The need for a clear set of marine spatial biodiversity priorities for inclusion into MSP, and options for securing spatial priorities through place-based measures

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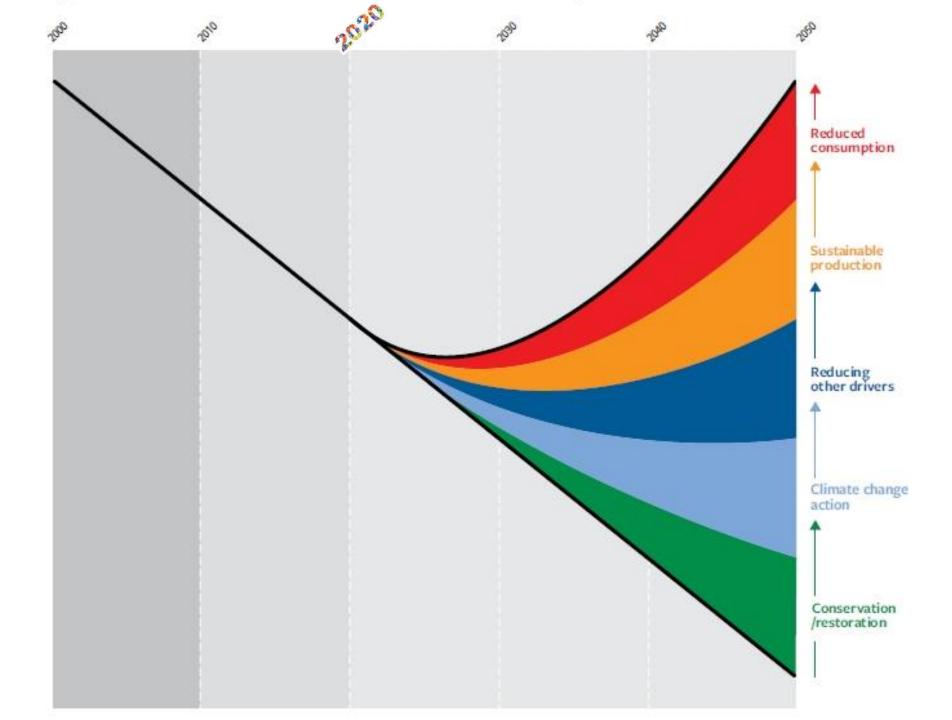








A portfolio of actions to reduce loss and restore biodiversity (GBO-5)



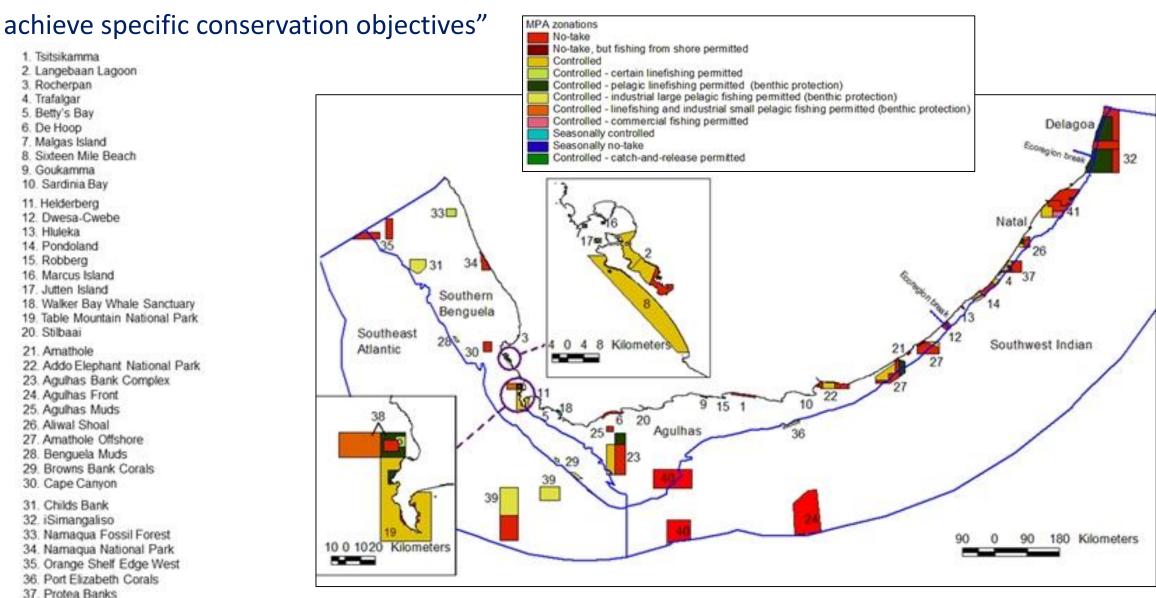
PREPARATIONS FOR THE POST-2020 BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

UPDATE OF THE ZERO DRAFT OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

<u>Draft Target 1</u>. By 2030, [50%] of land and sea areas globally are under **spatial planning** addressing land/sea use change, retaining most of the existing intact and wilderness areas, and allow to **restore** [X%] of degraded freshwater, marine and terrestrial natural ecosystems and connectivity among them.

<u>Draft Target 2</u>. By 2030, protect and conserve through well connected and effective system of **protected areas** and **other effective area-based conservation measures** at least [30%] of the planet with the focus on areas particularly important for biodiversity.

MPAS "geographically defined (marine) area, which is designated or regulated and managed to



Southwest Indian Seamount
uThukela

Robben Island

39. Southeast Atlantic Seamounts

Other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs):



Aichi Target 11

Convention on Biological Diversity

By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water areas and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscape and seascape.

OECMs: "a geographically defined area other than a Protected Area, which is (CBD 2018) governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in situ conservation of biodiversity, with associated ecosystem functions and services and where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socio—economic, and other locally relevant values."

Criteria (among several others):

- Unlike PAs, OECMs do not require a primary objective of conservation
- Positive outcomes: effective at delivering in-situ conservation of biodiversity over the long-term
- Long-term and year round; governance mechanism and management system must be sustained
- Viable Size: for the biodiversity value
- Ecosystem functions and services must be associated, and cultural, spiritual, socio-economic and other locally relevant values

National Framework for Marine Spatial Planning in South Africa:



 MSP is Ecosystem-based: balancing economic, social and ecological goals and objectives toward achieving sustainable development with a focus on maintaining ecosystem services over time



 Good biodiversity management underpins a healthy economy.

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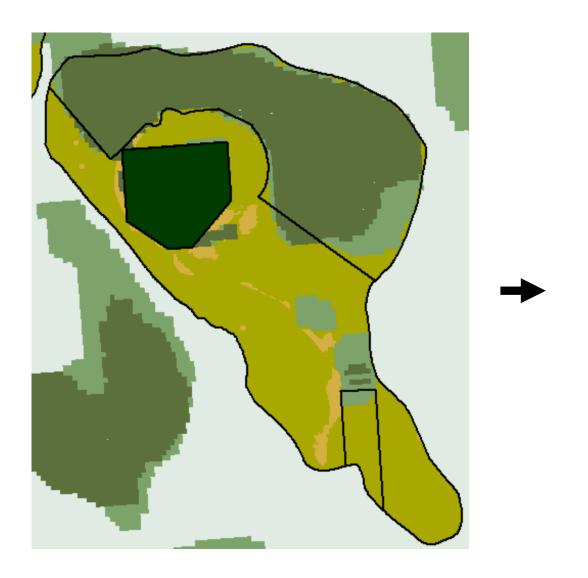


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- Aimed at protecting, conserving and restoring South Africa's rich marine biodiversity by managing its living and non-living resources in a harmonious manner.
- It does so by identifying ecologically and biologically important areas and by integrating biodiversity objectives into decision-making.
- ...allows for identification and reduction of conflicts between human uses and nature, allocation of space for biodiversity and nature conservation, and reduction of cumulative effects of human activities on ecosystems.

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- Sector specific regulations may also contribute to biodiversity, even if they are not counted towards targets
- e.g. some fisheries regulations, focused ship lanes that avoid sensitive area, exclusion areas for underwater infrastructure

Thank you.....









