

Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive) (Text with EEA relevance)

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### ANNEX I

#### Qualitative descriptors for determining good environmental status

- (1) Biological diversity is maintained. The quality and occurrence of habitats...
- (2) Non-indigenous species introduced by human activities are at levels that...
- (3) Populations of all commercially exploited fish and shellfish are within...
- (4) All elements of the marine food webs, to the extent...
- (5) Human-induced eutrophication is minimised, especially adverse effects thereof, such as...
- (6) Sea-floor integrity is at a level that ensures that the...
- (7) Permanent alteration of hydrographical conditions does not adversely affect marine...
- (8) Concentrations of contaminants are at levels not giving rise to...
- (9) Contaminants in fish and other seafood for human consumption do...
- (10) Properties and quantities of marine litter do not cause harm...
- (11) Introduction of energy, including underwater noise, is at levels that...  
To determine the characteristics of good environmental status in a...

### ANNEX II

#### Competent authorities

- (1) Name and address of the competent authority or authorities —...
- (2) Legal status of the competent authority or authorities — a...
- (3) Responsibilities — a brief description of the legal and administrative...
- (4) Membership — when the competent authority or authorities acts as...

- (5) Regional or subregional coordination — a summary is required of...

### ANNEX III

Indicative lists of ecosystem elements, anthropogenic pressures and human activities relevant to the marine waters

Table 1 Structure, functions and processes of marine ecosystems with...

Notes related to Table 1

Note 1: An indicative list of relevant parameters and characteristics for species,...

Note 2: The numbers in this column refer to the respective numbered...

Note 3: Only the state-based qualitative descriptors (1), (3), (4) and (6)...

Note 4: These species groups are further specified in Part II of...

Note 5: These broad habitat types are further specified in Part II...

Notes related to Table 2

Note 1: Assessments of pressures should address their levels in the marine...

Note 2: The numbers in this column refer to the respective numbered...

Note 3: Only pressure-based qualitative descriptors (2), (3), (5), (6), (7), (8),...

### ANNEX IV

Indicative list of characteristics to be taken into account for setting environmental targets

- (1) Adequate coverage of the elements characterising marine waters under the...
- (2) Need to set (a) targets establishing desired conditions based on...
- (3) Specification of environmental status to be achieved or maintained and...
- (4) Consistency of the set of targets; absence of conflicts between...
- (5) Specification of the resources needed for the achievement of targets....
- (6) Formulation of targets, including possible interim targets, with a timescale...
- (7) Specification of indicators intended to monitor progress and guide management...
- (8) Where appropriate, specification of reference points (target and limit reference...
- (9) Due consideration of social and economic concerns in the setting...
- (10) Examination of the set of environmental targets, associated indicators and...
- (11) Compatibility of targets with objectives to which the Community and...
- (12) When the set of targets and indicators has been assembled,...

## ANNEX V

### Monitoring programmes

- (1) Need to provide information for an assessment of the environmental...
- (2) Need to ensure the generation of information enabling the identification...
- (3) Need to ensure the generation of information allowing the assessment...
- (4) Need to include activities to identify the cause of the...
- (5) Need to provide information on chemical contaminants in species for...
- (6) Need to include activities to confirm that the corrective measures...
- (7) Need to aggregate the information on the basis of marine...
- (8) Need to ensure comparability of assessment approaches and methods within...
- (9) Need to develop technical specifications and standardised methods for monitoring...
- (10) Need to ensure, as far as possible, compatibility with existing...
- (11) Need to include, as part of the initial assessment provided...
- (12) Need to address, as part of the initial assessment provided...

## ANNEX VI

### Programmes of measures

- (1) Input controls: management measures that influence the amount of a...
- (2) Output controls: management measures that influence the degree of perturbation...
- (3) Spatial and temporal distribution controls: management measures that influence where...
- (4) Management coordination measures: tools to ensure that management is coordinated...
- (5) Measures to improve the traceability, where feasible, of marine pollution....
- (6) Economic incentives: management measures which make it in the economic...
- (7) Mitigation and remediation tools: management tools which guide human activities...
- (8) Communication, stakeholder involvement and raising public awareness.

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- (2) [OJ C 206, 29.8.2006, p. 5.](#)
- (3) Opinion of the European Parliament of 14 November 2006 ([OJ C 314 E, 21.12.2006, p. 86](#)), Council Common Position of 23 July 2007 ([OJ C 242 E, 16.10.2007, p. 11](#)) and Position of the European Parliament of 11 December 2007 (not yet published in the Official Journal). Council Decision of 14 May 2008.
- (4) [OJ L 242, 10.9.2002, p. 1.](#)
- (5) [OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.](#) Directive as last amended by Directive 2006/105/EC ([OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 368](#)).
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- (7) [OJ L 309, 13.12.1993, p. 1.](#)
- (8) [OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p. 1.](#) Directive as last amended by Directive 2008/32/EC ([OJ L 81, 20.3.2008, p. 60](#)).
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- (11) [OJ L 104, 3.4.1998, p. 1.](#)
- (12) [OJ L 118, 19.5.2000, p. 44.](#)
- (13) [OJ L 240, 19.9.1977, p. 1.](#)
- (14) [OJ L 322, 14.12.1999, p. 32.](#)
- (15) [OJ L 67, 12.3.1983, p. 1.](#)
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- (17) [OJ L 108, 25.4.2007, p. 1.](#)
- (18) [OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 59.](#) Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 865/2007 ([OJ L 192, 24.7.2007, p. 1](#)).
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