

# Outline Structure for an MPA Management Plan

## 1. Executive summary

## 2. Introduction

2.1 Purpose and scope of plan

2.2 Legislative authority for the plan (national and international)

## 3. Description of the site and its features

3.1 Regional setting: location and access

3.2 Resources (facts pertinent to management; other data in an appendix or separate document)

3.2.1 Physical: *e.g.*, marine landscape features, currents, bathymetry, hydrology

3.2.2 Biological: ecosystems (*e.g.*, cold water coral reefs, seagrass beds); critical habitats (*e.g.*, feeding, spawning); species (*e.g.*, endangered, commercial, charismatic)

3.2.3 Cultural: archaeological, historical, religious

3.3 Existing uses (description, facilities, etc.)

3.3.1 Recreational

3.3.2 Commercial

3.3.3 Research and education

3.3.4 Traditional uses, rights, and management practices

3.4 Existing legal and management framework

3.5 Existing and potential threats and implications for management (*i.e.* analysis of compatible or incompatible uses, solutions)

3.6 Existing gaps of knowledge

## 4. The plan

4.1 Goals and objectives (general and specific)

4.2 Management tactics

4.2.1 Advisory committees

4.2.2 Interagency agreements (or arrangements with private organisations, institutions or individuals)

4.2.3 Boundaries

4.2.4 Zoning plan

4.2.5 Regulations

4.2.6 Social, cultural, and resource studies plan

4.2.7 Resource management plan

4.2.8 Education and public awareness

4.3 Administration

4.3.1 Staffing

4.3.2 Training

4.3.3 Facilities and equipment

4.3.4 Budget and business plan, finance sources

4.4 Surveillance and enforcement

4.5 Monitoring and evaluation of plan effectiveness

4.6 Time table for implementation

## 5. Appendices

## 6. References

Figure 6: IUCN model outline for an MPA site management plan based on Salm *et al.* (2000) and Kelleher (1999) recommended for an MPA of the OSPAR network.