
The view of fishers on MSP – a way to reduce spatial squeeze?

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Danish Fishers PO

The community of Danish fishers

more than 550 fishing vessels are members of DFPO

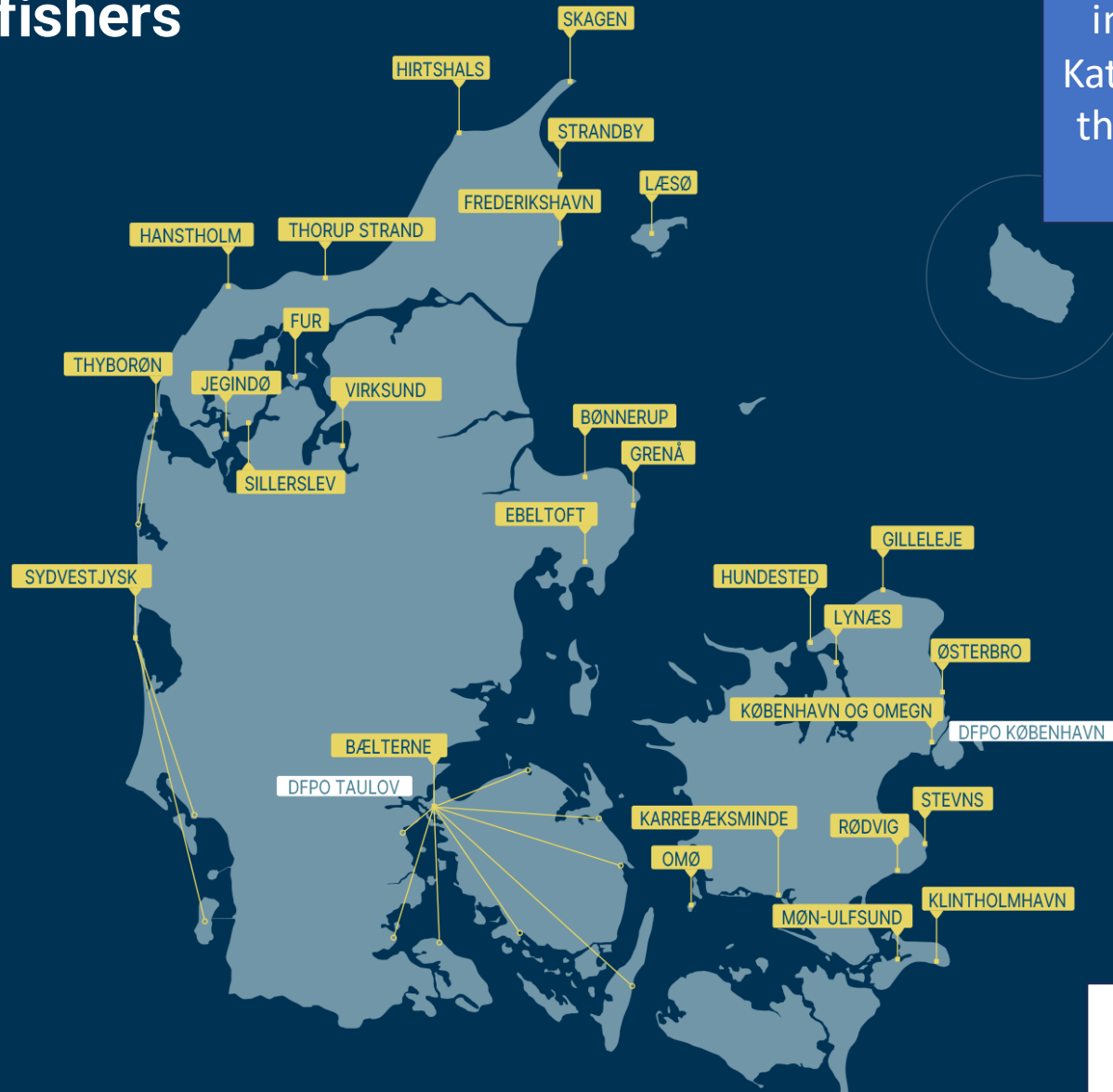
- 440 vessels below 17 m
- 270 vessels below 12 m

We cooperate with 28 local fisheries associations and

Danish Fishers PO is by far the largest producer organisation in Denmark and one of the largest in EU

We organize fishers in all kind of fisheries - mixed demersal fisheries, coastal fishing, industrial fishing, gillnet fishing, fishing with towed gears

We bring together Danish fishers - Fishing in the Baltic Sea, the Kattegat, the Skagerrak, the North Sea and the Atlantic.



NSAC FACTSHEET



First AC established under 2003 CFP reform; and first AC to establish Ecosystem WG and Social Aspects FG – adapting to new legislative and ecosystem requirements



Stakeholder-led organisation, providing policy recommendations on conservation and socio-economic aspects of fisheries management, including advice on simplification of technical measure to EU Commission (DG MARE) and North Sea Member States.



Contributing data, knowledge and expertise for fisheries and conservation measures, and helps shape policy priorities with North Sea focus, covering 7 Member States.



22 member organisations, from the industry (73,9%) and from other interest groups (26,1%) and financed through EU financial assistance (88,94%), membership fees (11,06%).



Partnerships with scientific (ICES) and environmental conventions (OSPAR) – first and only AC so far to obtain observer status at OSPAR.



238 advice papers in 20 years.



A growing competition for the use of the sea:

- **Transport (vessels and "high ways")**
- **Tourism and recreational activities**
- **Military**
- **Off shore Energy (old and new types)**
- **Mining**
- **Food production**
- **Marine protection (stocks, juveniles, sea bed, dolphins etc.)**
- **Etc. (space activities...)**

For FISHERIES less and less area for the fishing activity:

The SPATIAL SQUEEZE!

- **Less optimal fishing with higher costs and with a higher (negative) footprint on marine environment.**
- **Less food production given the effort.**

Illustration for Denmark: How it use to be...

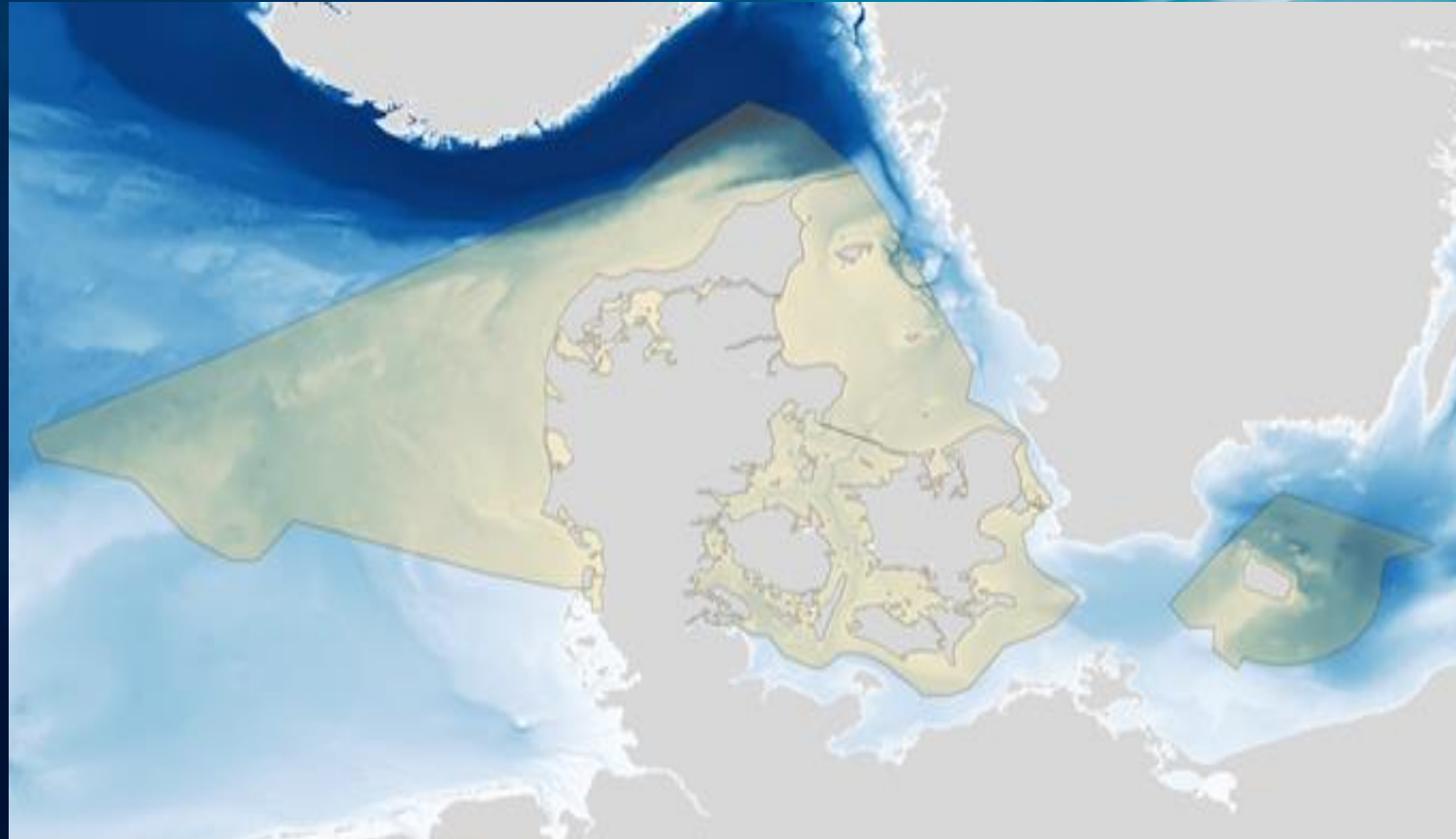


Illustration for Denmark: How it looks now!

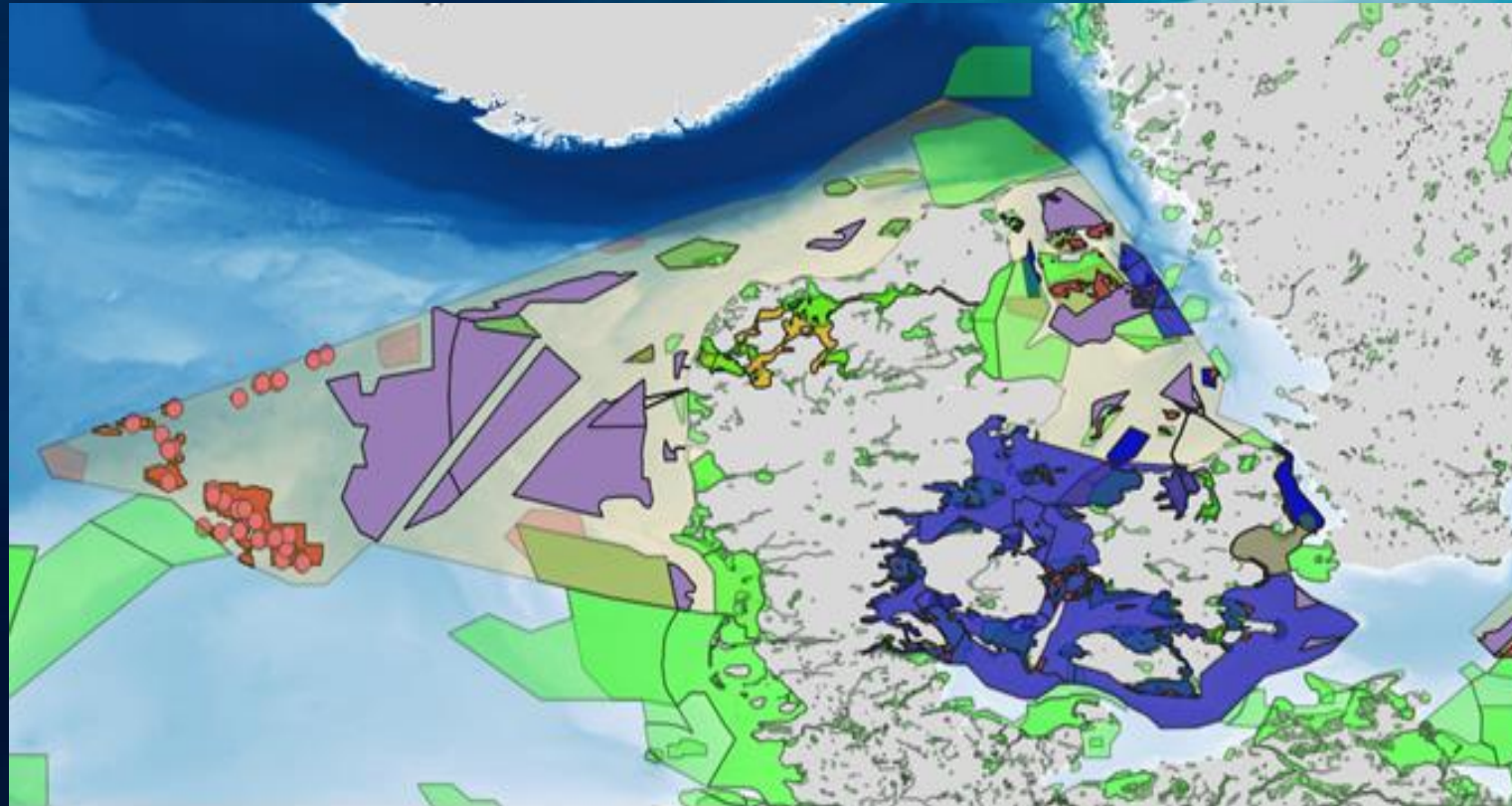
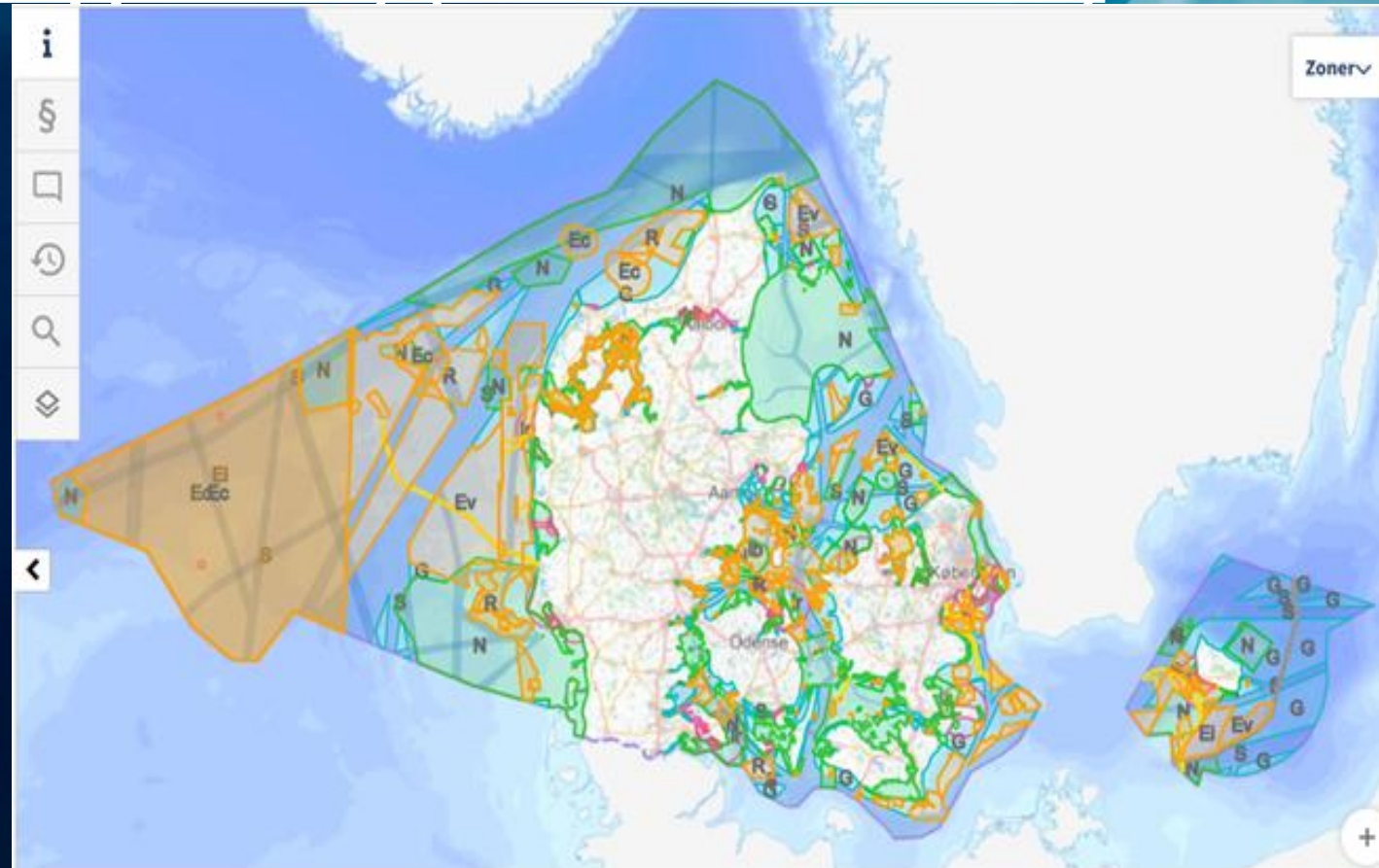
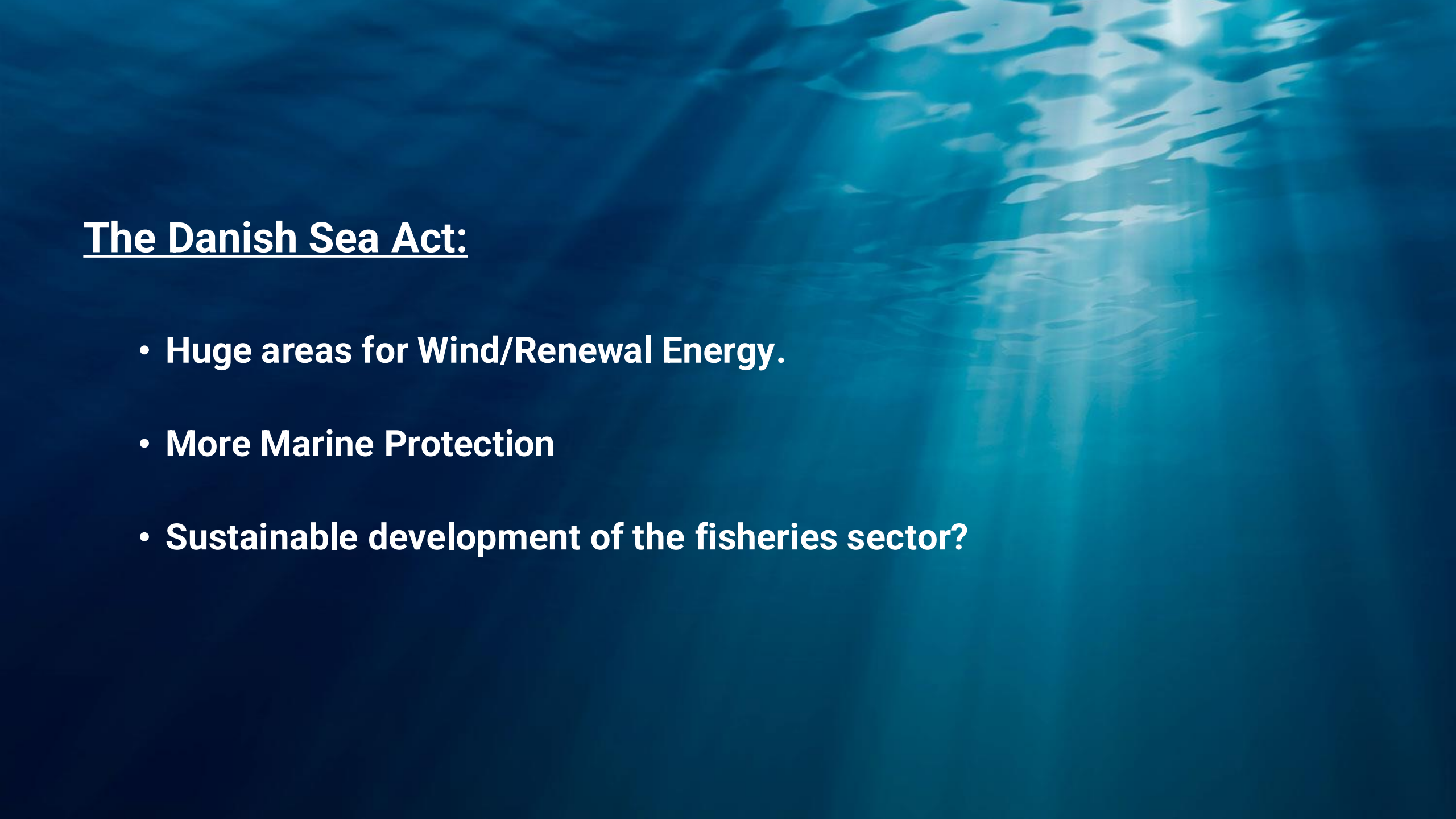


Illustration for Denmark: That is why we need spatial planning (and a holistic apporoach) (The Danish Sea Act)



The background of the slide is an underwater scene. Sunlight rays are visible, filtering down from the surface, creating a blue and white pattern of light and shadow. The water appears slightly rippled.

The Danish Sea Act:

- Huge areas for Wind/Renewal Energy.
- More Marine Protection
- Sustainable development of the fisheries sector?

Recommendations

- ❑ MPAs must have a sound scientific reason (not just “bashing” fisheries)
- ❑ A holistics approach to MPAs (Does nature know)
- ❑ Accept all human activities have an impact on the marine environment – MPAs does not solve everything
- ❑ Monitoring essential
- ❑ Reduce one activity does not necessarily compensate for other economic activities (fishing versus wind parks)
- ❑ Cross-border cooperation on setting up MPAs



The background of the slide is an underwater scene. Sunlight rays penetrate the water from the top right, creating a shimmering effect. The water is a deep blue color, and the overall atmosphere is serene and calm.

Thank you

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