

Bridging environmental and fisheries policies

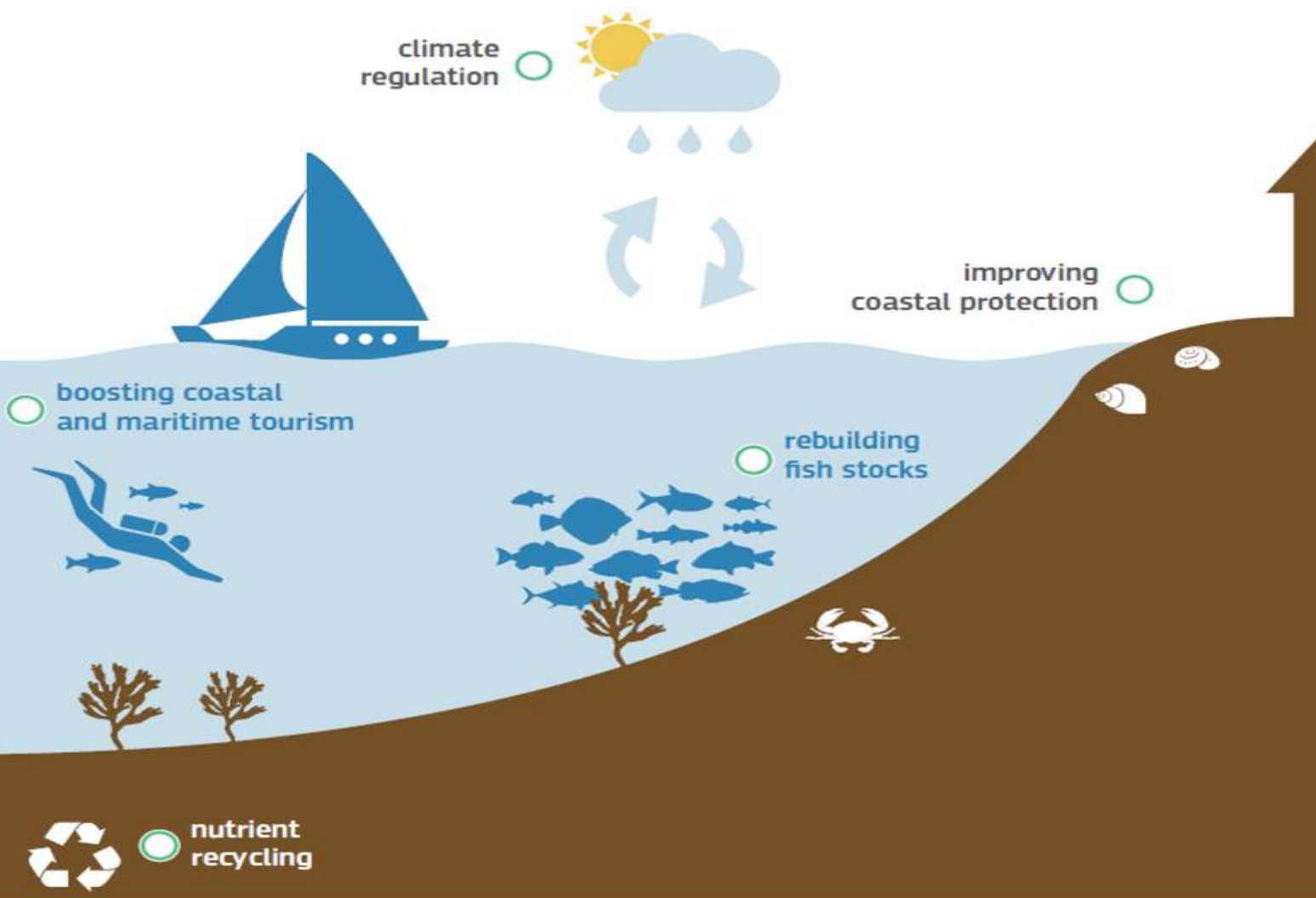


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THE HEALTHIER OUR SEAS, THE MORE BENEFITS WE GET FROM THEM

Healthy marine ecosystems = environmental + socio-economic benefits



How EU Member States develop marine strategies



Assess



Define ideal
environmental
state of seas



Set
targets



Monitor



Identify and
implement
actions
needed

CLEAN, HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE SEAS



European
Commission

11 Descriptors to determine GES

Pressures & impacts

Non-indigenous species

Commercial fish & shellfish

Eutrophication

Hydrographical conditions

Contaminants (in environment)

Contaminants (in seafood)

Marine litter

Energy & underwater noise



State

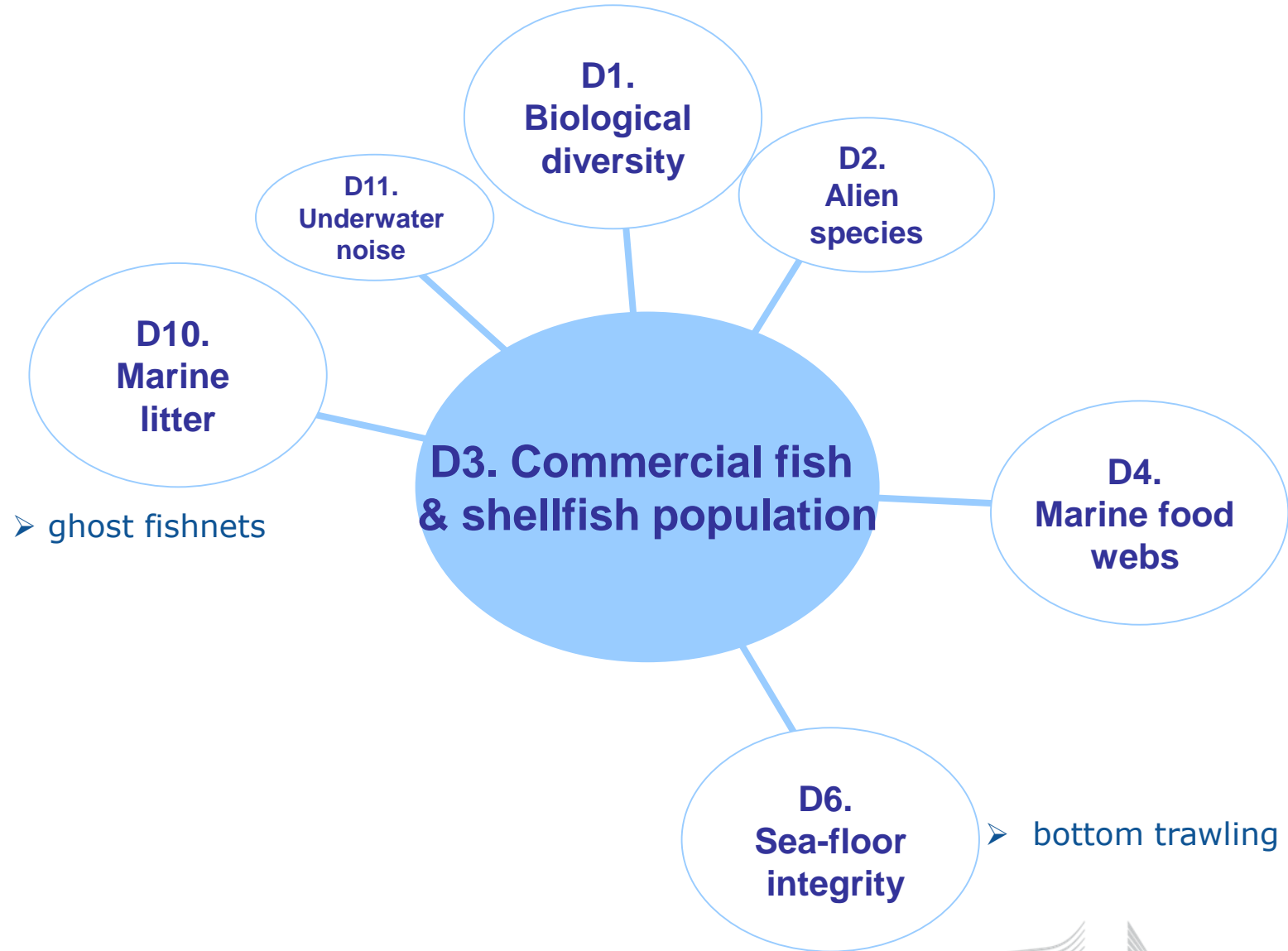
Biodiversity

Marine food webs

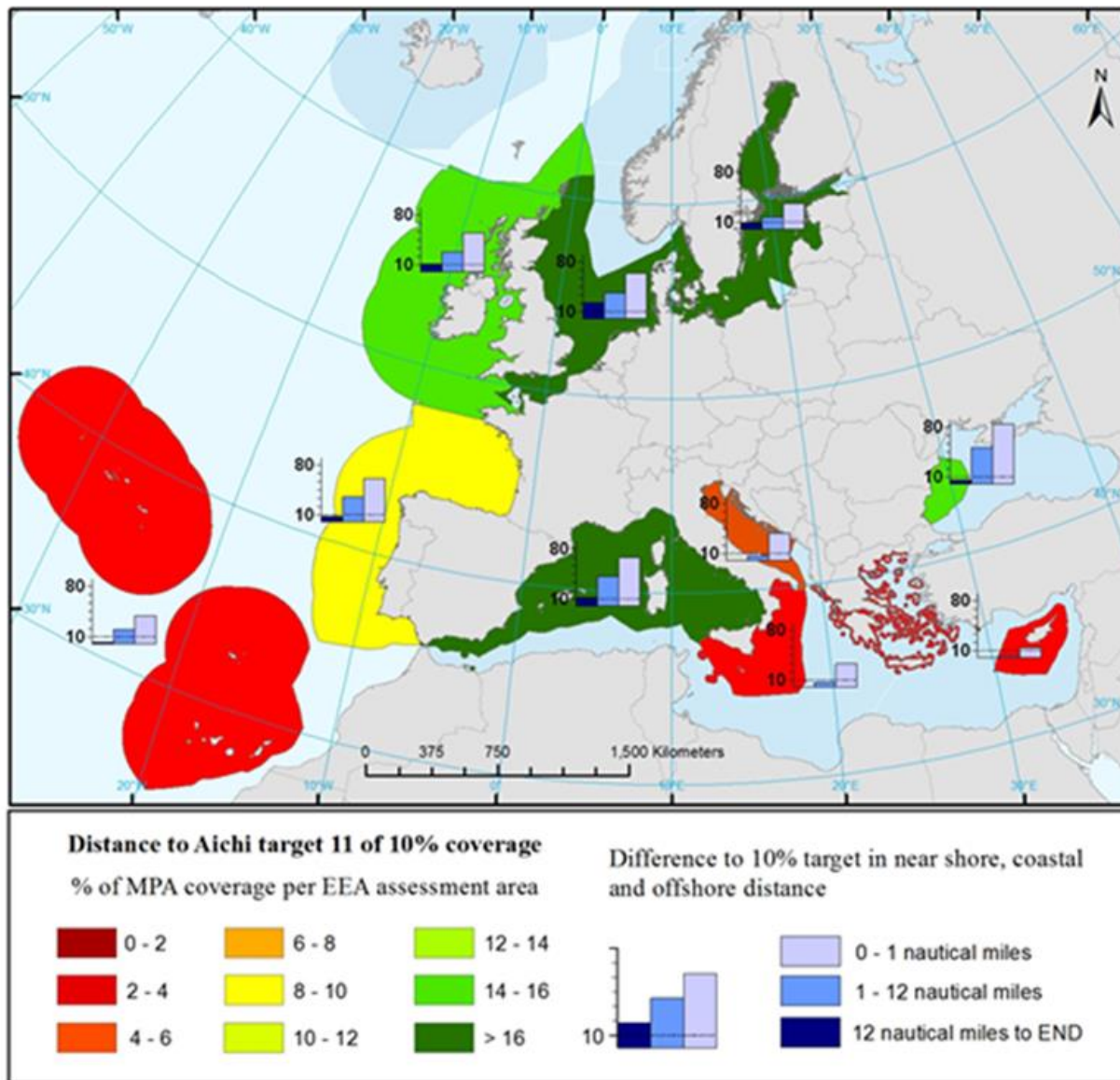
Seabed habitats (integrity)



Holistic approach



Marine protected areas



MPA coverage in Europe's seas in 2016

Marine conservation and fisheries: win-win situations



The Mediterranean slipper lobster is a slow-growing species that has been subject to intense harvesting. *Photo: Sylvaine Giakoumi*



Lobster fishing in the Columbretes MPA, Spain. *Photo: Sandra Mallol*



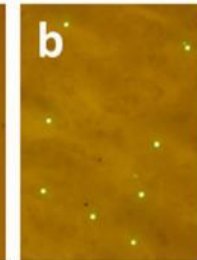
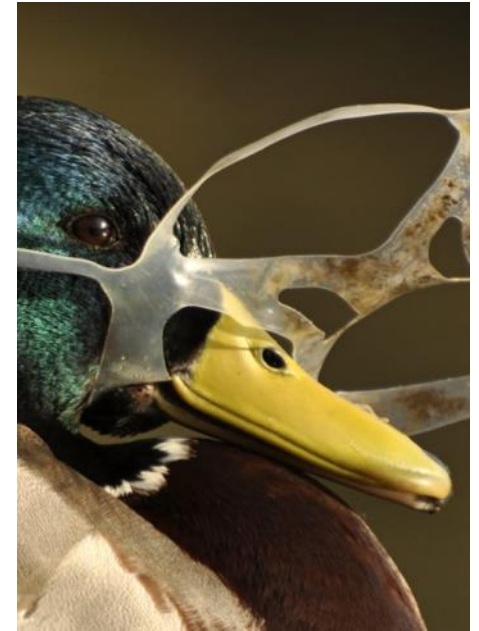
A spiny lobster in the Columbretes MPA, Spain. *Photo: David Diaz*



The issue of marine litter

Main impacts:

- Environmental
- Social
- Economic (tourism)
- Microplastics





Marine Framework Directive

Waste & Port Legislation

Plastic strategy

Regional cooperation

Funding



Fishing gear

- Fishermen to be paid
- Producer responsibility



Aquaculture

- Certification
- Best available techniques



Shipping

- Legislative proposal ('Port Reception Facilities' MARPOL)
- Scope extended to fishing vessels, recreational crafts
- Incentive fees

Thank you for your attention!

