



# **Group 4: Shared MSP experiences Challenges and Recommendations**

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# Challenge 1: Data needs

- Data gaps especially socio – economic, socio-cultural information
- Conflicting MSP data exchange needs and access to a range of harmonized data sets
- Aligning current and future MSP data and knowledge issues
- No/poor agreements for data sharing
- Lack of deep sea data

# Recommendation

- Develop agreements or guidelines for data sharing
- Online portal – Seychelles MSP website /South Africa- Oceans And information management system
- Engage with community/traditional knowledge when mapping both present and future data
- Support Deep sea data collection projects

## Challenge 2: Inclusivity/Engagement

- Lack of integrated approach to the management of national as well as transnational marine areas.
- Diverse knowledge base leading to competing interests/priorities
- MSP Activities lacking in work plans

# Recommendation

- Adopt a more careful approach towards differentiating the ambitions, concerns and roles of different stakeholders
- Need strong political commitments addressing needs of different stakeholders
- Assess the solution of joint governance of the MSP process rather than allocating responsibility solely to one stakeholder or create an independent authority to oversee planning and implementation of MSP.

### 3. Legal Framework

- Lack of coherence and harmonization of legal frameworks for resource use/exploitation when planning for multiple uses of ocean space and connectivity between land and sea activities.



# Recommendation

- Identify gaps in National Laws that need to be bridged
- Include provisions for mechanisms to ensure transparency and access to information
- Harmonization of existing laws and inclusion of future needs