

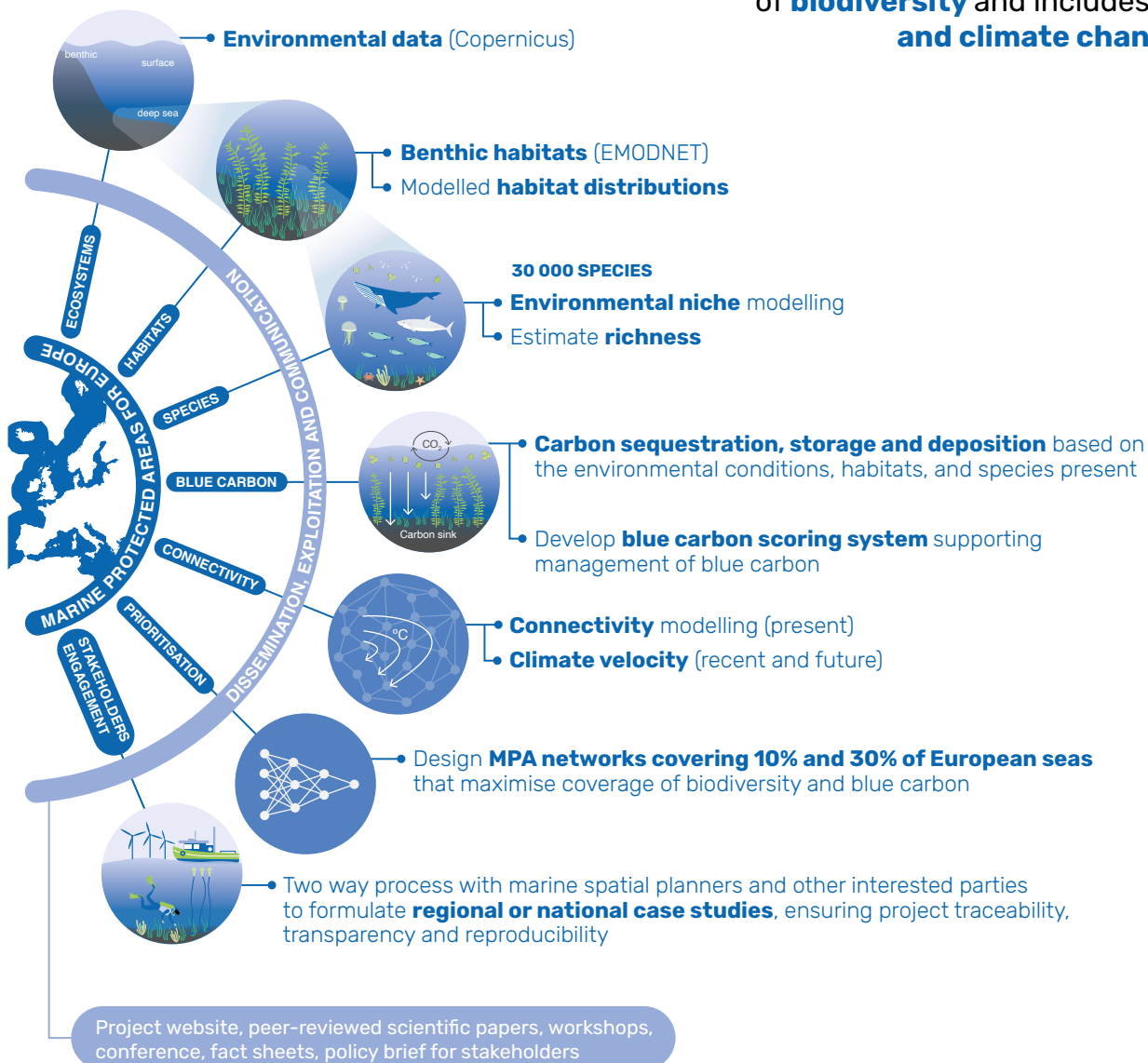


MPA Europe will map optimal locations for **Marine Protected Areas** in **European seas** for a network that includes as high **biodiversity of species, habitats, and ecosystems** as possible, and **blue carbon** stores so both can be considered in **Marine Spatial Planning** in a changing **climate**.

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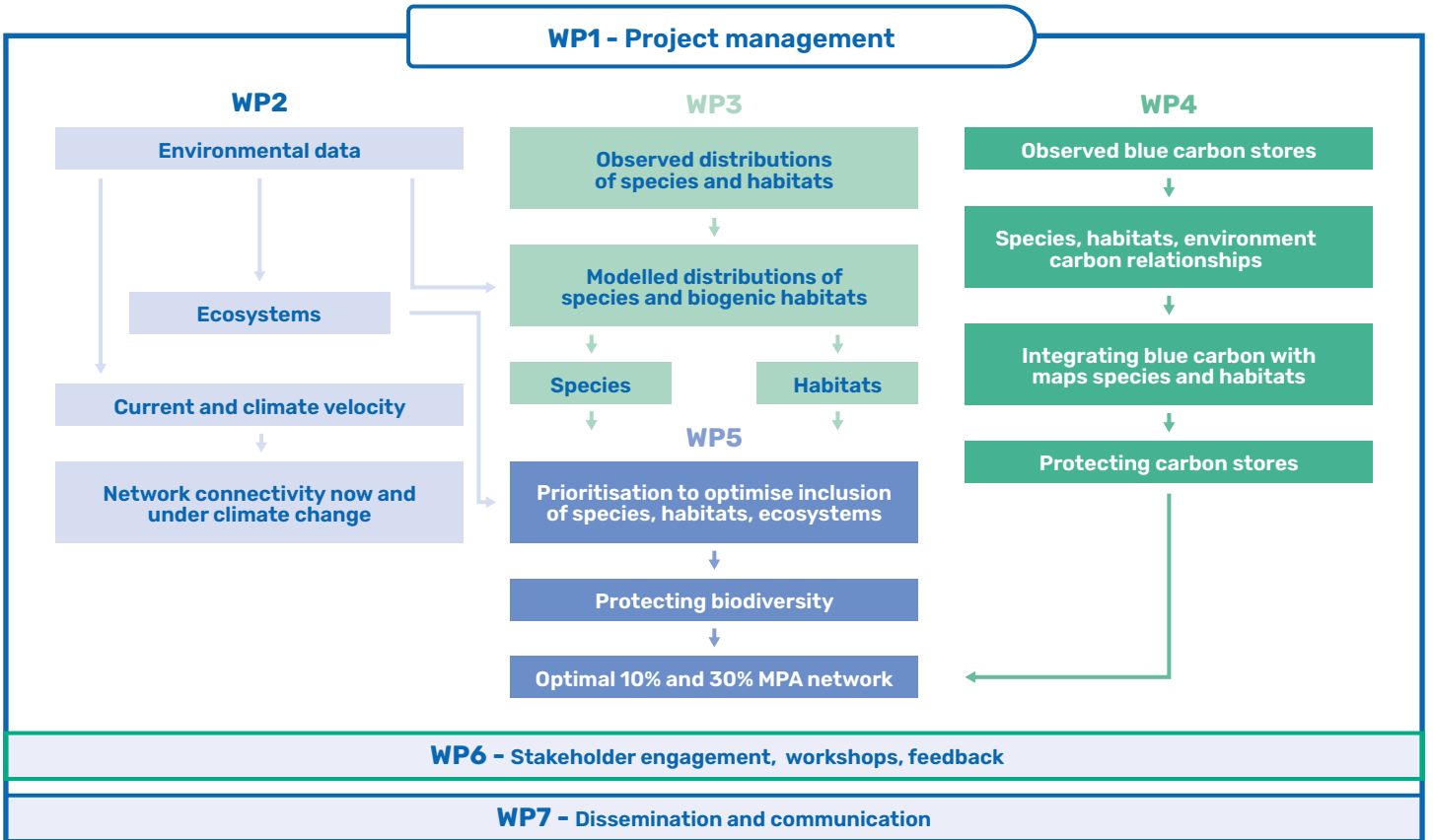
A holistic approach to ocean management

MPA Europe considers the breadth of **biodiversity** and includes **carbon cycle** and **climate change scenarios**.



Project organisation and team

MPA Europe is organised in **7 work packages (WP)** with progressing tasks as the project advances.



Outcomes

- Map with optimal locations for protecting **biodiversity** for all European seas to support transboundary **Marine Spatial Planning**.
- Improve the basis for national authorities** to include marine areas in **climate change mitigation plans** and **design optimal MPAs** including expanding Special Areas of Conservation and increasing levels of protection in existing areas.
- Maximisation of species, habitats, and ecosystems inclusion** within 30% of the area.



Study area of the project.

MPA Europe will **enable stakeholders, including national and regional authorities, to optimise the inclusion of biodiversity, blue carbon, and ecosystem services through Marine Spatial Planning**. The project started in January 2023 and will end in April 2026.

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