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Request for : Information - Evidence - Case Studies - Success Stories

To Support the Preparation of
The ROPME Marine Environment Outlook 2026-2050



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Request for: Information/Evidence/Case Studies/Success Stories

ROPME is preparing the First ROPME Marine Environment Outlook Report 2026 - 2050 for the RSA.

To support the preparation of this work, ROPME is asking Member States to share relevant national information, evidence, data, case studies, success stories and examples that may not be publicly available or published.

This request for information/evidence/case studies/success stories is intended to be shared internally by the member state with the relevant ministries, agencies, or experts. Partial responses are welcome; please provide whatever information is available.

What information are we looking for?

The tables below summarise the types of information requested, with examples to help identify what may be relevant.

1. National targets, plans, or projections		
What we are asking for	Examples of relevant information	Suggested format
National targets, plans, or projections that could affect the marine environment	- Targets to increase desalination capacity (e.g. by a certain year). - Marine renewable energy targets. - Coastal population growth projections. - Coastal or urban development plans. - Wider economic development targets.	Short text summary, table, or link to report/policy

Note: Targets already included in UNFCCC Nationally Determined Contributions (e.g. net zero targets, mangrove restoration) have already been captured, so do not need to be resubmitted unless there is new or updated information.



2. Evidence of observed changes in the marine environment (since 2003)

What we are asking for	Examples of relevant information	Suggested format
Evidence showing changes or trends in the marine environment since 2003	- Monitoring data showing improvement or decline. - Updated national or regional assessments. - Evidence of stabilisation or recovery (e.g., coral reefs, fish stocks). - Identification of new or emerging pressures not covered in earlier assessments.	Reports, datasets, summaries, or links

Context: Previous regional State of the Marine Environment Assessments were completed in 2003 and 2013 (available here: State of the Marine Environment (SOMER) - ROPME). We are particularly interested in newer evidence that updates or adds to these findings.

Note: Public scientific literature has already been reviewed. We are especially interested in national monitoring reports or internal assessments, where available.

3. National implementation of international and regional commitments

What we are asking for	Examples of relevant information	Suggested format
Information on how international and ROPME commitments have been implemented nationally.	National regulations, policies, or guidance supporting: - '30 by 30' marine conservation targets. - SDG 14 (marine ecosystems, pollution, fisheries). - UNFCCC climate mitigation/adaptation and nature-based solutions. - IMO regulations on ship pollution and decarbonisation. - ROPME land-based pollution protocols. - Measures addressing marine plastics and microplastics.	Policy documents, summaries, or links



4. National case studies of positive marine environmental action

What we are asking for	Examples of relevant information	Suggested format
Short case studies demonstrating effective marine environmental management	• Environmental education – an initiative on the Ministry of Education/schools bringing environmental education into the curriculum or launching a marine environment relevant course/ subject. • Policy – policy changes that have been brought in, e.g., banning of single-use plastics, recycling/ waste management programmes. • Investment/sector/industry – launch of a climate fund/adoption of ESG metrics within a sector, building of a sustainable building/ ship? • Monitoring/science programmes – opened new microplastics lab, launched beach litter monitoring programme. • Restoration – mangrove planting projects, afforestation/land restoration, reintroducing native species, coral or seagrass projects. • Public awareness/outreach/ citizen science project – volunteer projects tracking waste at home, apps for observing and identifying wildlife, community projects on recycling or data collection.	1-page description of the activity plus photographs and/or images if available. Please include (where possible): -Brief description of the initiative -Objectives -Key outcomes or lessons learned

5. Other relevant information

What we are asking for	Suggested format
Any other information or reports you consider relevant to the Marine Environment Outlook Report	Reports, links, datasets, or short descriptions



How to respond to this request?

- You do not need to respond to every topic
- Please provide whatever information is available (e.g., approximate figures or draft policies are acceptable)
- Links or short summaries are sufficient where full reports cannot be shared
- A response template has been provided below to help in compiling relevant information. You do not need to use this template; it is provided as a guide.

Submission Deadline

Please email the applicable evidence /information (in English if possible) to: ropme@ropme.org by 26th February 2026.



Response Templates

Please note:

- You do not need to use this template; it is provided as a guide. You may respond in an alternative format.
- You do not need to complete all sections of this template. Please provide information only where available. Short summaries, links, or partial information are acceptable.

Country:	
Lead organisation / coordinator:	
Contact person:	
Email address:	

1. National targets, plans, or projections	
Please use this section to provide national targets, plans, or projections that could affect the marine or coastal environment.	
Item	Information provided
Topic / sector	
Description of target, plan, or projection	
Quantitative details (if available)	
Target year(s)	
Geographic scope	
Source (e.g., policy, plan, report) Please provide links or copies if possible	
Any relevant comments or notes	



2. Evidence of observed changes in the marine environment (since 2003)

Please provide evidence showing changes or trends in the marine environment since 2003.

Item	Information provided
Marine component (e.g., coral reefs, water quality)	
Type of change observed	
Time period covered	
Scale	
(e.g., national, regional)	
Summary of key findings (short description e.g., 1-2 paragraphs)	
Data or report available?	
(Yes/No)	
Source	
(organisation, year, link)	
Any relevant comments or notes	

3. National implementation of international and regional commitments

Please describe how international or regional marine commitments have been translated into national policy, regulation, or guidance.

Item	Information provided
International / regional framework	
(e.g., 30 by 30, UNFCCC)	
National instrument	
(e.g., law, regulation, strategy, guidance)	
Brief description	
Year introduced / updated	
Implementing authority	
(e.g., Ministry, agency)	
Source	
(document title, link or reference)	
Any relevant comments or notes	



4. National case studies of positive marine environmental action

Please provide short case studies demonstrating effective marine environmental management.

Item	Information provided
Title of initiative	
Type of initiative	
(e.g., restoration, research, education)	
Location	
Lead organisation(s)	
Objectives	
(high-level / bullet points acceptable)	
Key activities	
Outcomes / achievements	
Lessons learned	
Timeframe	
Images available?	
(Yes/No)	
Please attach if available	
Link or reference for further information	

5. Other relevant information

Please use this section for any other information you consider relevant to the Marine Environment Outlook Report.

Description of information	Source / link	Notes



