

Nature Protection in European Seas

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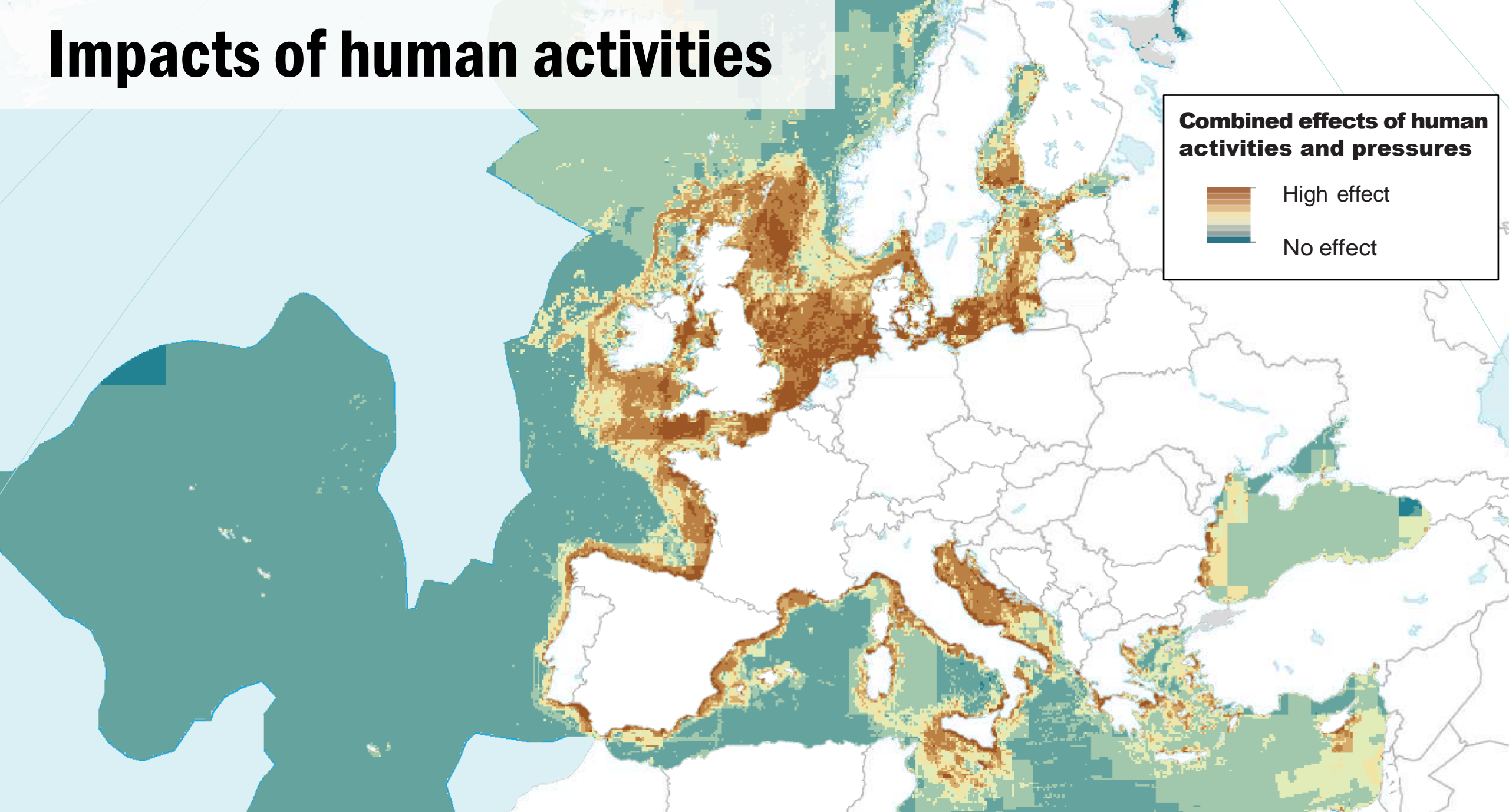
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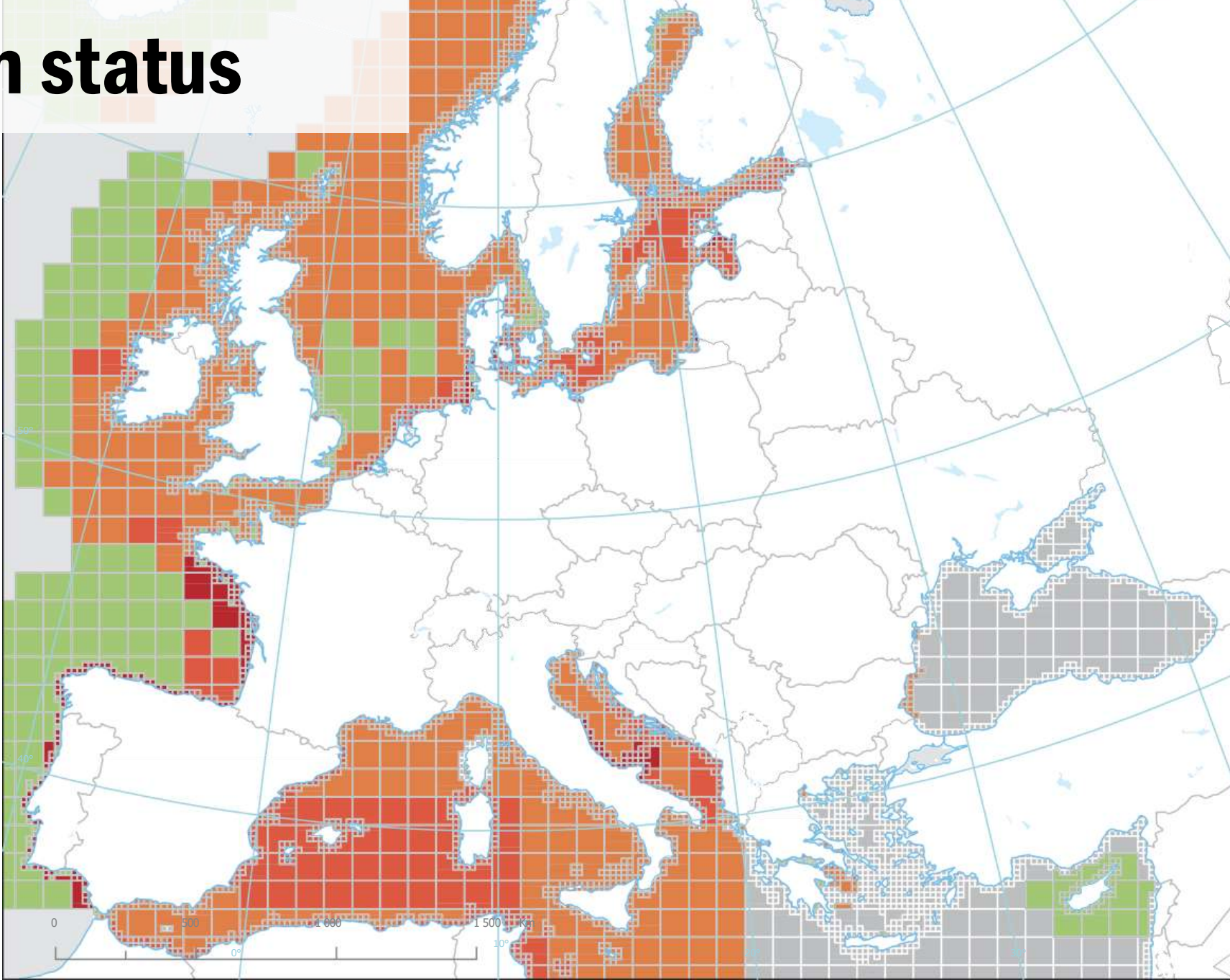
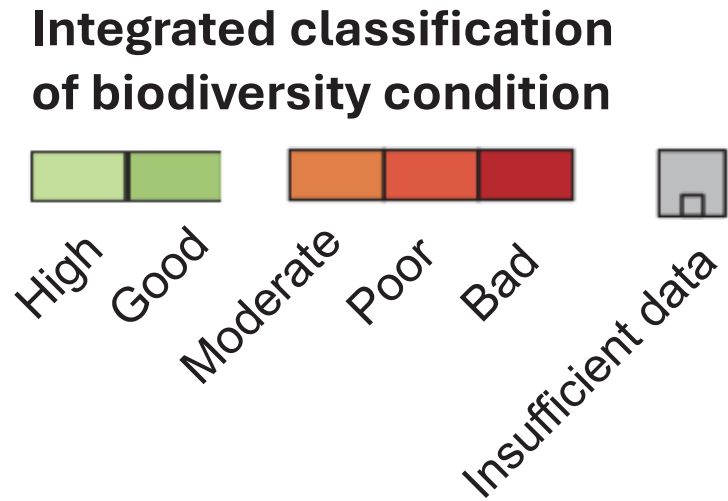
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Impacts of human activities



Poor conservation status



Main EU policies regarding MPAs

EU policies



Common Fishery Policy

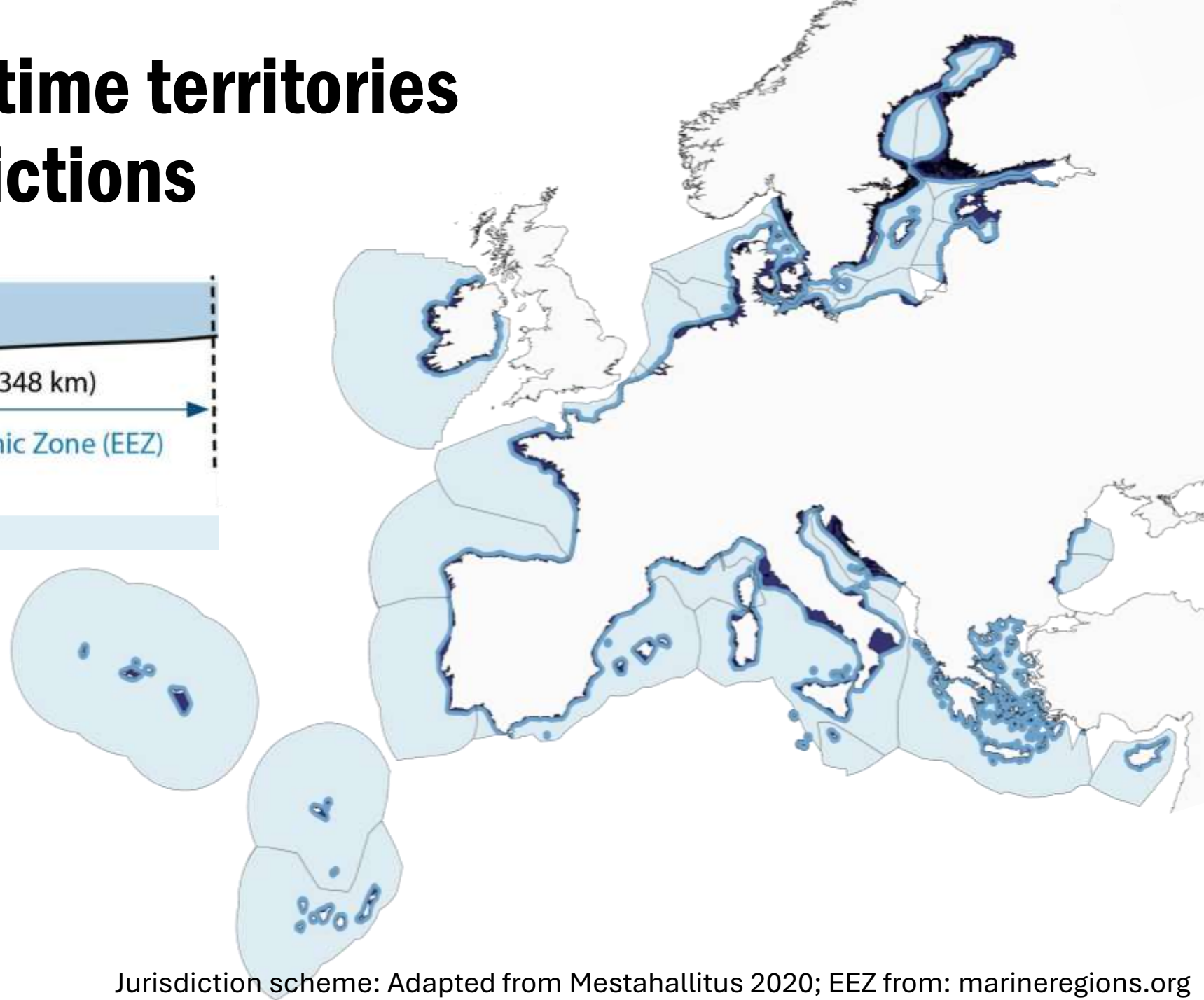
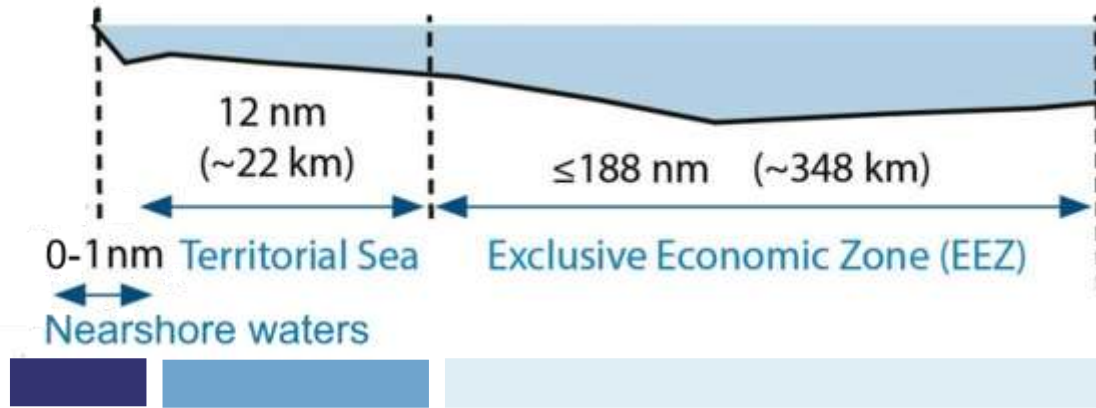


Natura 2000

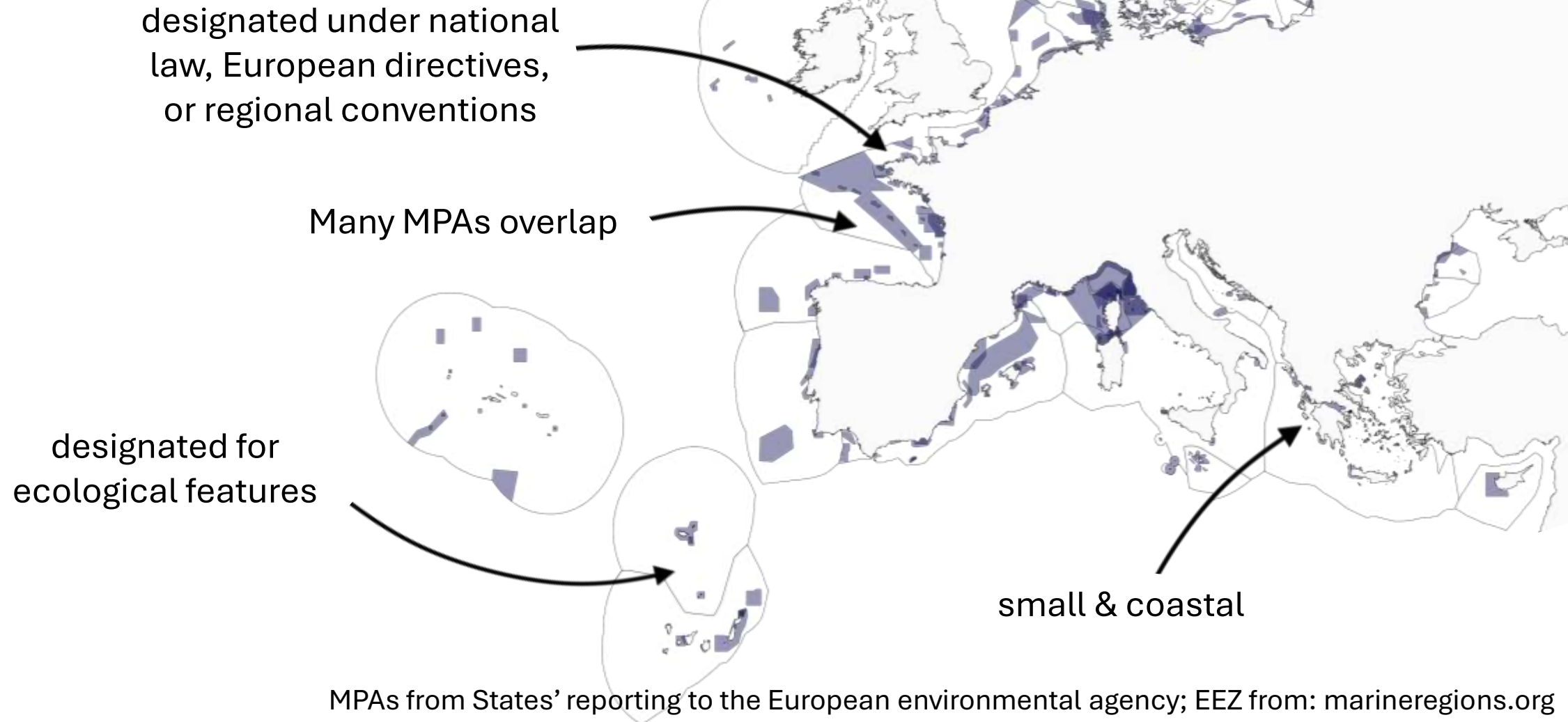
Regional conventions

**National laws
& transposition**

EU seas: 22 maritime territories & multiple jurisdictions



In 2022: 4,858 MPAs 11.4% of EU waters

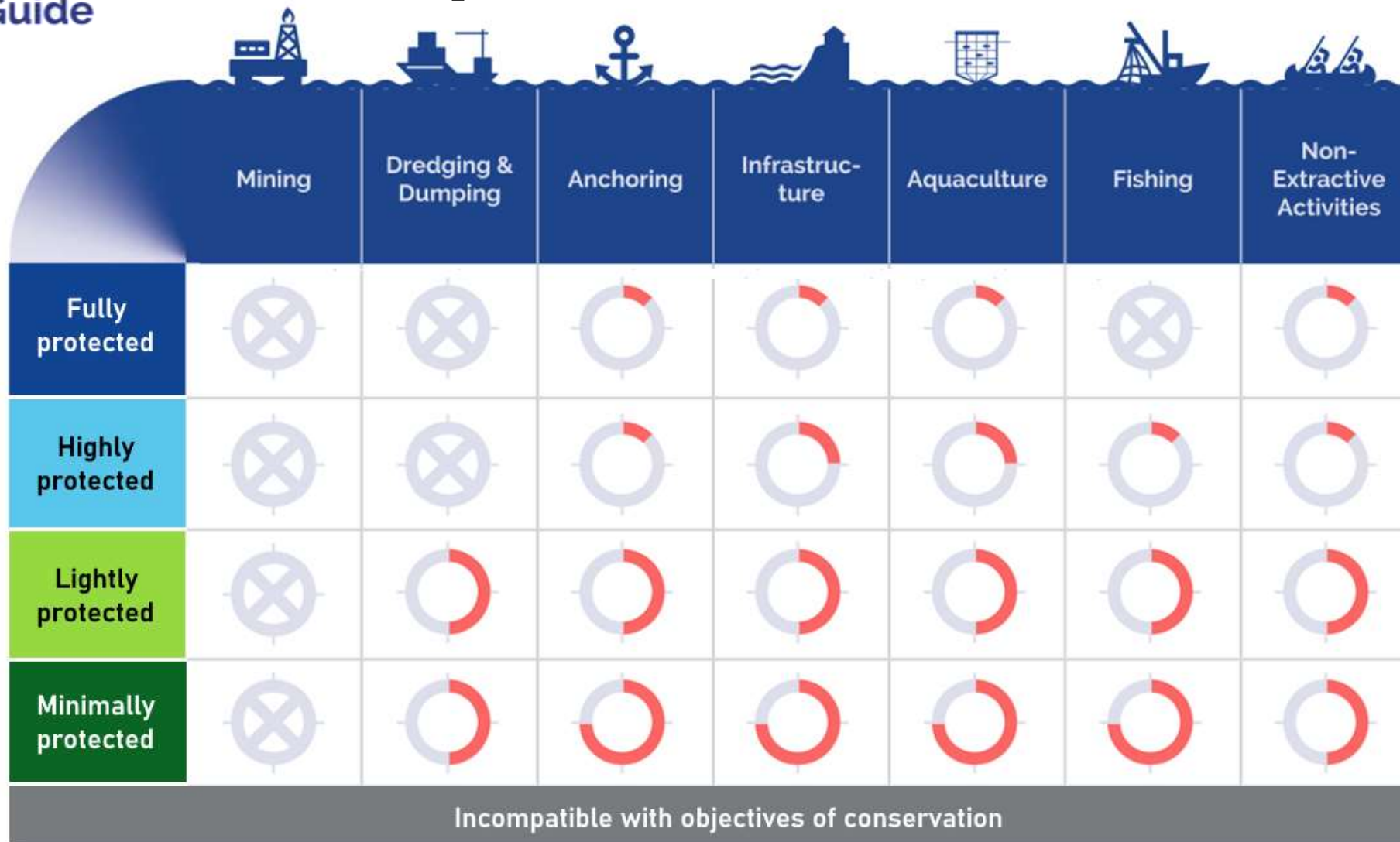




What protection in EU MPAs?

**Summarizing regulations of activities using
protection levels**

Levels of protection:



Maximum allowed impact of activity



None



Minimal



Low



Moderate

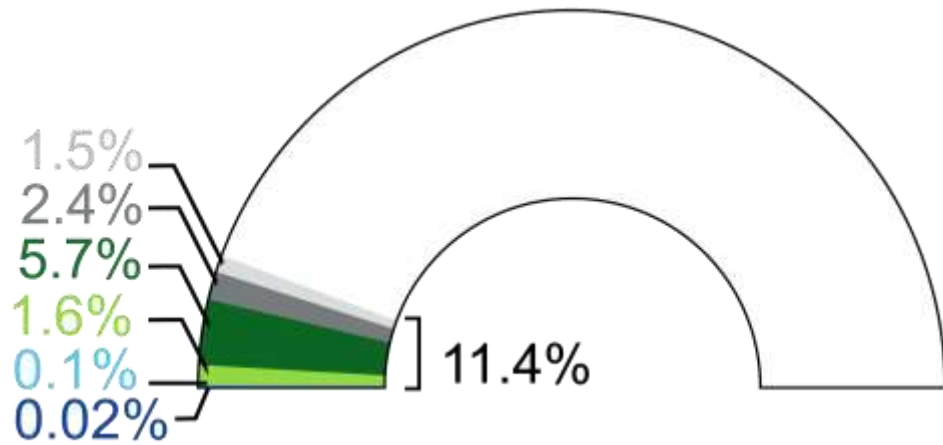


High

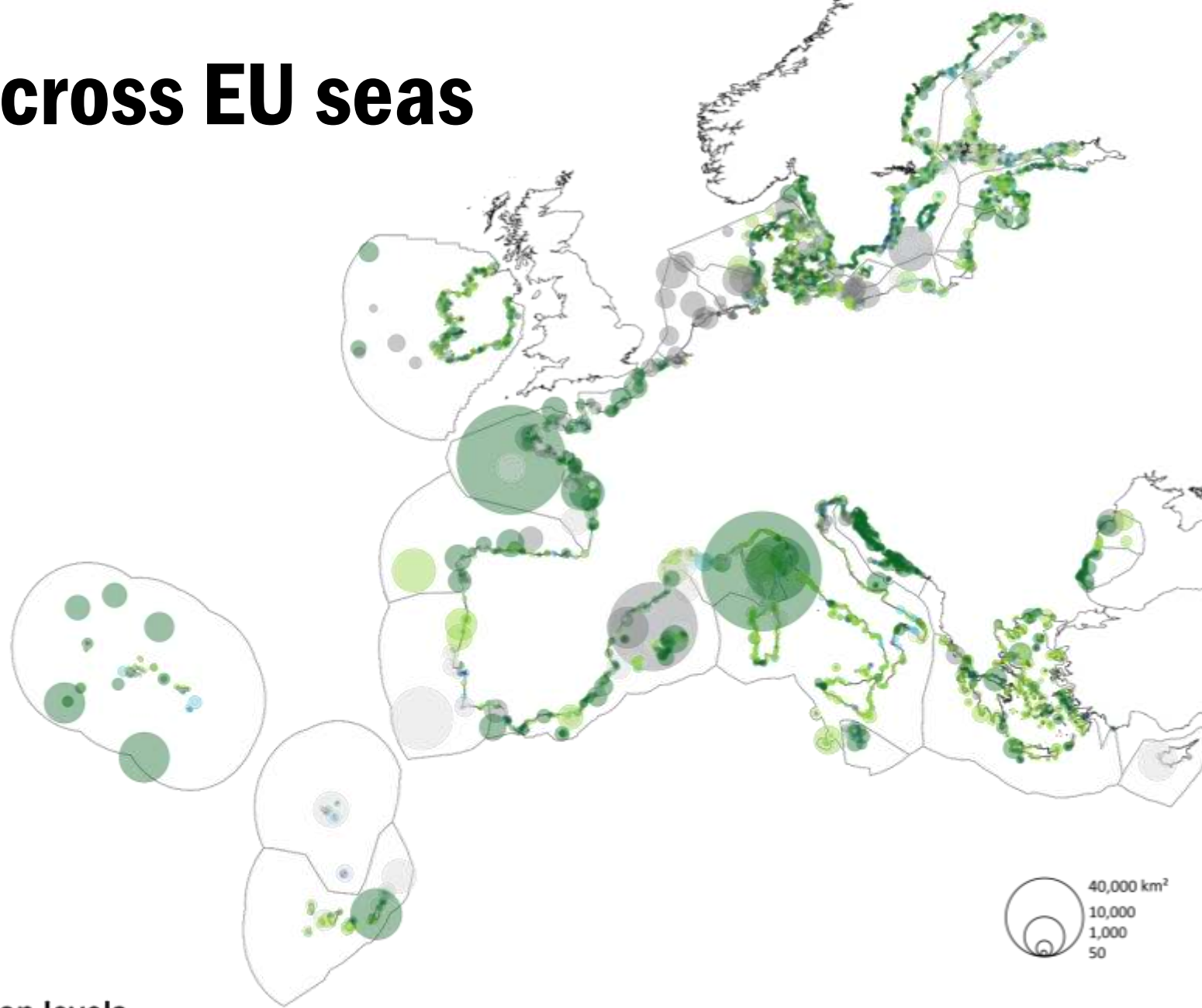


Minimal protection across EU seas

MPA coverage of EU waters



check out for
national results



Protection levels



Low protection across all states & types of MPAs

**500 highly or fully
protected MPAs**

in national
designations

in territorial
waters

Protection levels



Unclassified



Incompatible



Minimally



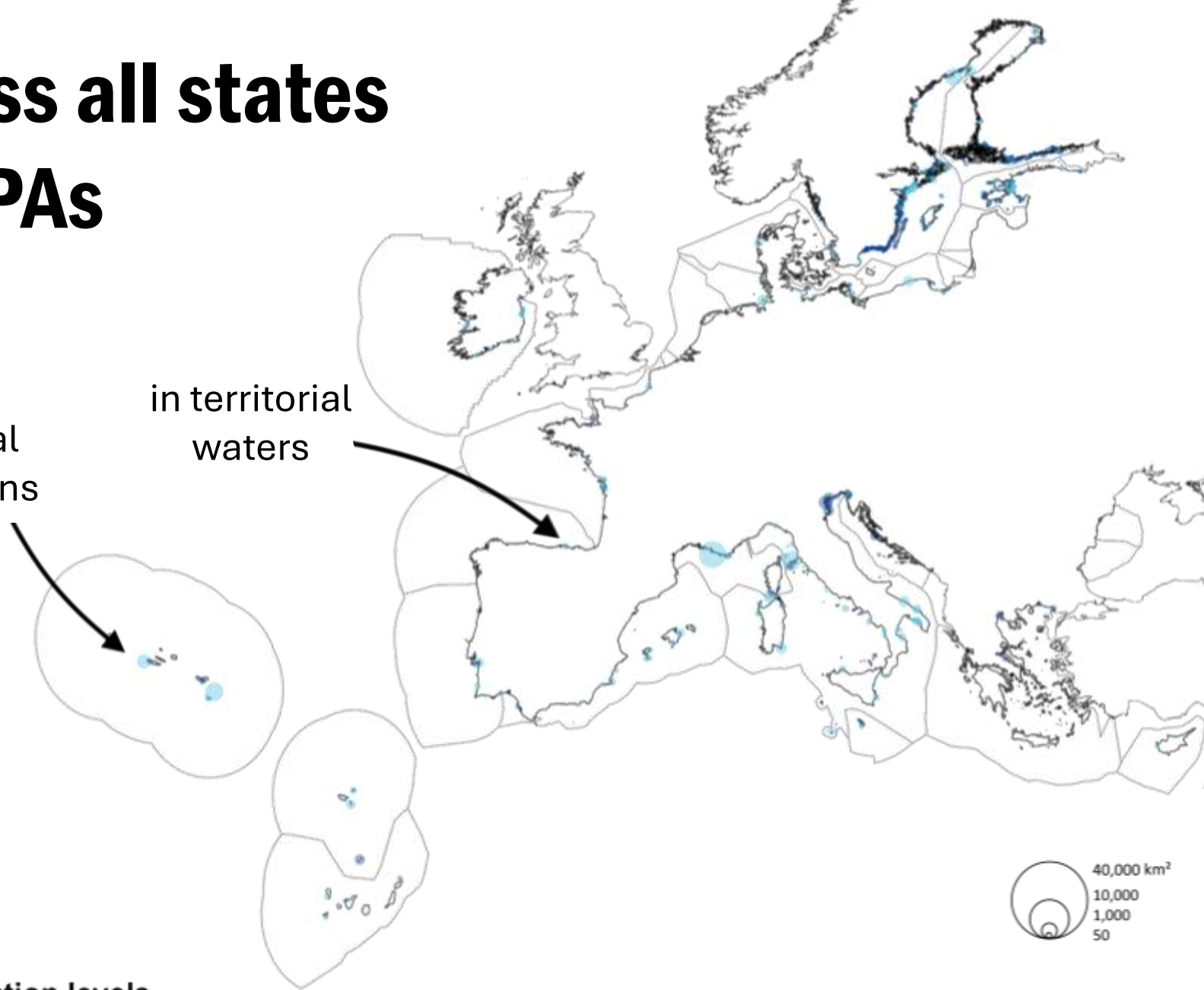
Lightly



Highly



Fully



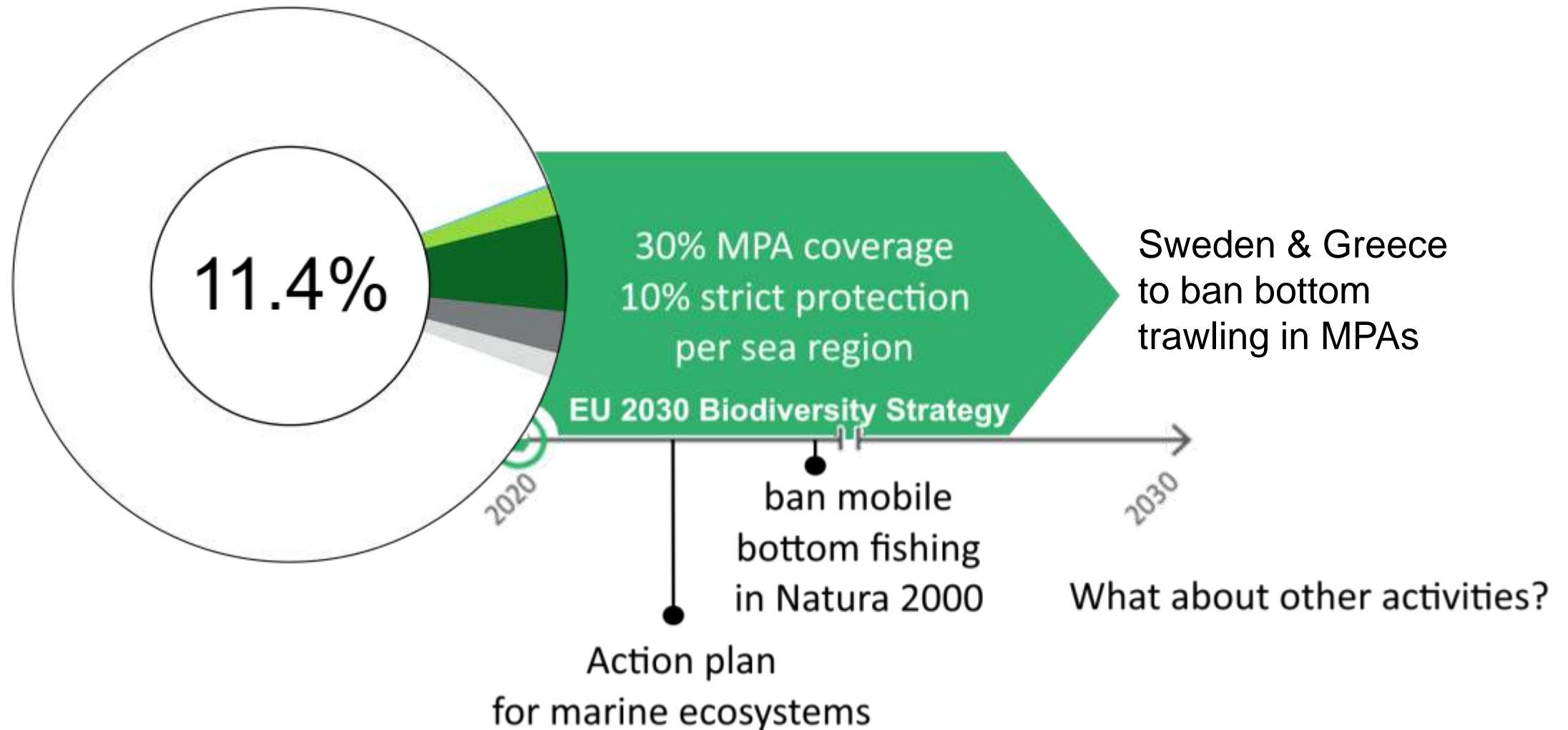
Overall, EU MPAs provide minimal protection

- No **legal obligation**: on specific measures & protection levels
- They are **made for this**: not exclusive & for the economy
- **MPAs are more than their regulations**
- **Mismatches**: perceptions & expectations

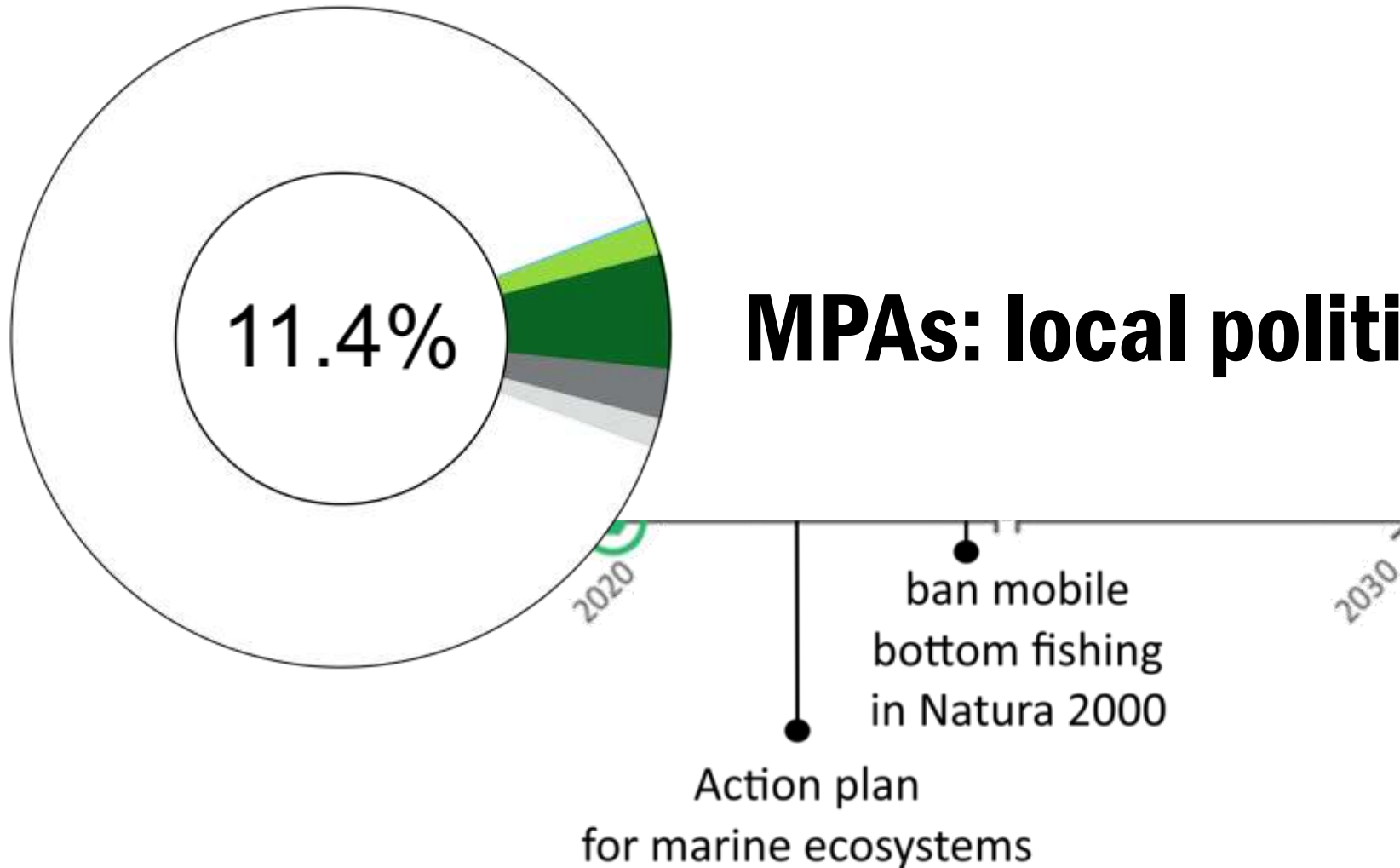
EU MPAs are failing in reaching their goals

What's happening now?

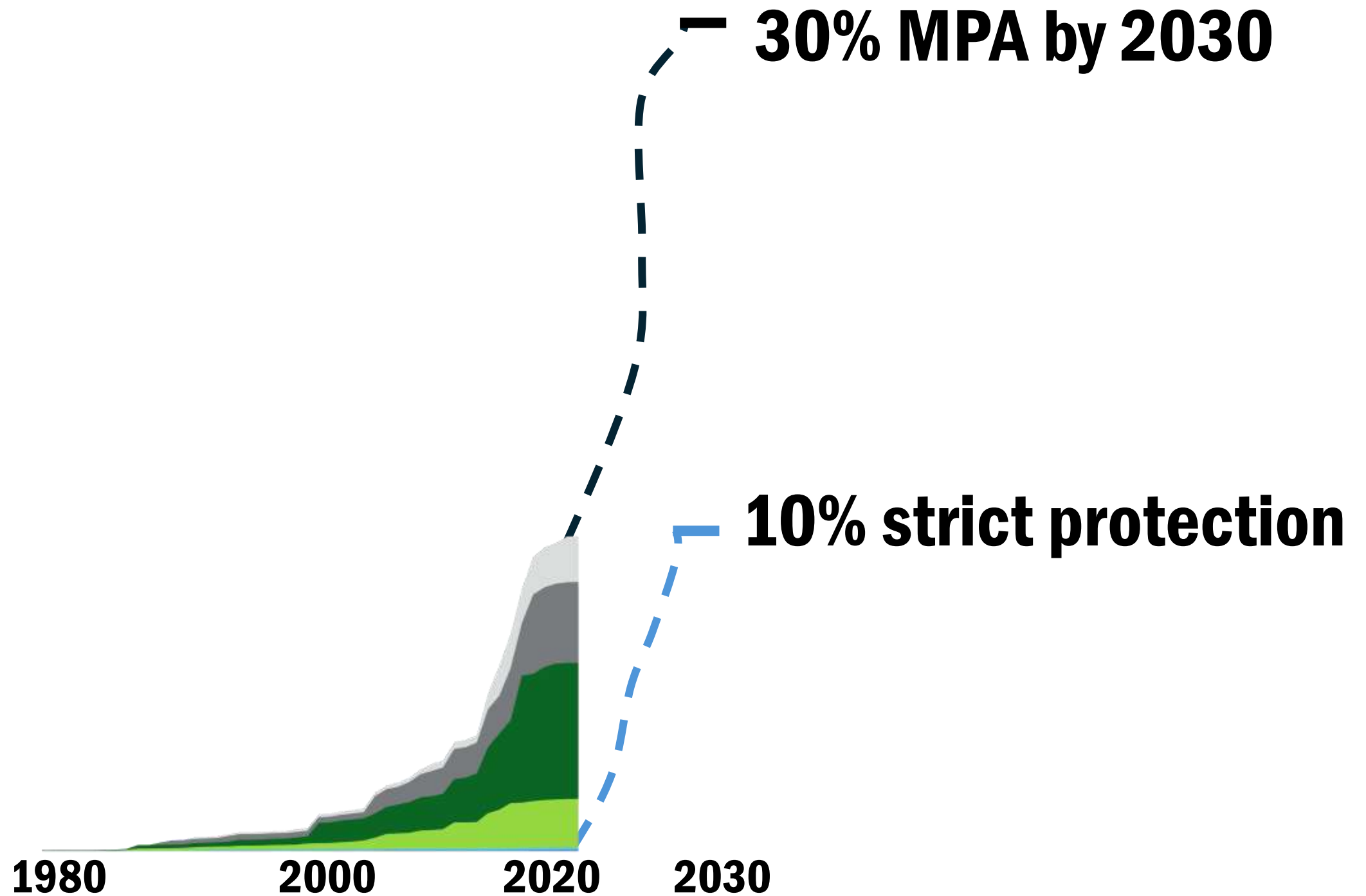
First EU positions on protection levels & regulations



It takes collaboration



MPAs: local political arenas?





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