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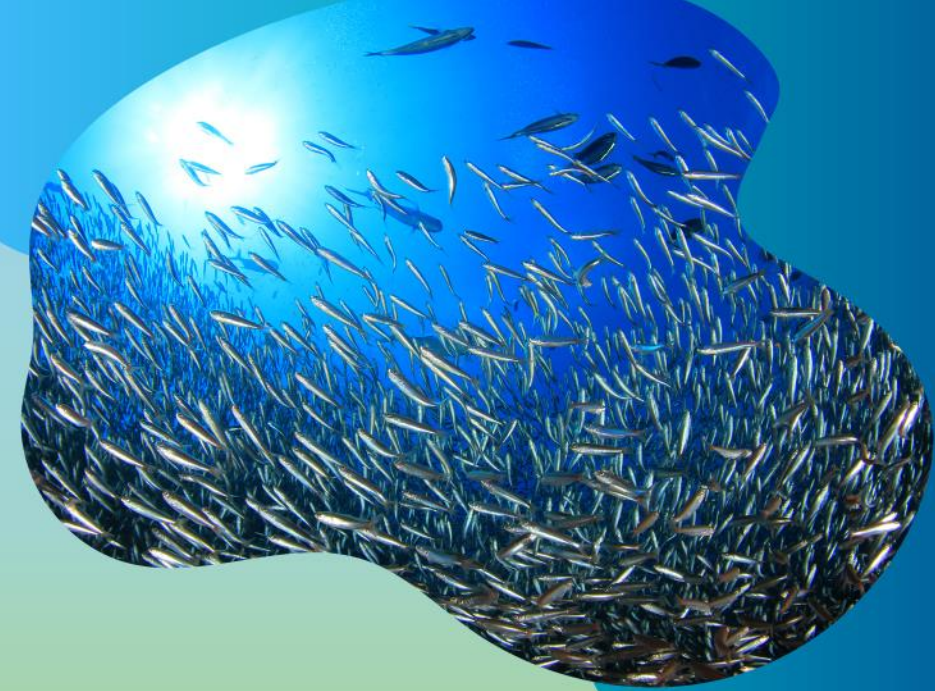


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## State of play on marine protected areas in Europe

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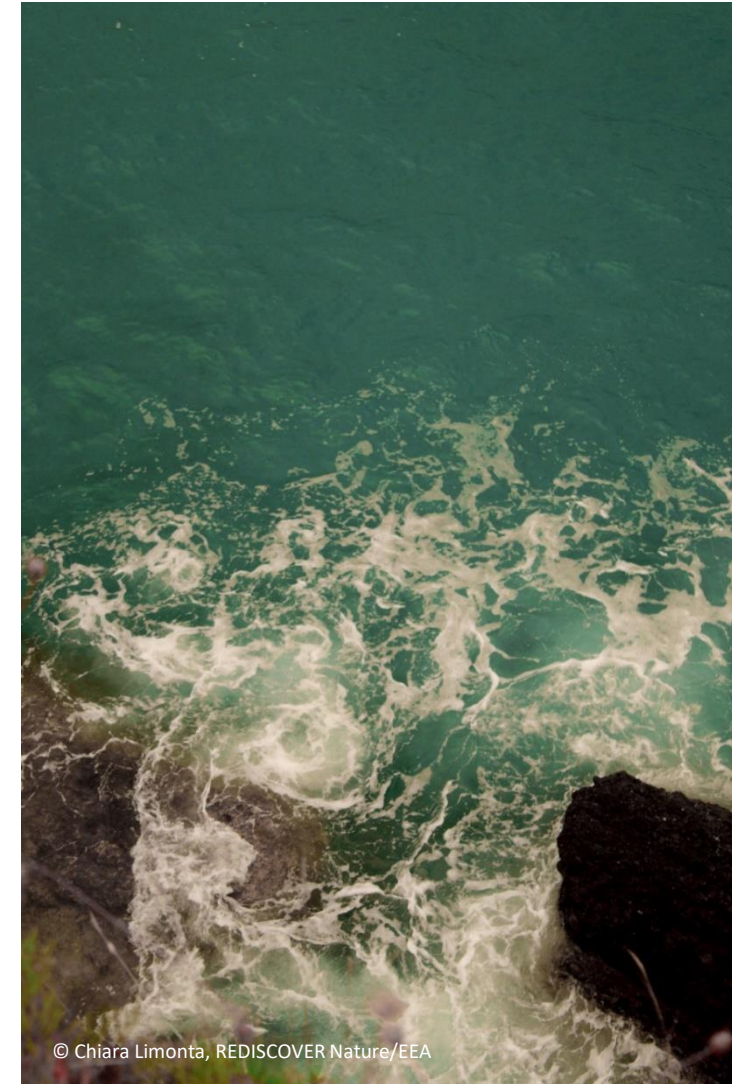
# Protected areas coverage in Europe – EEA work on reporting

Protected areas annual reporting flows:

- **Natura 2000**
- **Nationally designated areas**
- **Emerald network**

-> EU policies

-> Connections to the work at global level, e.g. Kunming-Montreal GBF



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# Protected areas coverage in Europe – datasets and indicators

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## Natura 2000 (vector) - version 2021, Apr. 2022

Natura 2000 is the key instrument to protect biodiversity in the European Union. It is an ecological network of protected areas, set up to ensure the survival of Europe's most valuable species and habitats. Natura 2000 is based on the 1979 Birds Directive and the 1992 Habitats Directive. This version covers the reporting in 2020.

Natura 2000 is an ecological network composed of sites (Special Protection Areas or SPAs) and the Habitats Directive (Special Areas of Conservation or SACs).

The European database of Natura 2000 sites consists of data from all Member States of the European Union. This European database takes into account any updating of national databases by Member States. The wide database does not necessarily mean that a particular site is protected.



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## Indicators

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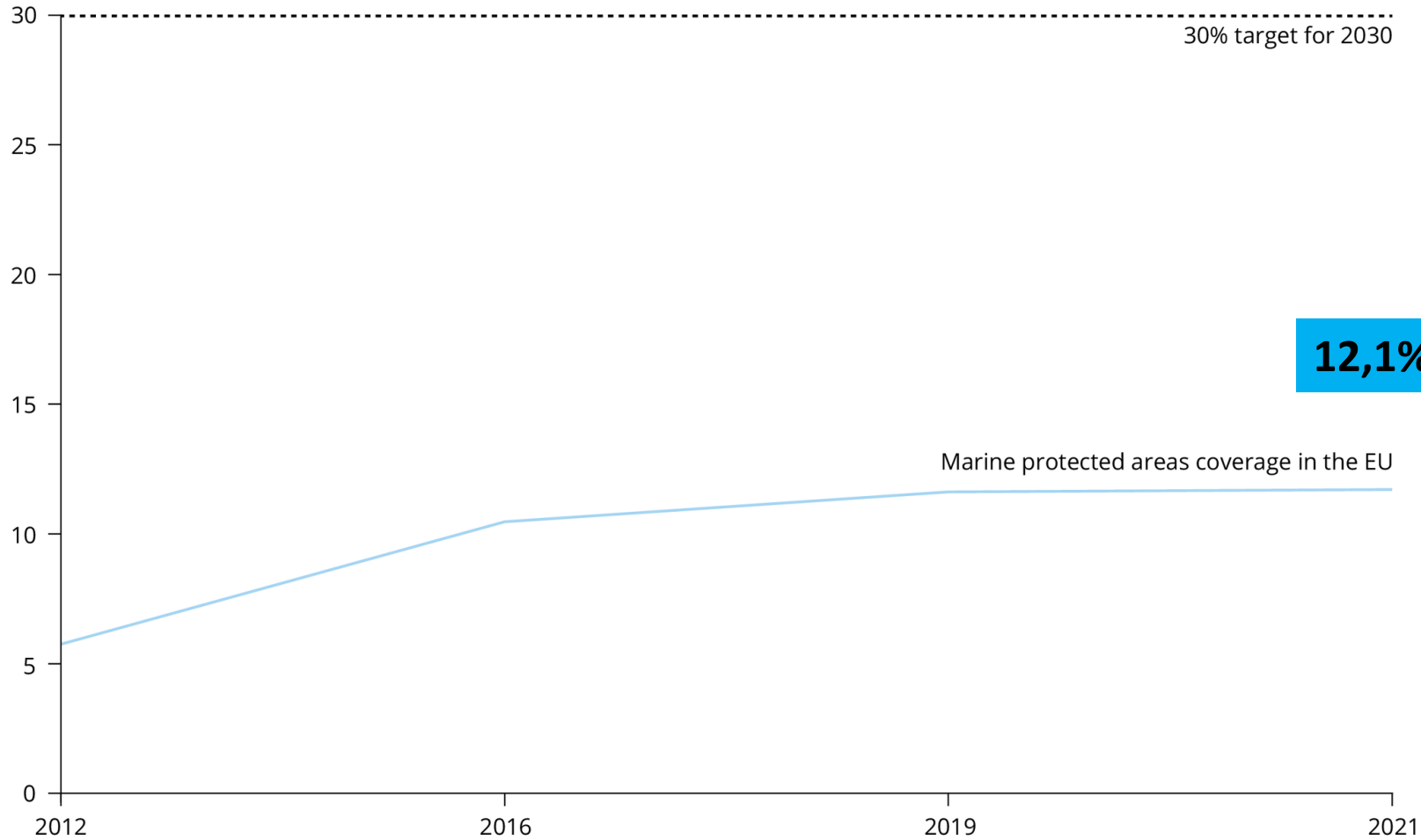




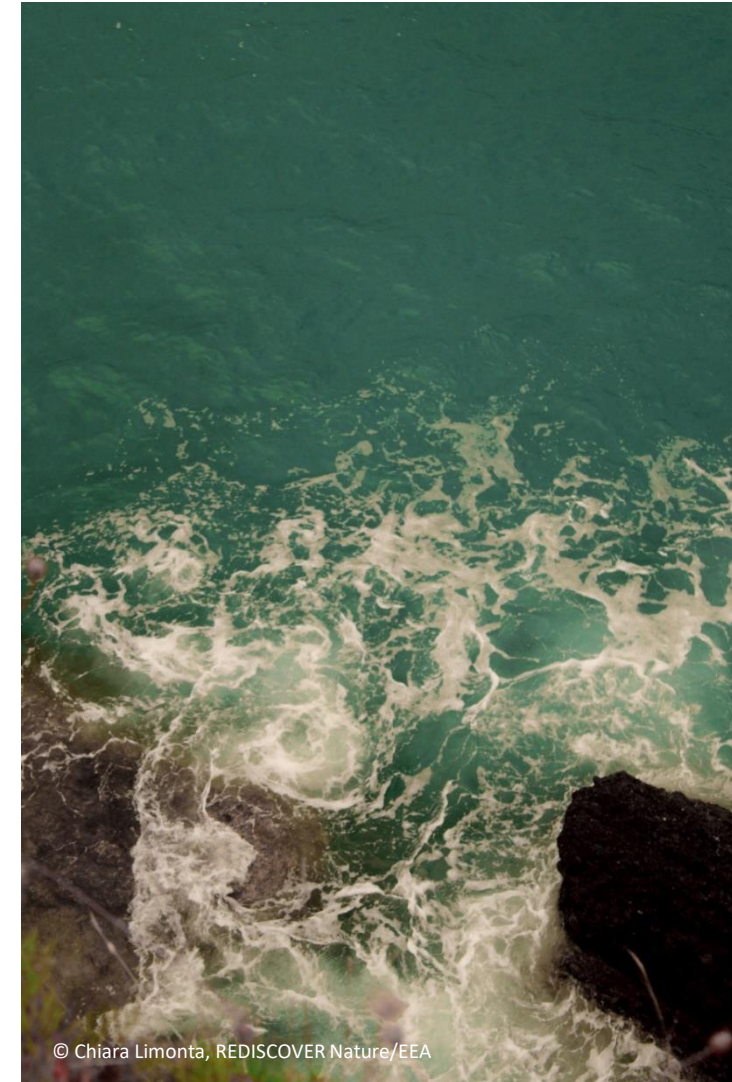
# Protected areas coverage – current MPAs coverage

This information is compiled to produce statistics on protected areas coverage at EU, biogeographical regions and MS level

Percentage

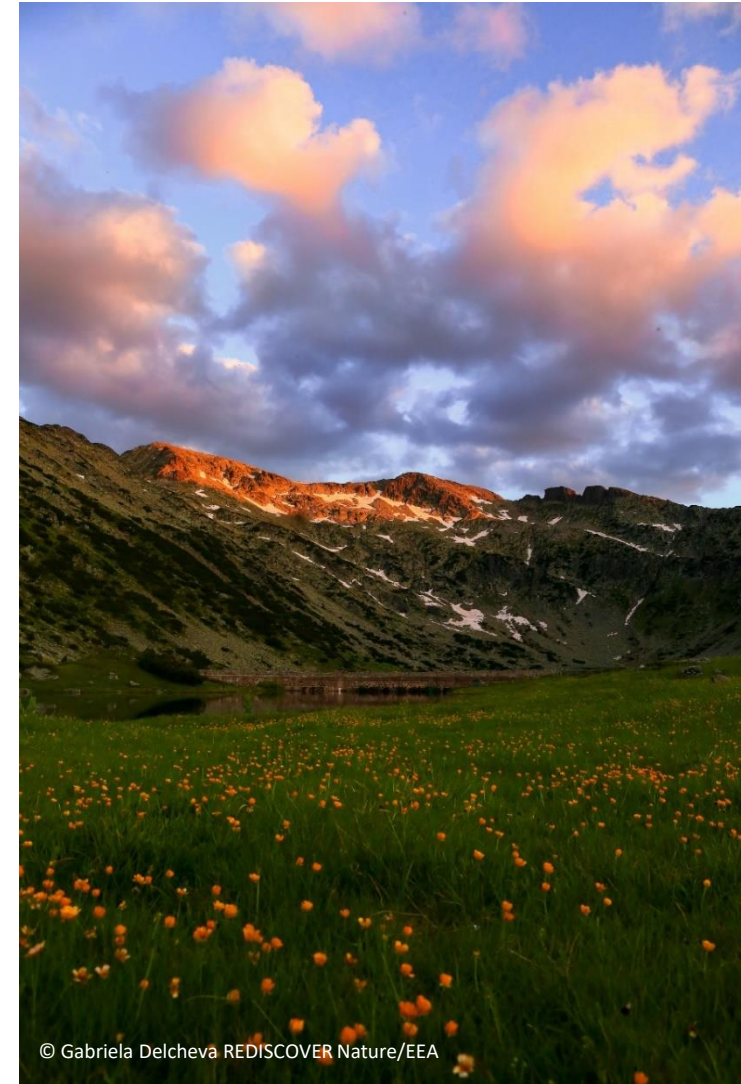
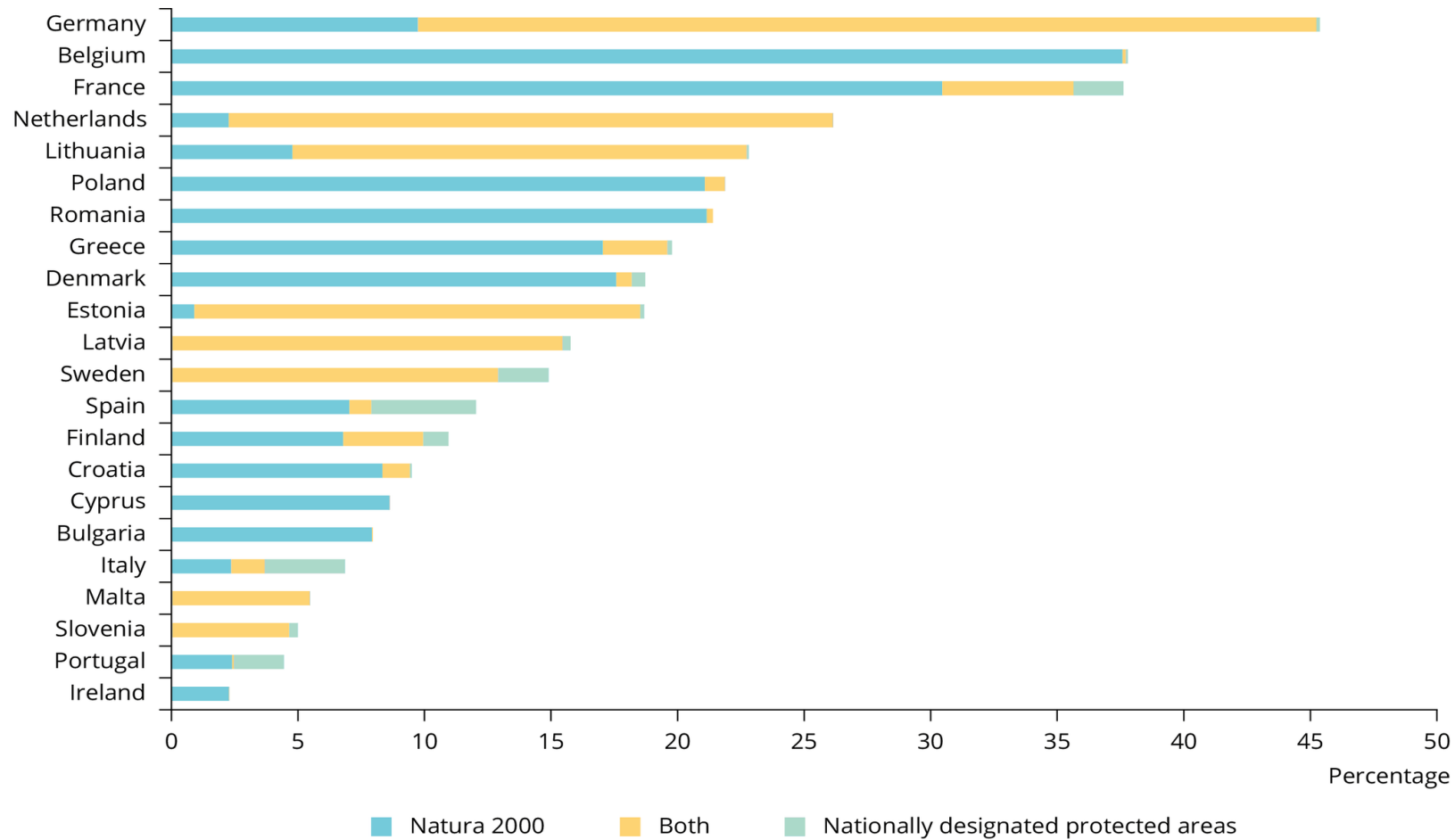


<https://www.eea.europa.eu/ims/marine-protected-areas-in-europes-seas>



# Protected areas – MPAs coverage

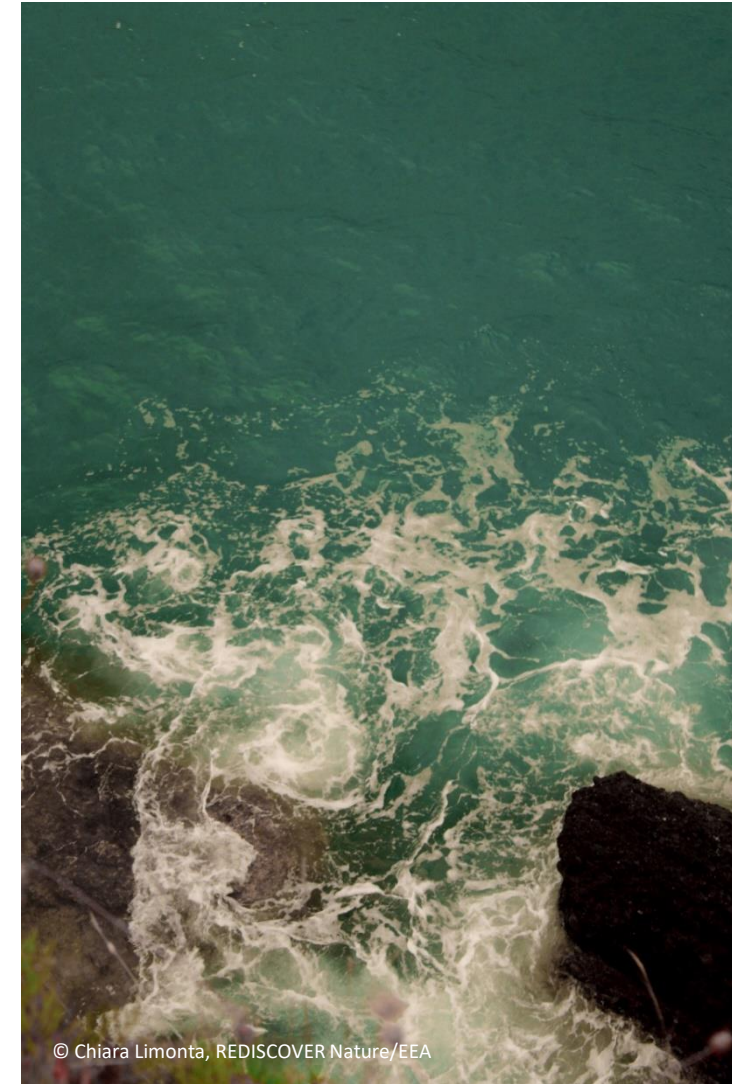
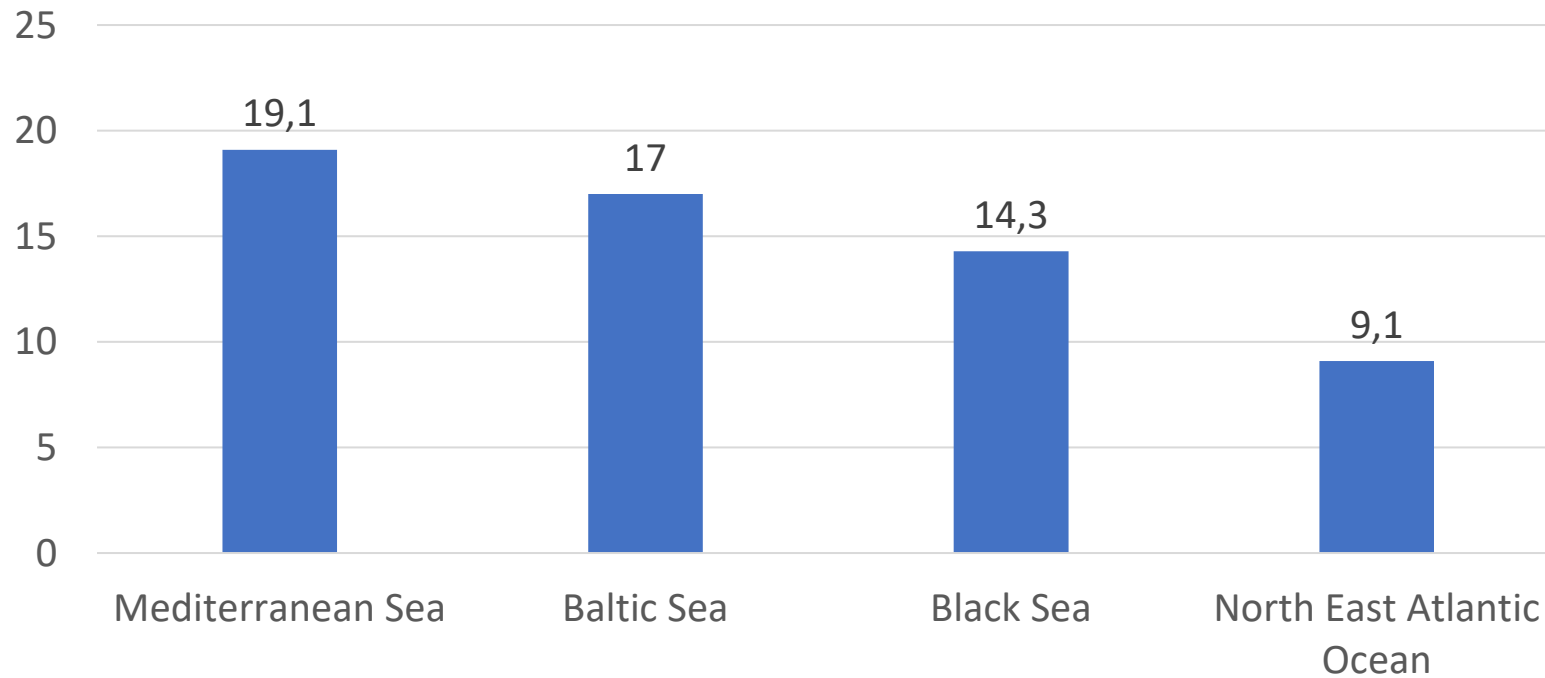
## At MS level



# Protected areas coverage – analysis by marine regions

- Relevant to track progress towards the 30% target at the marine regions level
- Takes into account protected areas designated under RSCs as well

Total MPA coverage (%) in marine regions

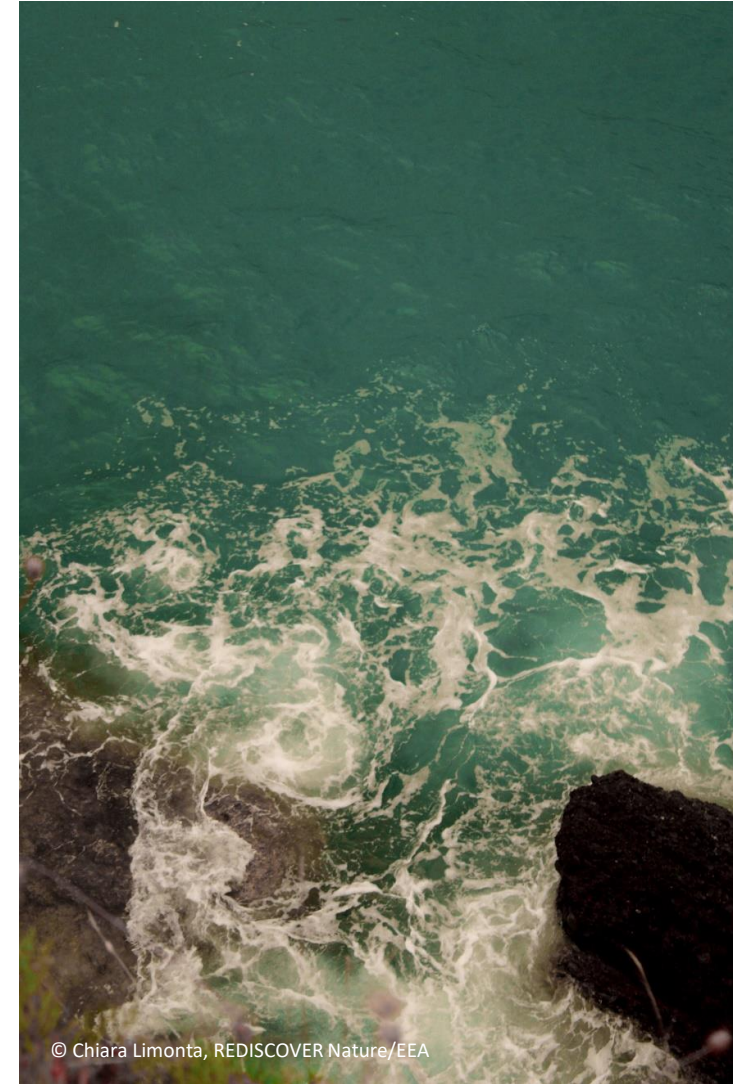


\*Based on Natura 2000 data reported by end 2020 and Nationally designated areas 2021



# Protected areas in Europe – **beyond coverage**

- Thematic areas of work
  - Strict protection
  - OECMs
  - **Management effectiveness**
- Work on the concepts and approaches
- Revisions of the dataflows formats



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Thank you

