

Experiences from Developing a Marine Spatial Management Tool for Norwegian Sea Areas

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The Marine Spatial Management Tool is the result of a governmental initiative based on the need for a more coherent and uniform geographic information content, suitable for underpinning tasks attached to marine spatial planning and marine management in Norwegian sea areas :

- More effective updates of the management plans
- Better overview over political decisions and actions related to marine management
- Contribute to more transparency, openness and increased involvement from the stakeholders

The purpose of the Marine Spatial Management Tool is to support the marine spatial planning process with updated and reliable geospatial information.

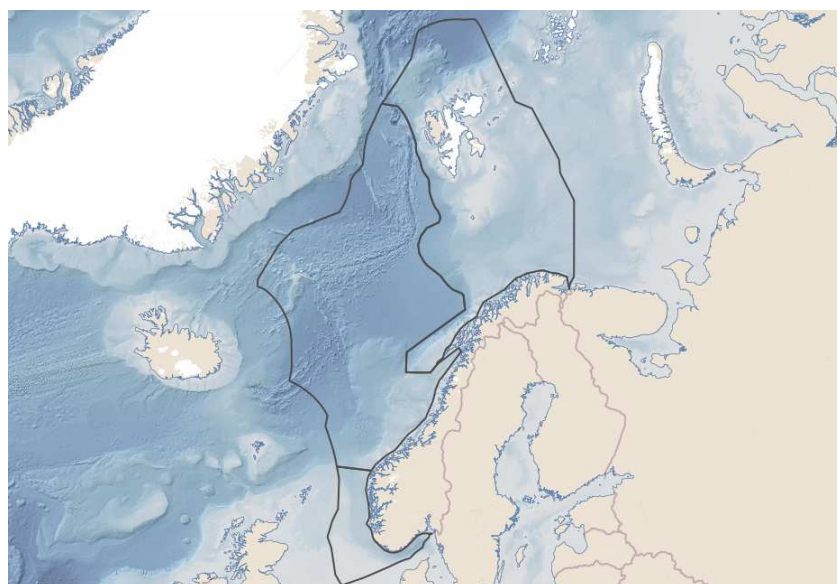


Figure 1: The Norwegian Government has developed integrated marine management plans for all Norwegian sea areas

The presentation will focus on the experiences from the Marine Spatial Management Tool project with emphasis on a) the use of web services based on standards from Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) through beneficial use of the national geoportal and infrastructures, b) challenges related to working cross-sectoral through an intergovernmental cooperation and c) cartography issues. In the end of the session there will be a live demonstration of the tool.