

Regional Forum Accelerating Marine Spatial Planning in the Western Pacific

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Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is a process that proposes a more integrative, multisectoral approach to managing marine spaces and resources. It can improve decision-making and provide a framework for balancing sectoral interests, to achieve the sustainable use of marine resources.

The IOC/UNESCO and the European Commission are working together to accelerate MSP processes through a joint action called MSProadmap. IOC's work on promoting ecosystem-based management through MSP is also a major contribution to the UN Decade of Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

Objectives: To bring together various MSP stakeholders in the region, including national authorities, research/academia, business/private sectors, NGOs, ECOPs and foundations, to

- Share the outcomes of the 5th International MSPforum and the 3rd International Conference on Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning;
- Brief on national and regional relevant achievements, tools, and innovation demonstration;
- Express views, and seek a better mutual understanding of marine spatial planning processes undertaken within the specific regional contexts;
- Seek new opportunities for exchange and cooperation, and explore the possibility of developing a roadmap to accelerate marine spatial planning in the region.



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