

## LIFE-IP BIODIVERSEA

# Enhancing the marine and coastal biodiversity of the Baltic Sea in Finland and promoting the sustainable use of marine resources

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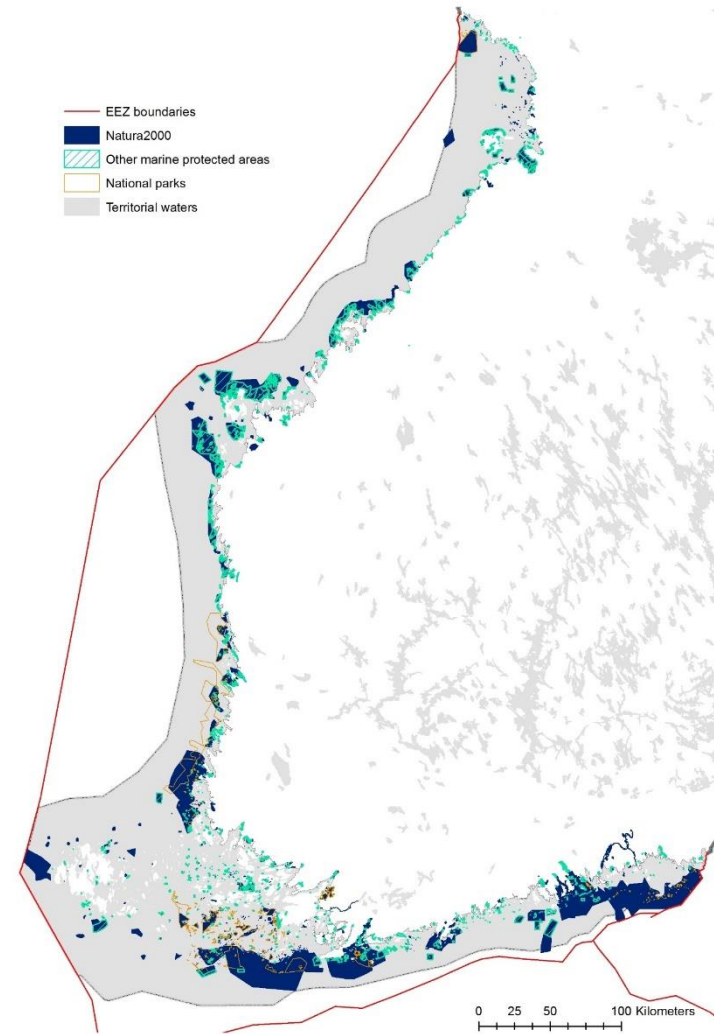
# LIFE-IP BIODIVERSEA 2022-2029

Project covers the Finnish marine and coastal sea areas, including the Province of Åland, it

- focuses on species and habitats that live or utilise underwater environment and enhancing the marine protected areas (MPAs)
- creates a roadmap to achieve at least 20 % coverage of MPAs and/or OECMs in the Finnish marine areas by 2030
- supports implementation of the Finnish PAF 2021-2027 for marine and coastal Natura 2000
- implements and strengthens connections between HD, BD, MSFD, WFD, MSP + EU 2030 biodiversity strategy

Planned budget ~ 19,9 million € (60 % EU)

+ Complementary projects and processes that support marine and coastal PAF implementation ~ 240 million € (EU, national)





# LIFE-IP BIODIVERSEA beneficiaries



Ympäristöministeriö  
Miljöministeriet  
Ministry of the Environment







# Main objectives

1. **Knowledge base:** Identifying and filling in information needs to achieve up to date knowledge base on the state and protection level of marine habitats and species.
2. **Pressures:** Identifying anthropogenic pressures affecting marine environment and actions that mitigate those pressures.
3. **Roles and management:** Clarifying the roles, responsibilities and procedures of different authorities and marine actors and establishing effective management of the marine environment.
4. **MPA network and restoration:** Establishing efficient marine protected area network and effective conservation and restoration of habitats and species to supplement the current protected area network.
5. **Sustainable use:** Balancing marine protection and sustainable use of the marine natural resources.
6. **Integration and mainstreaming:** Integrating and mainstreaming the protection of marine biodiversity in other sectors and financing programs.
7. **Outreach:** Targeting capacity building actions and sharing information among key stakeholders and increasing the public awareness on the biodiversity values of the Baltic Sea.



# Marine protected area (MPA) network development

A1. Identifying information needs and developing data management

- Analysing knowledge gaps
- Developing data management systems

A2. Mapping of underwater species and habitats

A3. Identifying data gaps, and inventories in Åland offshore areas

A4. Analysing the sufficiency of the MPA network

- Analysing the sufficiency of the current conservation measures and creating a development plan
- Analysing current N2000 site designations and develop recommendations

C2. Roadmap towards development of the network of protected areas in Finland's marine area