

Finland

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Environment



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MPA Program(s) Description or Highlights:

- More than 11% MPA coverage of the national territorial waters and EEZ combined
- The HELCOM work on MPAs is very good, considering that there are 9 sovereign states and the European Union as Contracting Parties
- The scientific level of our GIS mapping and MPA research is good
- Analyzed our MPA network by applying ZONATION, a Finnish software

Key Program Challenges/Priorities:

- Compilation of management plans for MPAs
- Get a better inventory/survey/mapping coverage of our sites in our MPA network
- Long coastline and several large archipelagos with a lot of islands which make it demanding to survey, map and monitor the coast
- Conservation status inhibited by severe pollution in Baltic Sea