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Integrated Maritime Policy (**IMP**), set in place in 2007, provide a coherent approach to maritime issues, with 3 main targets:

- **Sustainable** development of maritime **economy**
- **Cooperation** of all maritime players across sectors and borders
- Protection of the **environment**

To reach these **IMP** suggests several **tools** and cross-cutting **policies**:

- **Blue Growth** a cross-cutting **policy tool**
- Maritime Data and Knowledge
- **MSP**
- Sea-Basin Strategies

Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) stands for the **environmental pillar**

MSP is presented as the **economic pillar** that helps Blue Growth to evolve

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MSP essential for future development

- Providing a vision for the sea as a source of sustainable national development
- Important Blue Growth function both for coastal and open maritime space
- Aligned with other policy tools
- Integrate a wider set of maritime policies, so address a wider set of challenges and unlock future development



Therefore should be understood that MSP may not act just as an **integrative** tool, but integrate itself into the sector-specific Blue Growth policies both at EU and at national level

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Ecosystem based approach on MSP

To ensure sustainability of the various uses and the environmental **health** of marine areas, MSP should employ an **ecosystem-based approach** that ensures the **sustainable use** and **protection** of the **natural resources**.

Ensure that pressure from **human activities** is kept within levels compatible with a **good environmental status** while enabling the use of marine goods and services by present and future generations.



Developing a Maritime Spatial Plan based on the ecosystem-based approach requires a vision on the use of the maritime area. This vision must incorporate both **environmental** factors and **human** uses and it needs to be **in line with the regional marine strategy**.

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