



# Integrated Marine Management Plans

## Norway's methodology and experience

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# Context

Protecting the riches of the seas (2002)  
Barents Sea – Lofoten (2006, updated 2011)

- 961 000 km<sup>2</sup>

Norwegian Sea (2009)

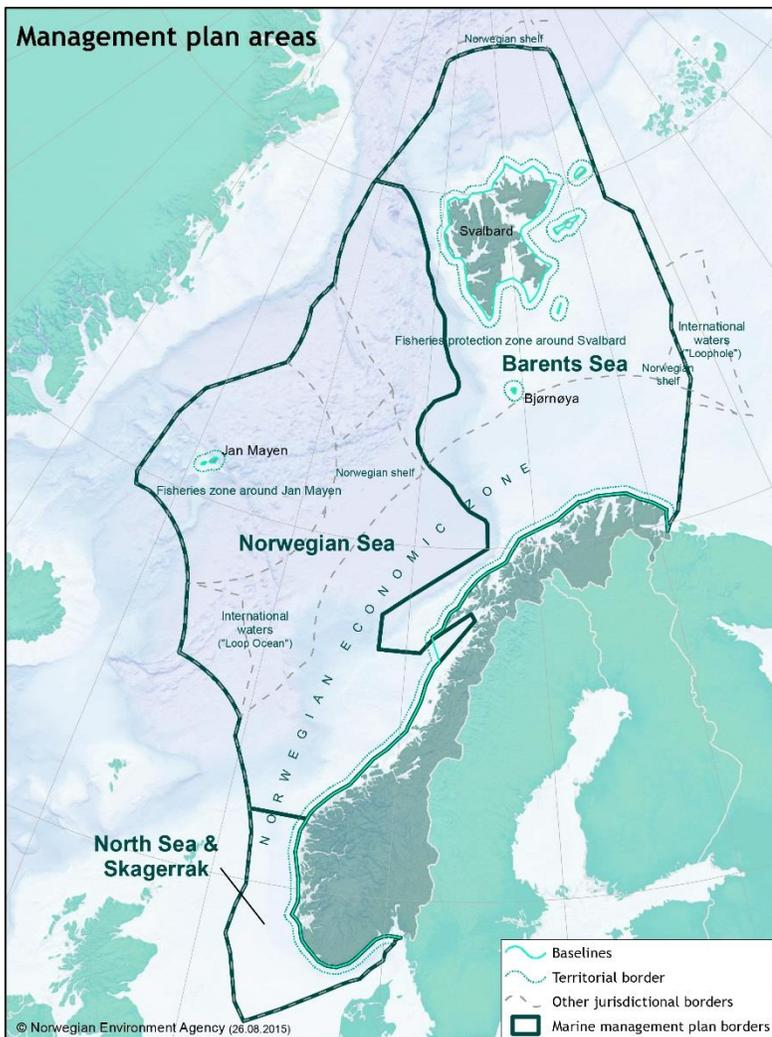
- 1 170 000 km<sup>2</sup>

North Sea – Skagerrak (2013)

- 142 100 km<sup>2</sup>

Coastal zone (landward side of baseline)

- 125 000+ km<sup>2</sup>
- Coastline app. 100 000 km



# Marine-Coastal Integration

## Marine areas → Seaward of baseline

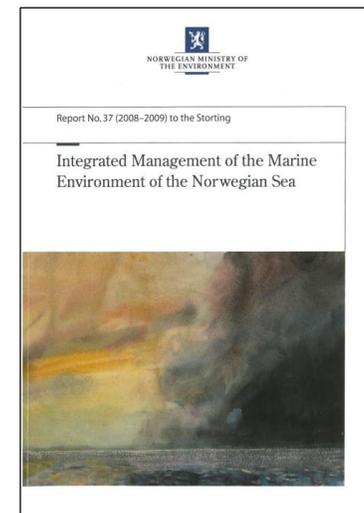
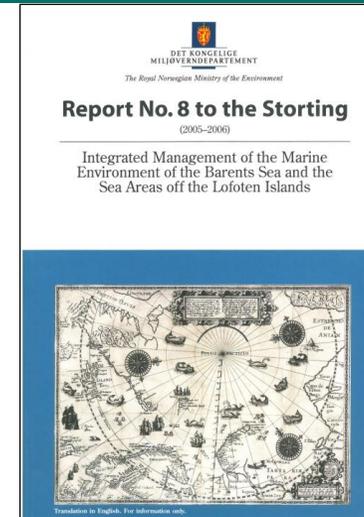
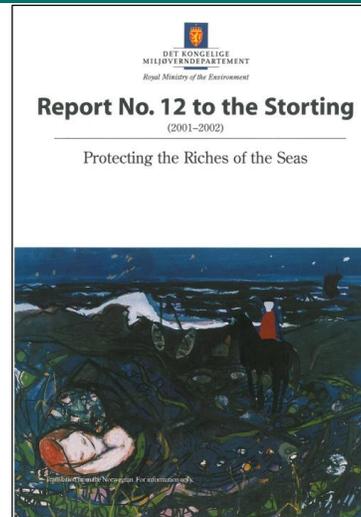
- Management plans (i.e. white papers), large areas
- 2.272 million km<sup>2</sup>
- Endorsed by parliament
- Integrated, ecosystembased management
- Relatively few sectors
- Measures etc. implemented through sectoral laws
- Large, open sea areas
- MSFD not implemented

## Coastal areas - Landward of baseline +1nm

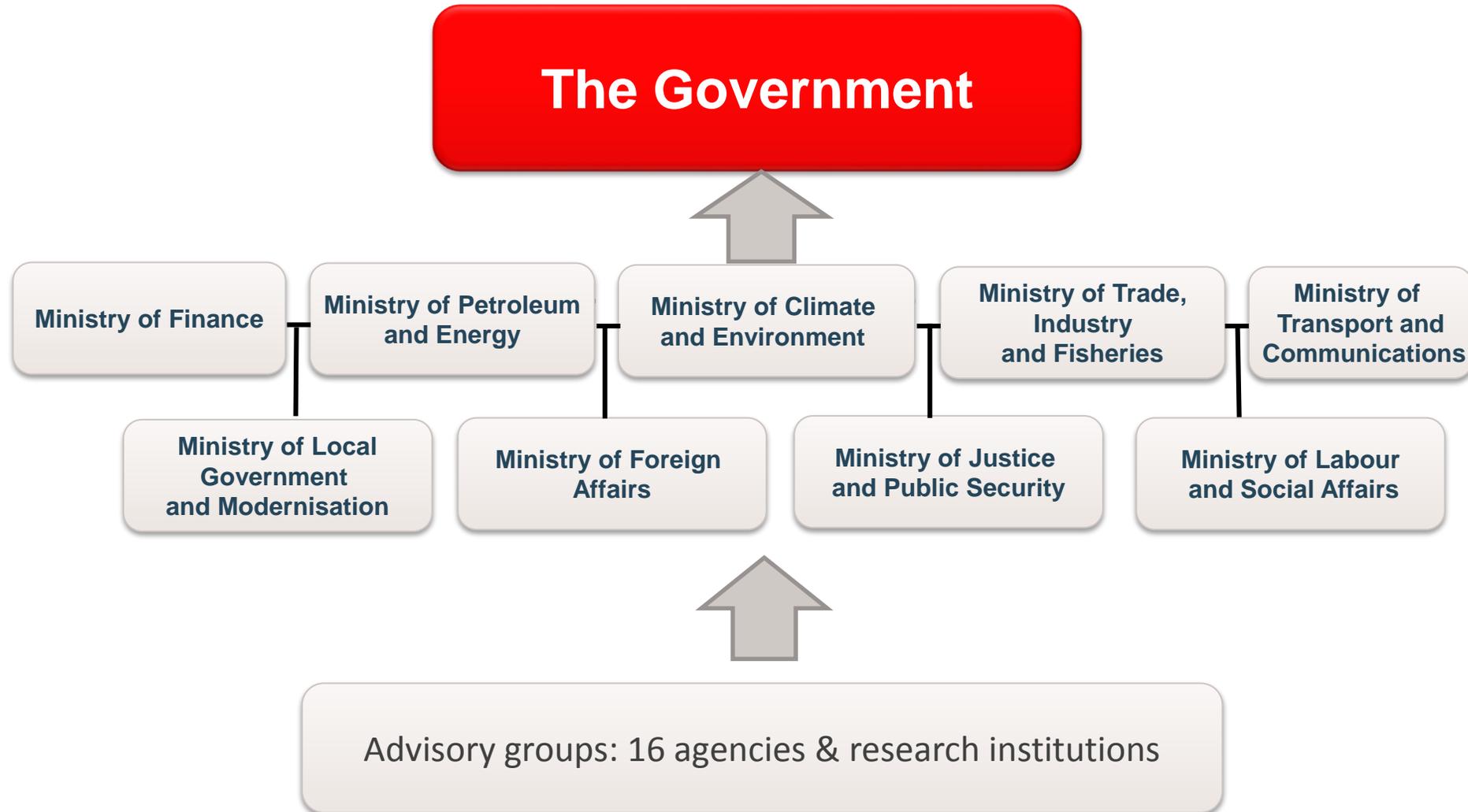
- Local + regional management plans
- Local (i.e. municipal) plans enforced through the Planning and building act
- Regional plans are advisory
- 125.313 km<sup>2</sup> (inkl Svalbard og Jan Mayen)
- Ecosystem based
- Involves many sectors
- Lots of different types of activities
- Smaller, more closed off areas
- Water Framework Directive implemented

# Methodology – marine management

- Knowledge based
- Ecosystem based
- Cross-sectoral cooperation
- International cooperation



# Norwegian marine management plans - Organization



# Cross sectoral cooperation

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE MANAGEMENT FORUM:**

Norwegian Environment Agency (chair and secretariat)  
Directorate of Fisheries  
Institute of Marine Research  
National Institute of Nutrition and Seafood Research  
Norwegian Coastal Administration  
Norwegian Mapping Authority  
Norwegian Maritime Directorate  
Norwegian Petroleum Directorate  
Norwegian Polar Institute (secretariat)  
Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority  
Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate  
Petroleum Safety Authority Norway  
Advisory Forum on Monitoring

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National Institute of Nutrition and Seafood Research  
Geological Survey of Norway  
Norwegian Institute for Air Research  
Norwegian Institute for Nature Research  
Norwegian Institute for Water Research  
Norwegian Polar Institute  
Norwegian Petroleum Directorate  
Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority  
Norwegian Maritime Directorate

# Development of the scientific basis – North Sea and Skagerrak

## Stakeholder involvement

### Scientific basis (2008-2010):

Description of the environment and resources (including particularly valuable areas)

Status reports from industries

Report on social and economic conditions

### Impact assessment for sectors (2010-11):

Petroleum Activities

Renewable energy production

Fisheries and aquaculture

Shipping

Land-based and coastal activities

External pressures (long-range pollution, climate change, ocean acidification, alien species)

### Synthesis reports (2011-2012):

Cumulative environmental effects

Vulnerability of particularly valuable areas

Conflicting interests and the need for coordination

Proposed indicators for a monitoring programme

Analysis of Population, Economic activity and ecosystem services

Priority knowledge needs

### White Paper (2013):

*Integrated Management of the Marine Environment in the North Sea and Skagerrak (Management Plan)*

# Time frame/work load North Sea mgmt plan

- 3-5 years/management plan
- 15 different agencies and institutions + 9 ministries
- 50+ scientific/technical reports → 6 synthesis reports → 1 white paper

# Benefits

- Moving from a sectoral to an integrated and holistic approach
- Coordination and cooperation between different sectors
- Addressing the cumulative impacts of various activities on the ecosystem
- Managing and balancing multiple and sometimes conflicting objectives and competing interests

# Challenges

- Improve coastal/marine integration
- Assessment of cumulative effects
- Cross-sectoral processes are demanding
- Qualitative approach

# Resources in English

## Norwegian Marine Management plans

Protecting the riches of the seas (2001-2002):

<http://www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/md/documents-and-publications/government-propositions-and-reports-/reports-to-the-storting-white-papers-2/20012002/Report-No-12-2001-2002-to-the-Storting.html?id=452041>

Management plans available in English

<http://miljodirektoratet.no/no/Havforum/Forside/English/>

The scientific basis for the management plan for the North Sea - English summary reports:

[http://www.miljodirektoratet.no/no/Tema/Vann\\_og\\_hav/Nordsjoen/Forvaltningsplan-for-Nordsjoen-Skagerrak/Rapporter-fra-faggruppa/](http://www.miljodirektoratet.no/no/Tema/Vann_og_hav/Nordsjoen/Forvaltningsplan-for-Nordsjoen-Skagerrak/Rapporter-fra-faggruppa/)

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## State of the environment

Environment.no

State of the environment in Norway. Includes information on all three marine management areas including indicators in the Barents Sea etc.

<http://www.environment.no/Topics/Marine-areas/>

Also includes information on other environmental issues, interactive maps etc.

Environmental values in Norwegian marine areas

<http://www.havmiljo.no>

## Example of follow-up programme:

<http://www.mareano.no>