



**STAGES** was an EC FP7-funded Coordination and Support Action that aimed to improve the scientific knowledge base required to support the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and help Member States to achieve a Good Environmental Status (GES) in European marine waters by 2020.

**STAGES** ran from September 2012 to September 2014. Here you can find a list of the project's publically available reports and deliverables. To learn more about the **STAGES** project or to download any of these reports, please visit: [www.stagesproject.eu](http://www.stagesproject.eu)

## IDENTIFYING EXISTING KNOWLEDGE



### Harnessing MSFD-related research: An overview of potentially relevant European and National research by the STAGES project

This report provides an insight into the status of publically-funded research with potential relevance to the implementation of the MSFD across Europe. It also aims to highlight the need for making scientific knowledge widely available for timely analysis and synthesis in order to establish further research needs for MSFD implementation.

**Link:** [www.stagesproject.eu/images/STAGES/Key\\_Outcomes/STAGES\\_WP2\\_Publication\\_Statistical\\_Overview.pdf](http://www.stagesproject.eu/images/STAGES/Key_Outcomes/STAGES_WP2_Publication_Statistical_Overview.pdf)



### Research Harnessing Recommendations: A way to enhance access to European and National public funded research with relevance for MSFD implementation

In this report, a set of recommendations to overcome the main issues/challenges found throughout the research harnessing process are proposed based on the results of the **STAGES** project. These recommendations target different information holders with different roles: from operational/technical to policy level.

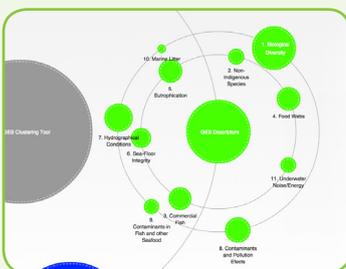
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### Harnessing MSFD-related research: An insight into country participation in potentially relevant European and National research by the STAGES project

This publication aims to provide an insight into country participation in publically-funded research with potential relevance to the implementation of the MSFD across Europe. The report offers a statistical overview of the participation of 25 European coastal countries in MSFD-related research, in the form of Country Factsheets developed by the **STAGES** project.

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### STAGES Clustering Tool

This visualisation tool illustrates MSFD research “clusters” and allows the user to search for projects and research surveyed through **STAGES**. The research is clustered according to relevance to GES Descriptors and Themes, Regional Focus, and Initial Assessments on the basis of information provided by project coordinators.

**Link:** [www.stagesproject.eu/stages-cluster](http://www.stagesproject.eu/stages-cluster)



### MSFD Component of the Marine Knowledge Gate

The Marine Knowledge Gate is a major repository of public funded marine research projects (past and in-progress), which has been upgraded through the **STAGES** project to provide a summary overview of research projects relevant to the MSFD and its implementation.

**Link:** [www.kg.eurocean.org/?chart=ges\\_descriptors](http://www.kg.eurocean.org/?chart=ges_descriptors)

## NEW KNOWLEDGE/FORESIGHT ACTIVITIES



### STAGES Workshop Reports

In an effort to identify the needs for further research to support MSFD implementation, **STAGES** organised three workshops to highlight where specific knowledge gaps occur for i) design and implementation of Monitoring Programmes, ii) characterisation of pressures and their impact on ecosystems and iii) socioeconomic analysis. Results from the workshops can inform future research programmes, as well as managers and decision makers.

#### Workshop report on: The identification of research needs with regard to the implementation of Monitoring programmes

Link: [www.stagesproject.eu/images/STAGES/deliverables/STAGES\\_Monitoring%20WorkshopReport\\_v3\\_04%2002%2013.pdf](http://www.stagesproject.eu/images/STAGES/deliverables/STAGES_Monitoring%20WorkshopReport_v3_04%2002%2013.pdf)



#### Workshop report on: The identification of research needs with regard to the Pressures and their Impact on Marine Ecosystems

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#### Workshop report on: The identification of research needs with regard to the socio-economic analysis under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive

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## SCIENCE-POLICY INTERFACE (SPI)



### Science policy brief on the needs for further research

This document outlines the key results of the three workshops carried out by the **STAGES** project to identify the needs for further research to improve the scientific underpinning for the implementation of the MSFD.

Link: [www.stagesproject.eu/images/STAGES/deliverables/STAGES\\_D3.4\\_Science\\_Policy\\_Brief.pdf](http://www.stagesproject.eu/images/STAGES/deliverables/STAGES_D3.4_Science_Policy_Brief.pdf)



### Proposal for an Effective MSFD Science Policy Interface Platform

This paper presents a proposal and recommendations for building a long-term SPI to support MSFD implementation. It presents an architecture for the proposed SPI and outlines its four key components in more detail, proposing key roles, areas of activity and a Roadmap for step-wise implementation. This was informed by stakeholder consultation and best practice analysis.

Link: [www.stagesproject.eu/images/STAGES/deliverables/STAGES\\_D4.2.pdf](http://www.stagesproject.eu/images/STAGES/deliverables/STAGES_D4.2.pdf)



### Report on Stakeholder Views and Expectations for an effective MSFD Science-Policy Interface Platform

This report reviews an extensive **STAGES** stakeholder consultation on the Science-Policy Interface supporting MSFD implementation. This included a survey targeting 436 stakeholders from 30 countries and a stakeholder consultation workshop. Stakeholder perspectives together with best practice were used to inform the final Proposal for an effective MSFD SPI Platform.

Link: [www.stagesproject.eu/images/STAGES/deliverables/STAGES\\_D4.1.pdf](http://www.stagesproject.eu/images/STAGES/deliverables/STAGES_D4.1.pdf)



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