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BioProtect Good Practice Recommendations on Improved Governance



Description of solution

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Summary

BioProtect provides Good Practice Recommendations (GPR) on the introduction of new tools and procedures for handling pressures from human activities. The GPRs will consider principles of good governance, thus contributing to achieving economic, societal, environmental, and institutional sustainability. The Good Practice Recommendations will be made in the form of a CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA), outlining improved management practices, and contributing towards achieving the Mission goals of protecting and restoring marine biodiversity.

Detailed description of what it is

The Good Practice Recommendations will provide guidelines on how to best implement new tools and procedures for handling pressures from human activities. The guidelines will draw on experiences from work done in the BioProtect project. BioProtect will map strengths and weaknesses in the current governance framework in the different case study areas and evaluate how the various solutions fit with the existing framework and how they best can be implemented. This ensures that the recommendations are based on a comprehensive and evidence-based background.

The GPRs will be published in the form of a CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA). A CWA is a consensus-based, voluntary European standard developed through an open and standardized process. It involves drafting a proposal form and project plan, hosting the kick-off and final consensus meetings, formatting the final good practice recommendations to meet CEN requirements, registering stakeholders who want to participate and coordinating with the CWA Secretariat.

What it provides

Publishing the guidelines in the form of a CWA is a way of providing a consensus-based reference document that can be developed quickly to meet the needs of stakeholders. Having consensus-based guidelines created through a collaborative and transparent process allows for facilitating better understanding between different parties and strengthening the work done to improve the governance and management of human pressures and their impact on marine biodiversity. It also allows for reaching an audience that the project couldn't engage directly.



How it is applied or to be used

The GPRs will be aimed at decision makers at various governmental levels. They can support public policies and legislation relevant authorities for managing human pressures on marine biodiversity.

As mentioned above, GPRs will be made in the form of a CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA). CWA is a low-level voluntary standard, meaning its adoption is voluntary. It is an active document that lives on for three years after it has been established and can be renewed for an additional three-years period. A CWA can also go on to form the basis for an international standard, e.g. ISO.



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