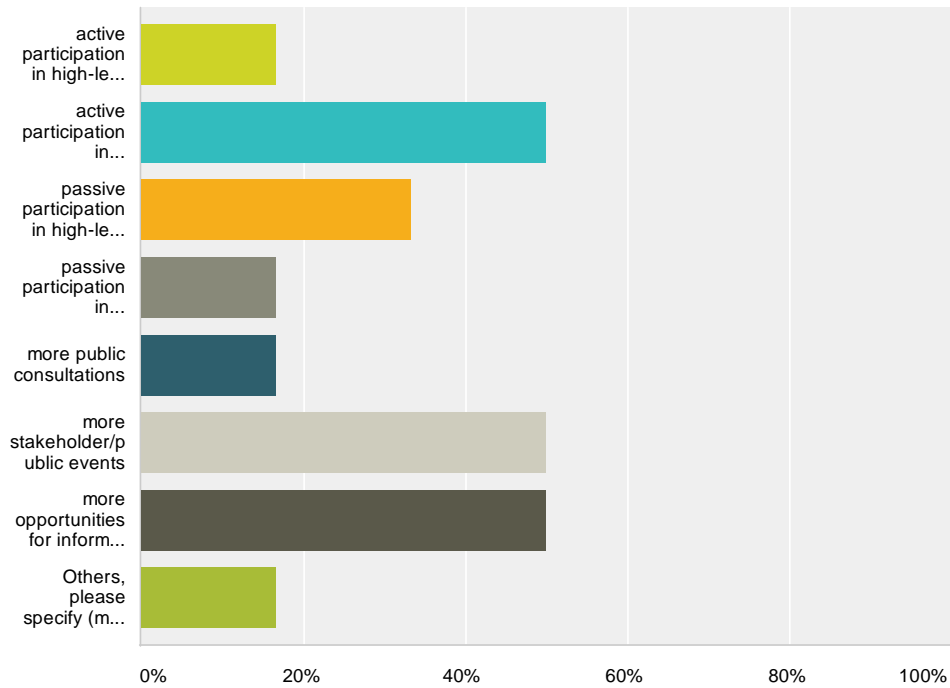
Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>absolutely sufficient</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>mostly sufficient</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
<b>partly sufficient</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>hardly sufficient</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
<b>not at all sufficient</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>don't know</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

## Q164 b. How could your involvement be improved? (you can tick several answers)

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



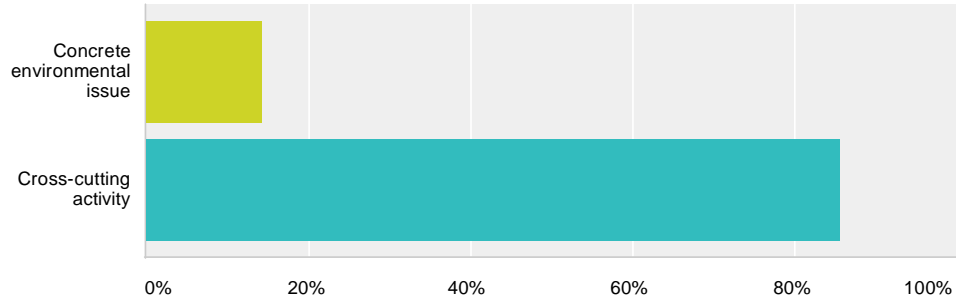
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>active participation in high-level meetings</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>active participation in working-level meetings</b>	<b>50%</b> 3
<b>passive participation in high-level meetings</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
<b>passive participation in working-level meetings</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>more public consultations</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>more stakeholder/public events</b>	<b>50%</b> 3
<b>more opportunities for informal contact with RSC staff (networking)</b>	<b>50%</b> 3
Others, please specify (max 500 characters) <a href="#">Responses</a>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
Total Respondents: 6	

#	Others, please specify (max 500 characters)	Date
1	We lack the resources to participate in many meetings or to follow up Ospar work thoroughly	6/3/2013 5:21 PM



**Q165 12 Most important environmental issue or cross-cutting activity** When you think of the EU support that would be most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses	
<b>Concrete environmental issue</b>	<b>14.29%</b>	1
<b>Cross-cutting activity</b>	<b>85.71%</b>	6
Total		7

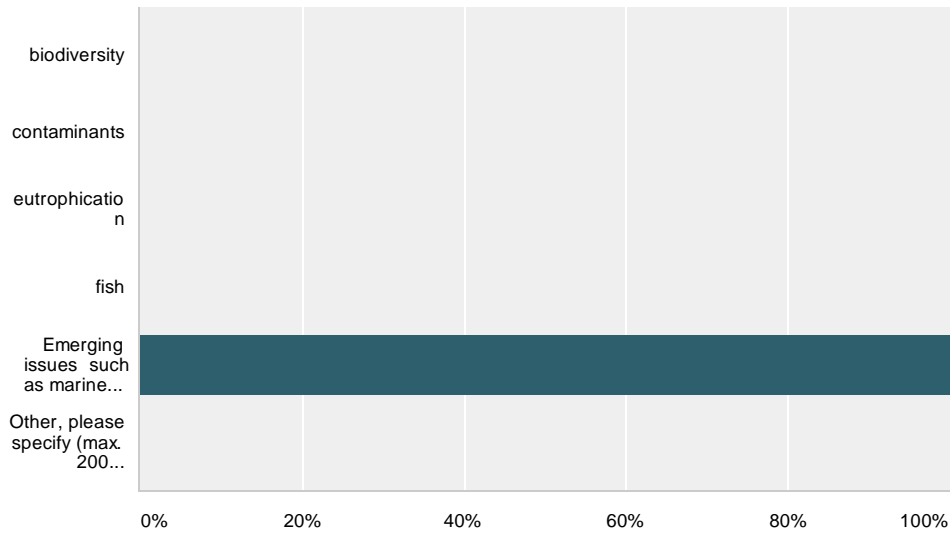
**Q166 a. Please specify the concrete environmental issue that would be most important.**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	ocean noise pollution	5/20/2013 2:11 PM

**Q167 b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

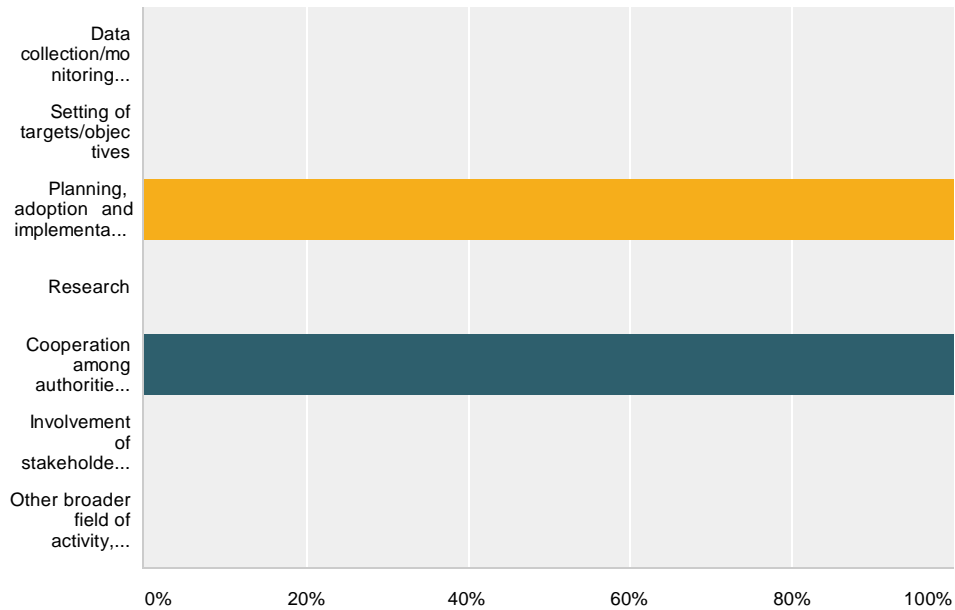


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>biodiversity</b>	0% 0
<b>contaminants</b>	0% 0
<b>eutrophication</b>	0% 0
<b>fish</b>	0% 0
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	100% 1
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q168 c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the most important environmental issue.**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

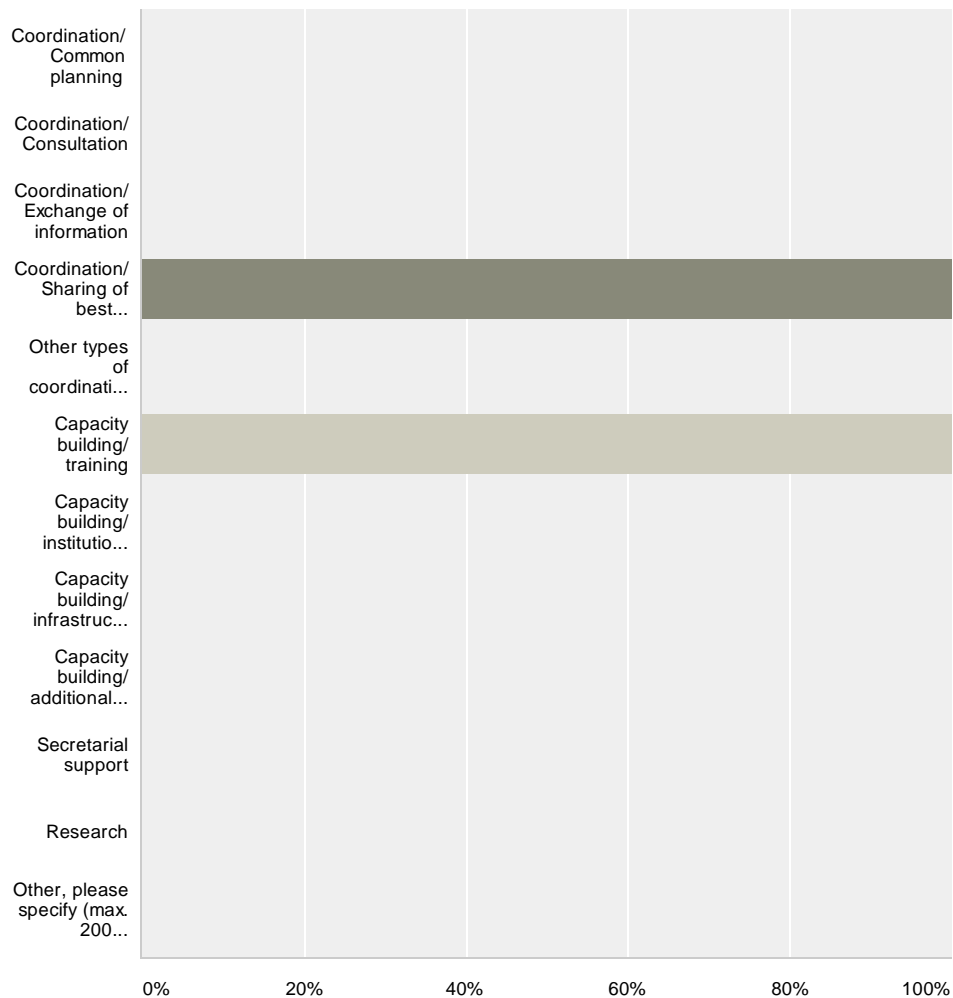


Answer Choices	Responses
Data collection/monitoring assessment	0% 0
Setting of targets/objectives	0% 0
Planning, adoption and implementation of measures	100% 1
Research	0% 0
Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)	100% 1
Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)	0% 0
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
Total Respondents: 1	

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q169 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue.**

Answered: 1 Skipped: 49



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>100%</b> 1
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ training</b>	<b>100%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ institutional structures</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ additional staff</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 1	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

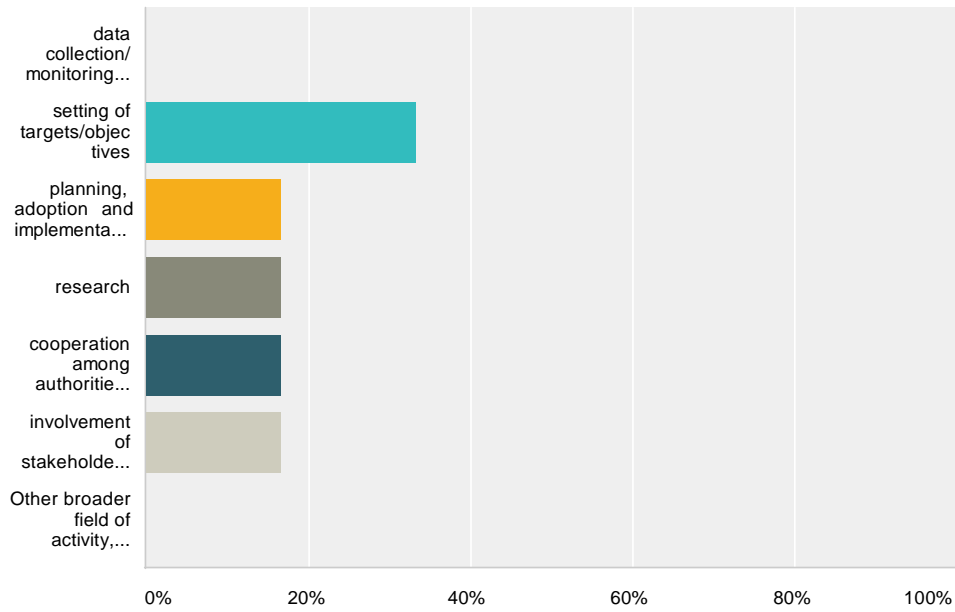
**Q170 a. Please specify the cross-cutting activity that would be most important.**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44

#	Responses	Date
1	Maritime Spatial Planning combined with strategic environmental assessment	6/3/2013 5:24 PM
2	Definition good environmental status	5/31/2013 7:50 PM
3	Support for a transboundary stakeholder forum	5/31/2013 4:25 PM
4	1. Development of Green Growth. Achieving sustainable (ecosystem) development and good growth policies	5/30/2013 10:27 AM
5	developping common understanding, indicators, targets, methodologies	5/17/2013 1:09 PM
6	overfishing	5/16/2013 10:52 AM

### Q171 b. Please select the broader field to which the activity belongs:

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44

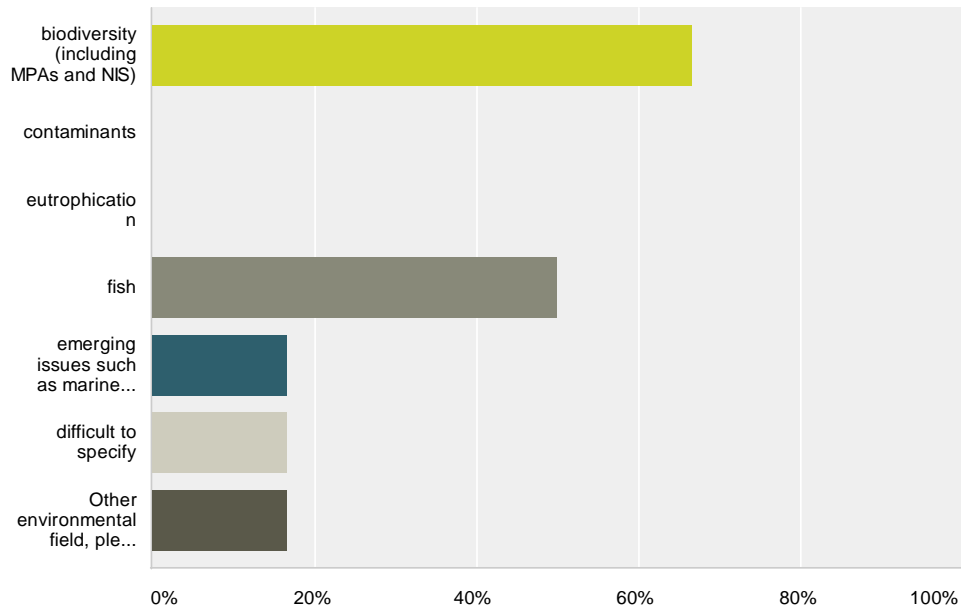


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>data collection/ monitoring assessment</b>	0% 0
<b>setting of targets/objectives</b>	33.33% 2
<b>planning, adoption and implementation</b>	16.67% 1
<b>research</b>	16.67% 1
<b>cooperation among authorities (contracting parties, EU, RSCs etc.)</b>	16.67% 1
<b>involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc.)</b>	16.67% 1
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q172 c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



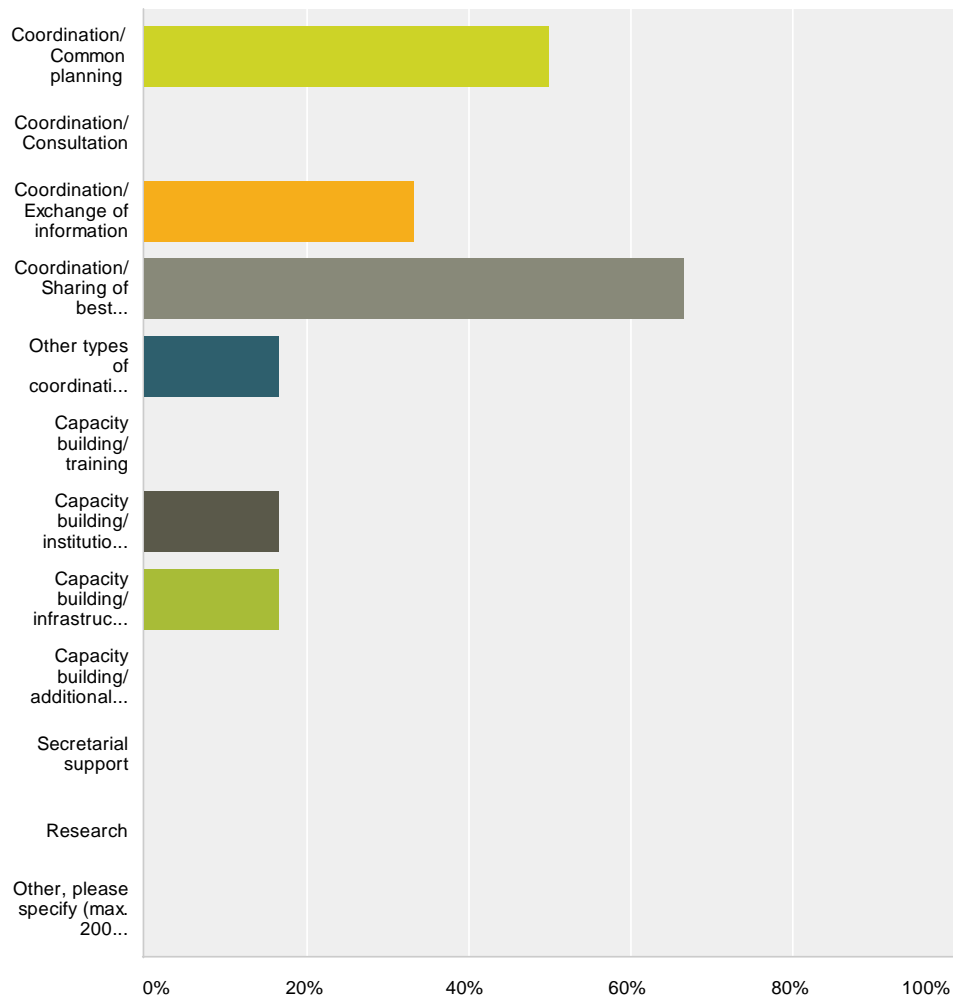
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 4
<b>contaminants</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>eutrophication</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>fish</b>	<b>50%</b> 3
<b>emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>difficult to specify</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters): <a href="#">Responses</a>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
Total Respondents: 6	

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
1	Green growth across countries	5/30/2013 10:27 AM



**Q173 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity.**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



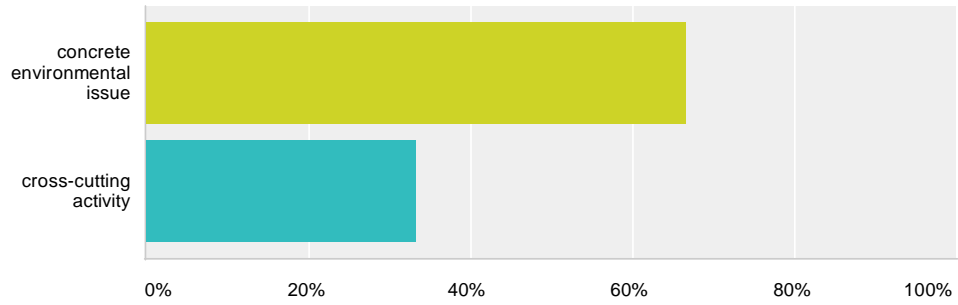
Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>50%</b> 3
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 4
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ training</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ institutional structures</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>16.67%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ additional staff</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 6	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
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There are no responses.	
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**Q174 When you think of the EU support that would be second most important: should it relate to a concrete environmental issue or would it be a cross-cutting activity?**

Answered: 6 Skipped: 44



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>concrete environmental issue</b>	<b>66.67%</b> 4
<b>cross-cutting activity</b>	<b>33.33%</b> 2
Total	6

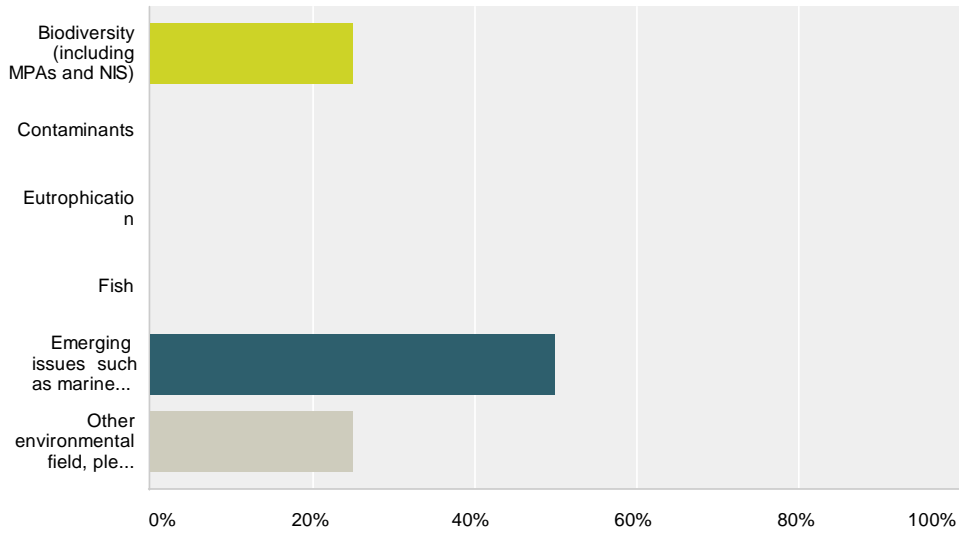
**Q175 a. Please describe the second most important concrete environmental issue in a few sentences:**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

#	Responses	Date
1	Marine litter prevention	6/3/2013 5:25 PM
2	1. Integrated ecosystem analyses	5/30/2013 10:29 AM
3	marine debris, microplastics, ingestion of plastic and entanglement	5/20/2013 2:13 PM
4	climate change	5/17/2013 1:10 PM

**Q176 b. Please select the broader environmental field to which the issue belongs.**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

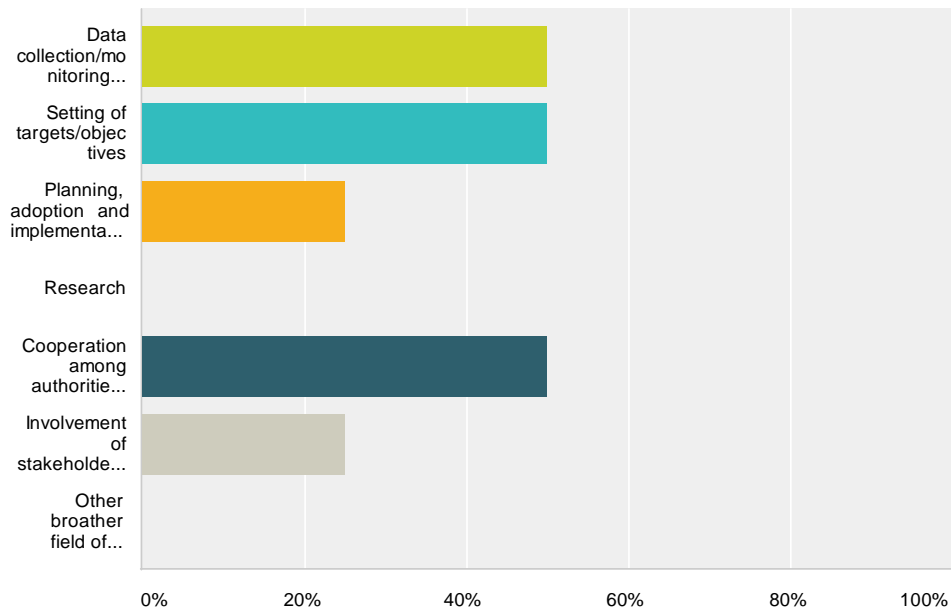


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	25% 1
<b>Contaminants</b>	0% 0
<b>Eutrophication</b>	0% 0
<b>Fish</b>	0% 0
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	50% 2
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters) <b>Responses</b>	25% 1
<b>Total</b>	4

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters)	Date
1	Cummulative effects	5/30/2013 10:29 AM

**Q177 c. Please select up to two most important activities which would have to be undertaken or improved to address the second most important environmental issue:**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46

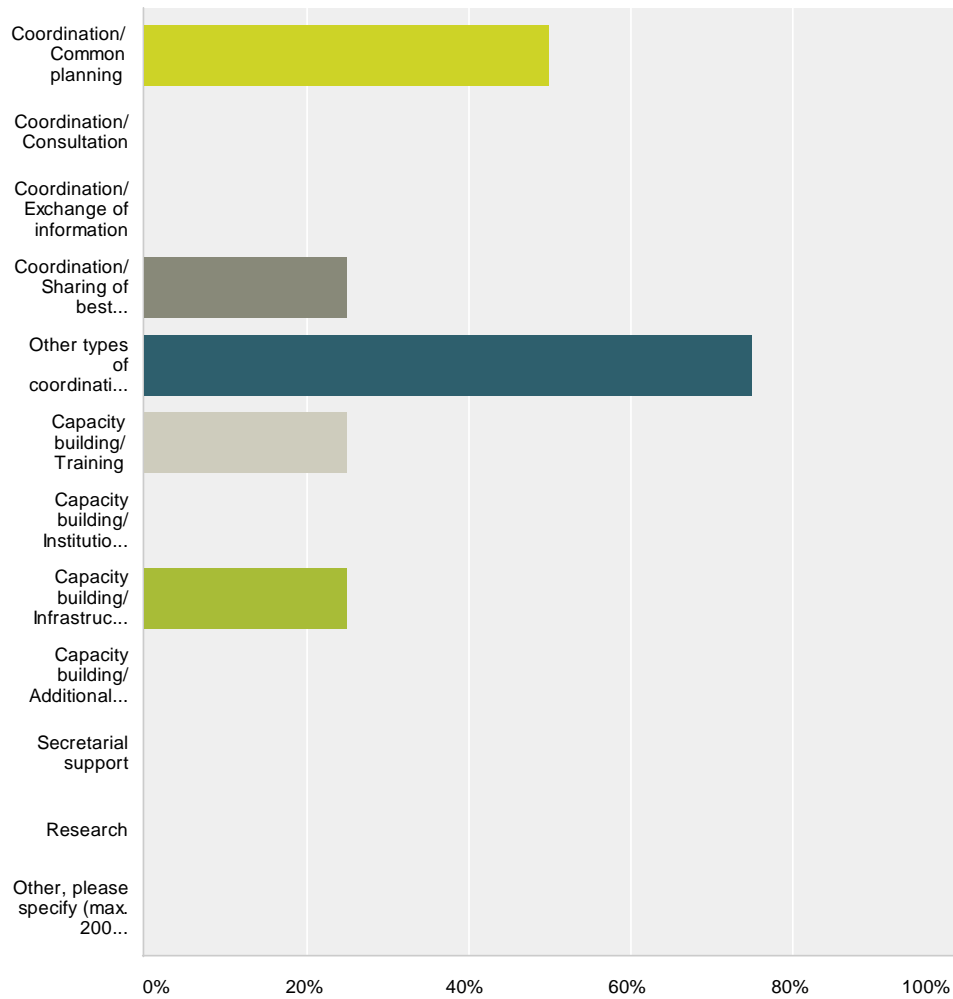


Answer Choices	Responses
Data collection/monitoring assessment	50% 2
Setting of targets/objectives	50% 2
Planning, adoption and implementation of measures	25% 1
Research	0% 0
Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)	50% 2
Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)	25% 1
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
Total Respondents: 4	

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q178 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the environmental issue:**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 46



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	<b>50%</b> 2
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	<b>75%</b> 3
<b>Capacity building/ Training</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ Institutional structures</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	<b>25%</b> 1
<b>Capacity building/ Additional staff</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
<b>Research</b>	<b>0%</b> 0
Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)	<b>0%</b> 0
Total Respondents: 4	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters)	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q179 a. Please describe the second most important cross-cutting activity in a few sentences:**

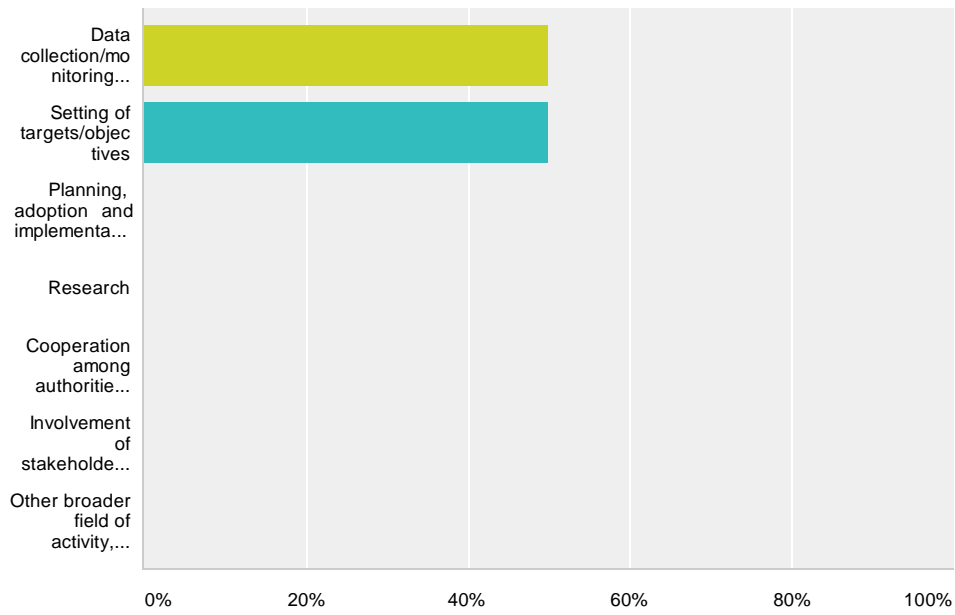
Answered: 1 Skipped: 49

#	Responses	Date
1	uses of marine resources	5/16/2013 10:54 AM



**Q180 b. Please select from the broader field to which the activity belongs (max. 200 characters):**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

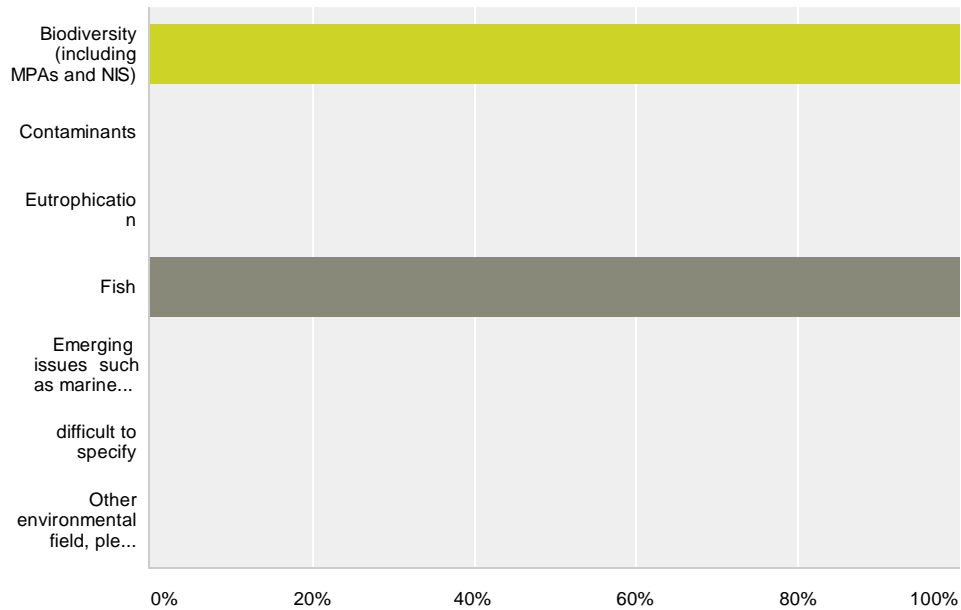


Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Data collection/monitoring assessment</b>	50% 1
<b>Setting of targets/objectives</b>	50% 1
<b>Planning, adoption and implementation of measures</b>	0% 0
<b>Research</b>	0% 0
<b>Cooperation among authorities (Contracting Parties, EU, RSCs etc)</b>	0% 0
<b>Involvement of stakeholders (business, NGOs, research institutions etc)</b>	0% 0
Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	0% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

#	Other broader field of activity, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q181 c. Please select up to two environmental fields which would benefit most if the EU provided support for the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48

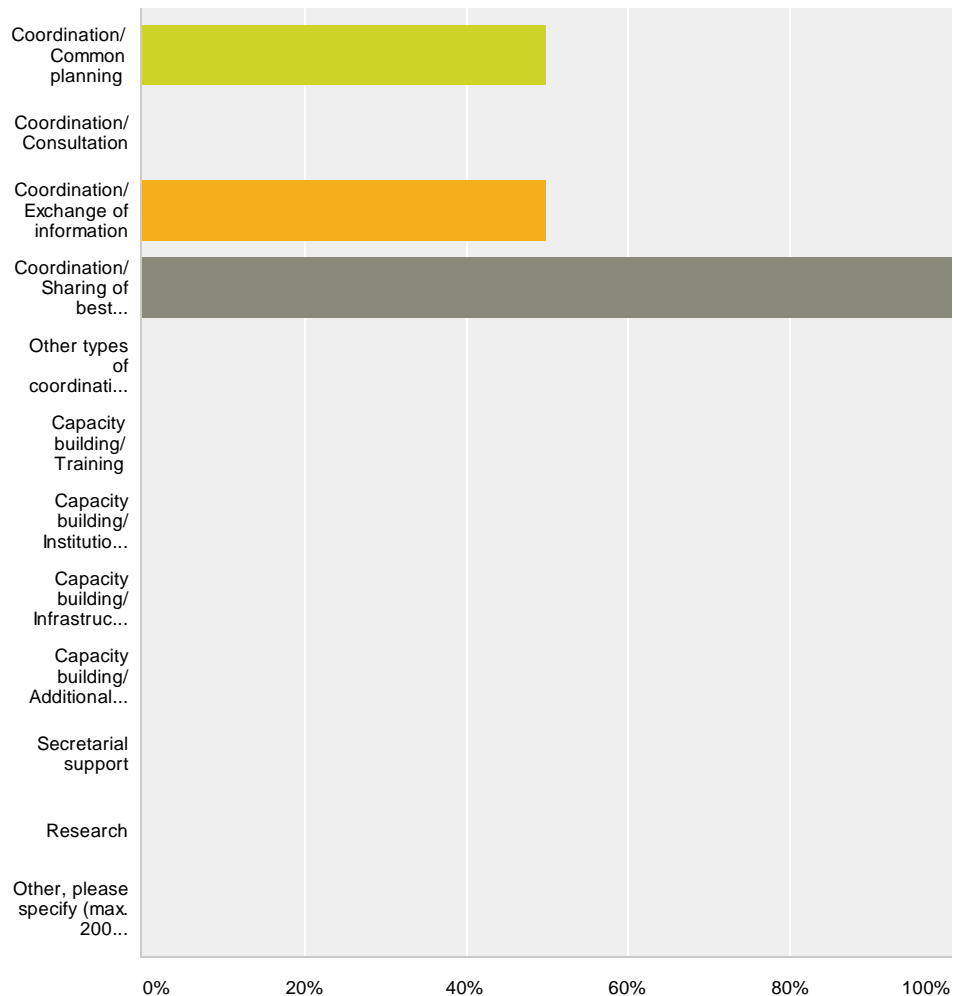


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
<b>Biodiversity (including MPAs and NIS)</b>	<b>100%</b>	2
<b>Contaminants</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Eutrophication</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>Fish</b>	<b>100%</b>	2
<b>Emerging issues such as marine litter and underwater noise</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
<b>difficult to specify</b>	<b>0%</b>	0
Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	<b>0%</b>	0
Total Respondents: 2		

#	Other environmental field, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
	There are no responses.	

**Q182 d. Please choose from the list below up to two most important types of support which would have to be provided to effectively address the cross-cutting activity:**

Answered: 2 Skipped: 48



Answer Choices	Responses
<b>Coordination/ Common planning</b>	50% 1
<b>Coordination/ Consultation</b>	0% 0
<b>Coordination/ Exchange of information</b>	50% 1
<b>Coordination/ Sharing of best practices</b>	100% 2
<b>Other types of coordination e.g. development of common formats e.g. for reporting, indicators, protocols</b>	0% 0
<b>Capacity building/ Training</b>	0% 0
<b>Capacity building/ Institutional structures</b>	0% 0
<b>Capacity building/ Infrastructure (equipment, offices etc)</b>	0% 0
<b>Capacity building/ Additional staff</b>	0% 0
<b>Secretarial support</b>	0% 0
<b>Research</b>	0% 0
<b>Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):</b>	0% 0
Total Respondents: 2	

#	Other, please specify (max. 200 characters):	Date
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There are no responses.	
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