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To : Official National Coordinating Bodies for Liaison with the IOC (Member States)

C.c. : Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States  
National Commissions for UNESCO in IOC Member States

**Subject: Results of 2024 survey on the status of marine spatial planning (MSP)**

The [IOC Medium-Term Strategy 2022–2029](#) adopted by the IOC Assembly at its 31st session in June 2021, calls for IOC to assist Member States in developing the necessary capacity and ecosystem-based management tools and in particular Marine Spatial Planning (MSP). This call is reiterated in the [IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023–2030](#).

As part of its MSPglobal programme, the IOC Secretariat has been conducting a regular global survey aimed at compiling information on the national status of MSP. On 25 November 2024, a new survey was launched through [IOC Circular Letter No 3016](#).

By 19 June 2025, the IOC Secretariat had received answers from 51 Member States to the 2024 survey. The information provided has been used to update or create new [country profiles](#) on the IOC's MSPglobal website. This knowledge platform has now 105 country profiles.

The results of the MSP survey have been an essential source of information to guide the organisation of our MSP activities in collaboration with national, regional and international actors in this field. It also supports us to track the implementation of SDG 14.2 of the 2030 Agenda, which aims to “sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts by strengthening resilience and taking action for their restoration in order to achieve a healthy and productive ocean”.

While the MSPglobal country profiles is a source of information about MSP processes and plans from around the world, they do not imply any official approval or endorsement by UNESCO or its IOC. In order to make it clear to all users of the website, the following disclaimer is included in all profiles:

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With this letter, we would like to kindly thank all Member States who answered to the last survey. For those who have not done yet but would still like to do so, the survey will remain open in three languages at the following addresses:

- English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024MSPsurvey-en>
- Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024MSPsurvey-es>
- French: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024MSPsurvey-fr>

We would kindly invite all 105 Member States that have a country profile on the IOC MSP website to review the information that was uploaded and inform the Secretariat of any modification by 31 August 2025.

If you have any questions about this survey, please do not hesitate to ask for clarification or additional information to the MSPglobal Coordinator: [m.quesada-da-silva@unesco.org](mailto:m.quesada-da-silva@unesco.org) (Cc: [MSPglobal.comm@unesco.org](mailto:MSPglobal.comm@unesco.org)).

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