



# BARBADOS

## MARINE SPATIAL PLAN



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Our Ocean. **Our Future.** Our Voice.

## WHAT IS **MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (MSP)**?

An inter-sectoral and participatory process, bringing stakeholders together to plan for the sustainable use of our ocean by seeking to balance ecological, economic and social objectives.

## WHY A **MARINE SPATIAL PLAN**?

It is not feasible for all ocean activities to occur at the same time in the same place.

This process can help us to articulate a collective vision for our marine space and develop a plan to realise that vision.



*For Barbados, by Barbadians, through an inclusive and consultative process.*

# Benefits of MSP

Countries, which have embarked upon the MSP process have noted that it has the ability to:



Reduce conflicts between users and uses of the marine space.



Safeguard ecologically sensitive and important areas.



Improve the preservation of cultural heritage.



Identify compatible uses within the marine space.



Reduce cumulative human impacts on resources.



Facilitate sustainable economic growth.

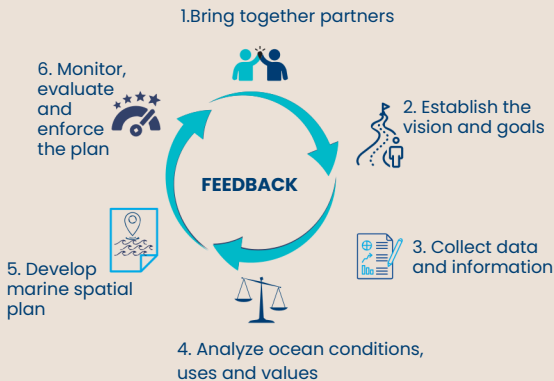


Assist with comprehensive planning of marine management areas and protected areas.



Improve long term development planning.

# How does it work?



MSP is similar to land use planning, but occurs at sea.

The Barbados Marine Spatial Plan **can be adapted at any time** since it is not meant to be static and set in stone.

It is meant to provide **a guide for development now, and in the future.**

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