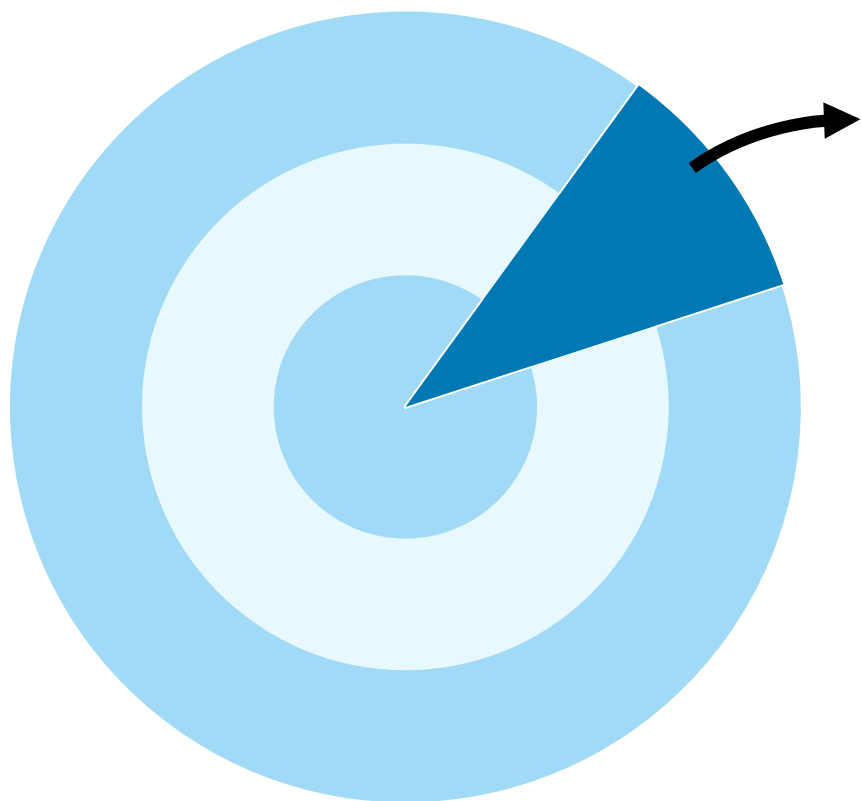


Regional databases: a key element for the development and assessment of MPA networks

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Context

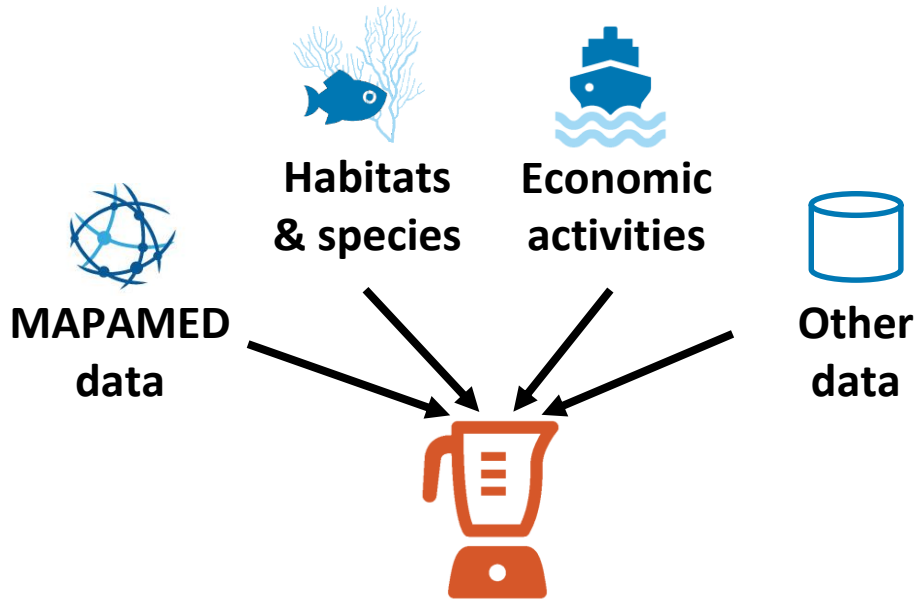


- **At least 10 % coverage**
- **Ecologically coherent**
- **Effectively managed**



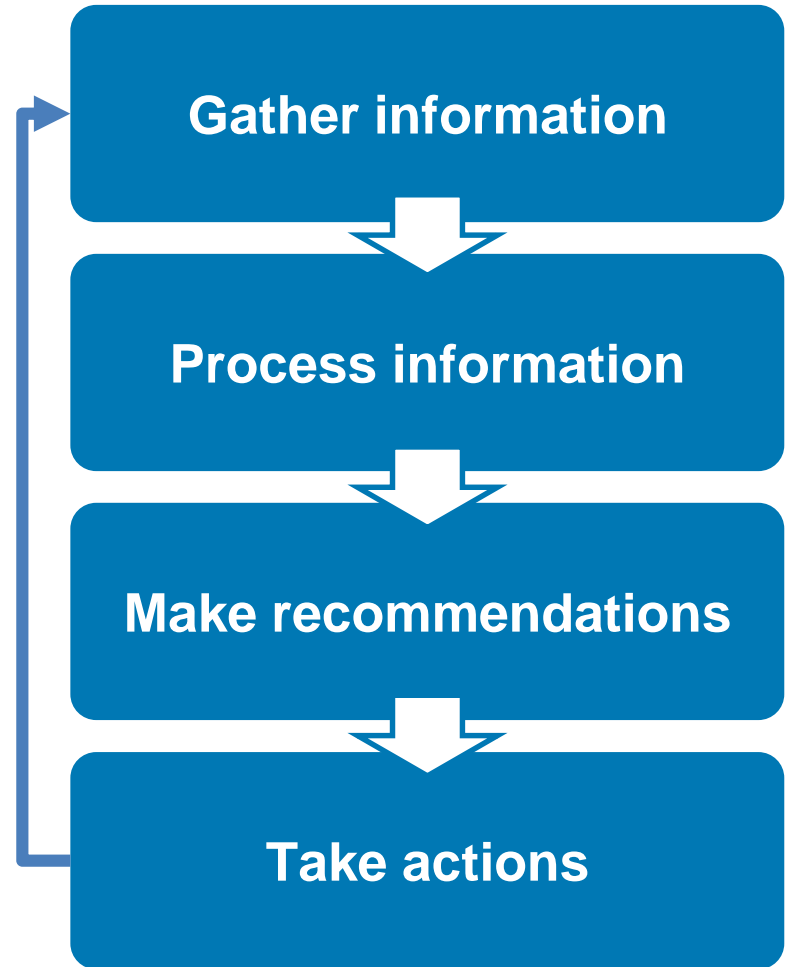
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Assessing progress



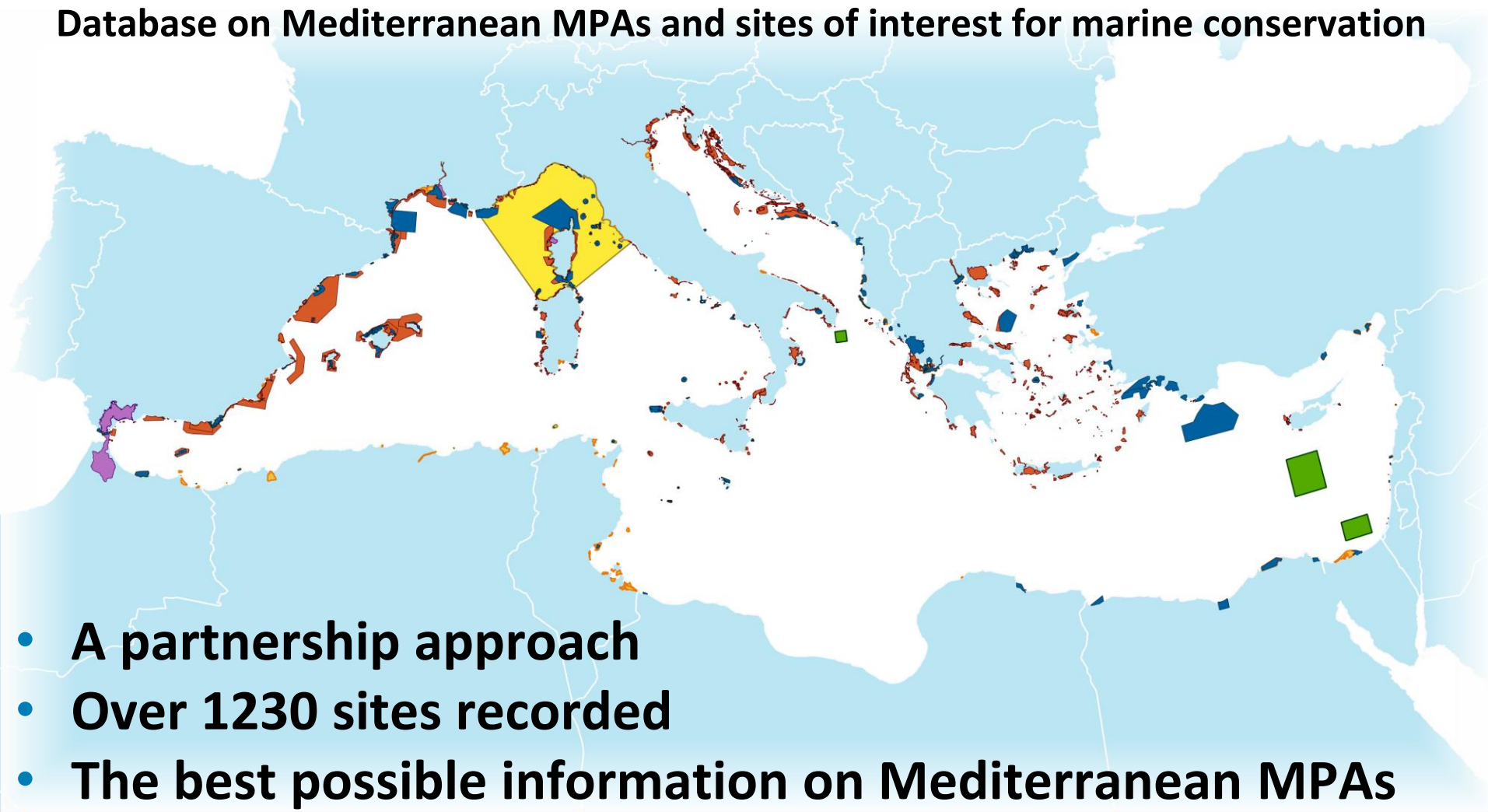
**2016 version
coming soon!
(brochure available)**

The brochure cover features a photograph of a coastline and includes the text: 'Assessment of the Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean', 'Study done by MedPan in collaboration with the RAC / SPA'.



The MAPAMED database

Database on Mediterranean MPAs and sites of interest for marine conservation



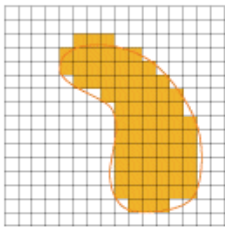
- A partnership approach
- Over 1230 sites recorded
- The best possible information on Mediterranean MPAs

Challenges / Perspectives



Data access

- Work together
- Share data
- Feedback on the use of data
- Make it easy for data providers
- Metadata



Data quality

- Keep on improving datasets
- User feedbacks



Methodological issues

- Share experiences with other regions
- Scientific inputs

Challenges / Perspectives



Sectorial approach

- Towards an integrated approach
- Reach out other sectors



Taking actions

- Make sure recommendations are concrete and target oriented
- Better communication on results

Conclusion & Recommendations

Good quality information is needed to establish and assess MPA systems

- **Share data**
- **Adopt an integrated approach**
- **Enhance collaboration**
- **Read the 2016 Mediterranean MPA Status Report! ;-)**

Thank you - Merci

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Bonus slide

MAPAMED key figures:

- 186 nationally designated MPAs
- 898 Natura 2000 sites at sea
- 34 SPAMIs
- 97 Ramsar sites
- 7 Biosphere reserves
- 3 World Heritage sites
- 3 Fisheries Restricted Areas (conservation oriented)
- Pelagos sanctuary for Marine Mammals
- Over 100 proposed sites