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# Sub regional-international initiatives - The role of the EU strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

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# EU strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

## THE STRATEGY

EUSAIR is a macro-regional strategy involving the countries of the Adriatic Ionian region (Italy, San Marino, Croatia, Slovenia, Greece, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia Herzegovina, Serbia and North Macedonia) aimed to promote the economic and social prosperity and growth of the region, improving its attractiveness, competitiveness and connectivity.

EUSAIR aims to create synergies and foster coordination among all territories in the Adriatic-Ionian Region in the four thematic Pillars:

- Blue Growth;
- Connection the Region;
- Environmental Quality;
- Sustainable tourism;





# EUSAIR Governance - International and Italian National level

Decision making level	International	➡	Governing Board
	National	➡	National Coordinators
	Regional	➡	General coordination of the Regions

Italian Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security is the National Coordinators of Pillar 3 – Environmental Quality



Greece – Montenegro

IT Min. of Agriculture  
and Food Sovereignty



Italy – Serbia

IT Min. of Infrastructure and  
Transport



Slovenia – B&H

IT Min. of Environment and  
Energy Security

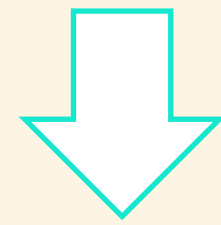


Croatia – Albania

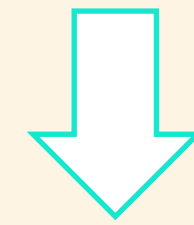
IT Min. of culture



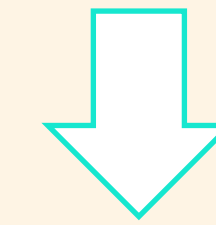
# EUSAIR Governance – International level



Coordinates the work of the Thematic Steering Groups in charge of implementation through strategic guidance



Approve a list of priorities to be addressed in the short term based on a set of Pillar-specific criteria (guiding principles)



Facilitates the implementation of the Strategy providing an operational support to the governance.

# EUSAIR Governance – Regional level

Italian Regions are actively engaged in the implementation of the Strategy. They participate to the TSG meetings, as well as to the National Steering Committee, the assembly of National and Regional coordinators headed by Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation that meets before each Governing Board meeting.



Veneto - Molise



Friuli Venezia Giulia - Abruzzo



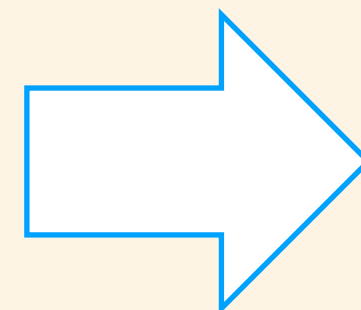
Emilia Romagna - Umbria



Puglia - Sicilia

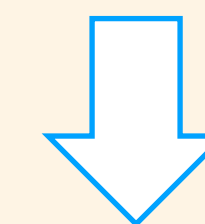


# EUSAIR Action Plan



## Action Plan

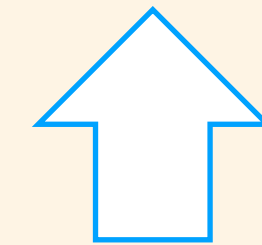
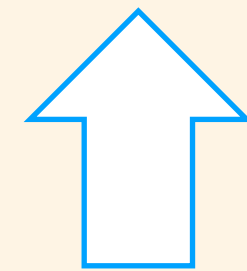
The Strategy is accompanied by an Action Plan, a document which sets, for each Pillar, a list of priority actions and objectives to be achieved, identifying projects and initiatives of importance and macro-regional impact to be promoted at the appropriate funding sources.



Currently under revision to update topics and priorities



# ICZM & MSP in EUSAIR



ICZM and MSP mainly fall within the competence of  
Blue Growth and Environmental Quality  
Pillars

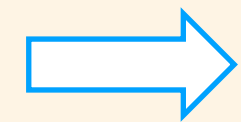


# Pillar 1 – Blue Growth

MSP represents a relevant issue for Pillar 1 since proper joint governance of the maritime space provides an important framework for a sustainable and transparent use of maritime and marine resources



**To promote research, innovation and business opportunities in blue economy sectors**, by facilitating the brain circulation between research and business communities and increasing their networking and clustering capacity.



**To adapt to sustainable seafood production and consumption**, by developing common standards and approaches for strengthening these two sectors and providing a level playing field in the macro-region.



**To improve sea basin governance**, by enhancing administrative and institutional capacities in the area of maritime governance and services.



COORDINATORS

Greece and Montenegro



# Pillar 3 – Environmental Quality

ICZM and MSP are recognized as needed tools to ensure sustainable use of resources, in a scenario of increased human use of the marine and coastal space, especially for fishing, maritime transport, tourism and construction, and related intensified pressures on coastal and marine ecosystems.

- ➡ **To ensure a good environmental and ecological status of the marine and coastal environment** in line with the relevant EU acquis and the ecosystem approach of the Barcelona Convention.
- ➡ **To contribute to the goal of the EU Biodiversity Strategy** to halt the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem services in the EU by 2020, and restore them in so far as feasible, by addressing threats to marine and terrestrial biodiversity.
- ➡ **To improve waste management** by reducing waste flows to the sea and, to reduce nutrient flows and other pollutants to the rivers and the sea.



Environmental Quality  
**EUSAIR**

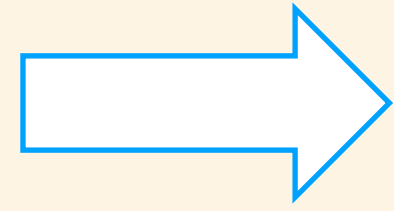
COORDINATORS

Slovenia and Bosnia and  
Herzegovina





# Specific Action of the Action Plan on ICZM & MSP



## **Pillar 3 – Topic 1 “Marine Environment” – 1.a Threat to coastal and marine biodiversity**

### **Flagship:**

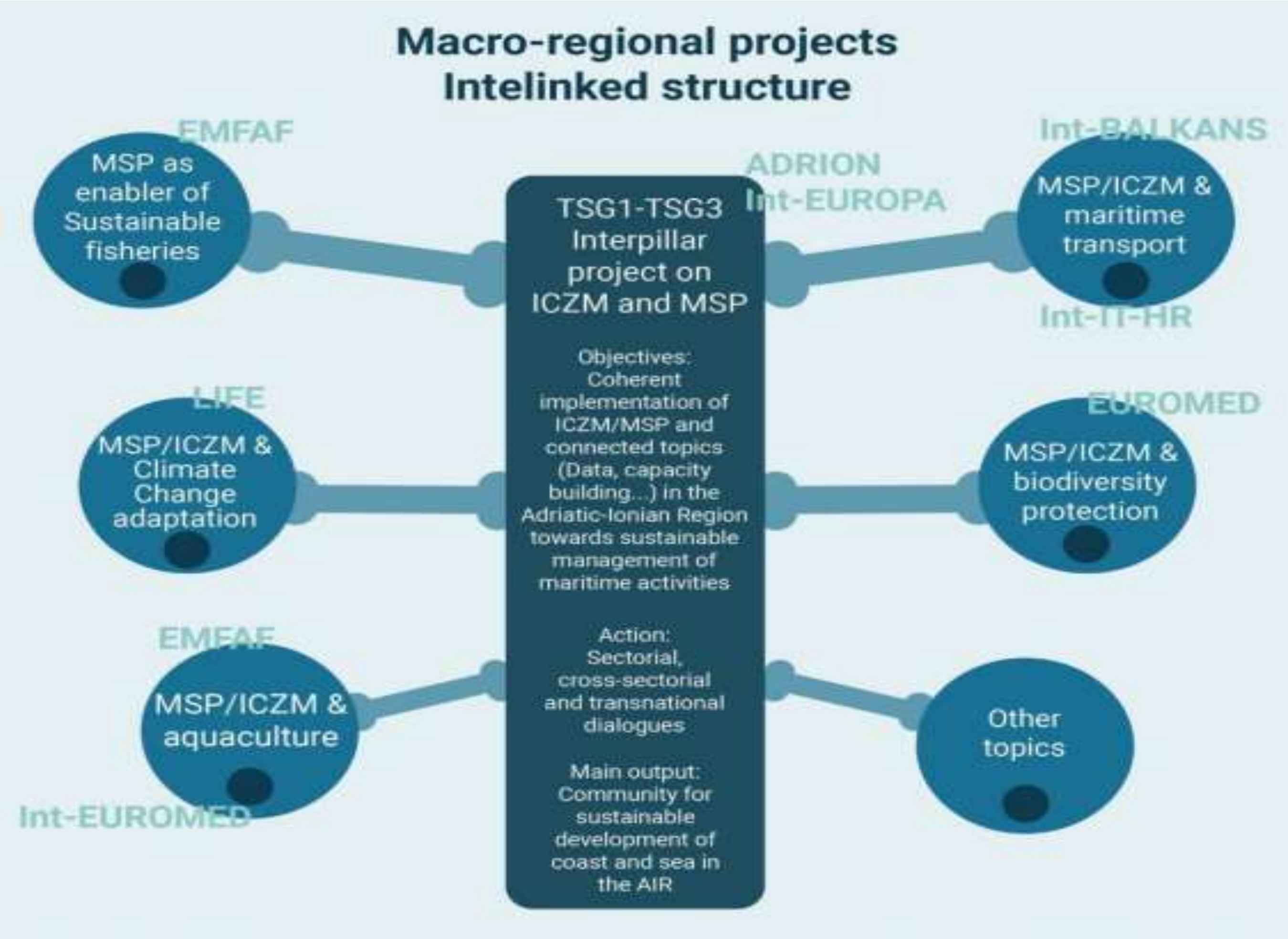
Promotion of sustainable growth of the AI Region by implementing ICZM and MSP also to contribute to the CRF on ICZM of the Barcelona Convention and the monitoring and management of Marine Protected Area.

### **Action:**

Implementing Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)

# TSG1 – TSG3 JOINT INTER-PILLAR PROJECT ON MSP&ICZM

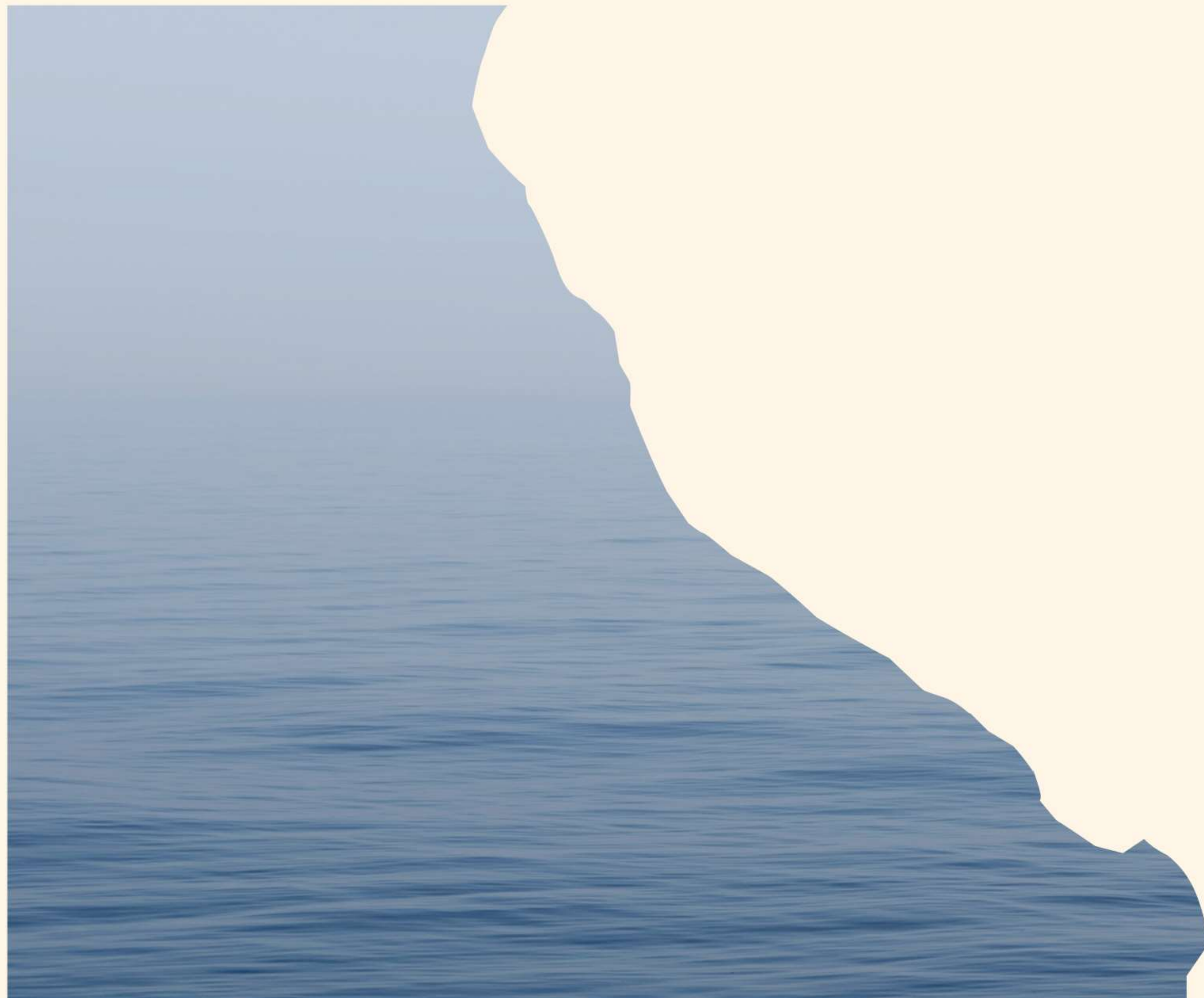
“Using high quality research to strengthen dialogues and institutional capacities for effective implementation of MSP/ICZM in support of inclusive and sustainable growth in the AIR”





# Thank you!

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