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# Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) Programme of measures

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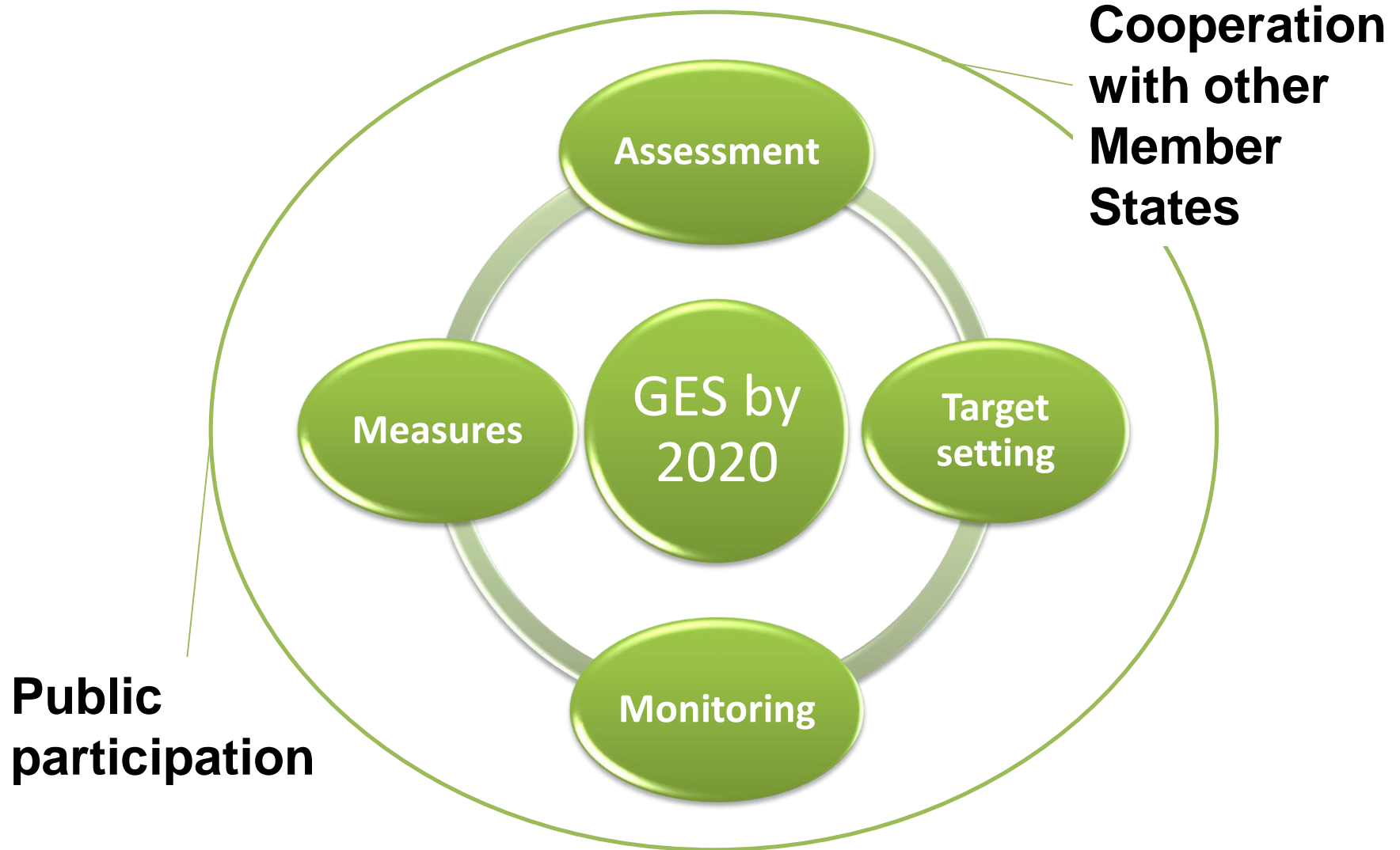
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# Key messages

- ❑ Consultation on a draft MSFD programme of measures
- ❑ Our approach – building on existing measures
- ❑ Links to other consultations
- ❑ We want peoples ideas

# What is MSFD?



# What does MSFD include?

## GES Descriptors from MSFD

No.	Descriptor
1	Biological diversity
2	Non-indigenous species
3	Commercial fish & shellfish
4	Food webs
5	Eutrophication
6	Seafloor integrity
7	Hydrographical conditions
8	Contaminants
9	Contaminants in seafood
10	Litter
11	Energy, incl. underwater noise

# Where are we in the process?

2012

- **Published Marine Strategy Part One: Initial assessment, characteristics of Good Environmental Status, and targets and indicators ✓**

2014

- **Published Marine Strategy Part Two: Marine Monitoring Programmes ✓**
- **Initial development of Programme of Measures ✓**

2015

- **Consultation on Programme of Measures (during 2015)**
- **Programme of Measures developed (Dec 2015)**

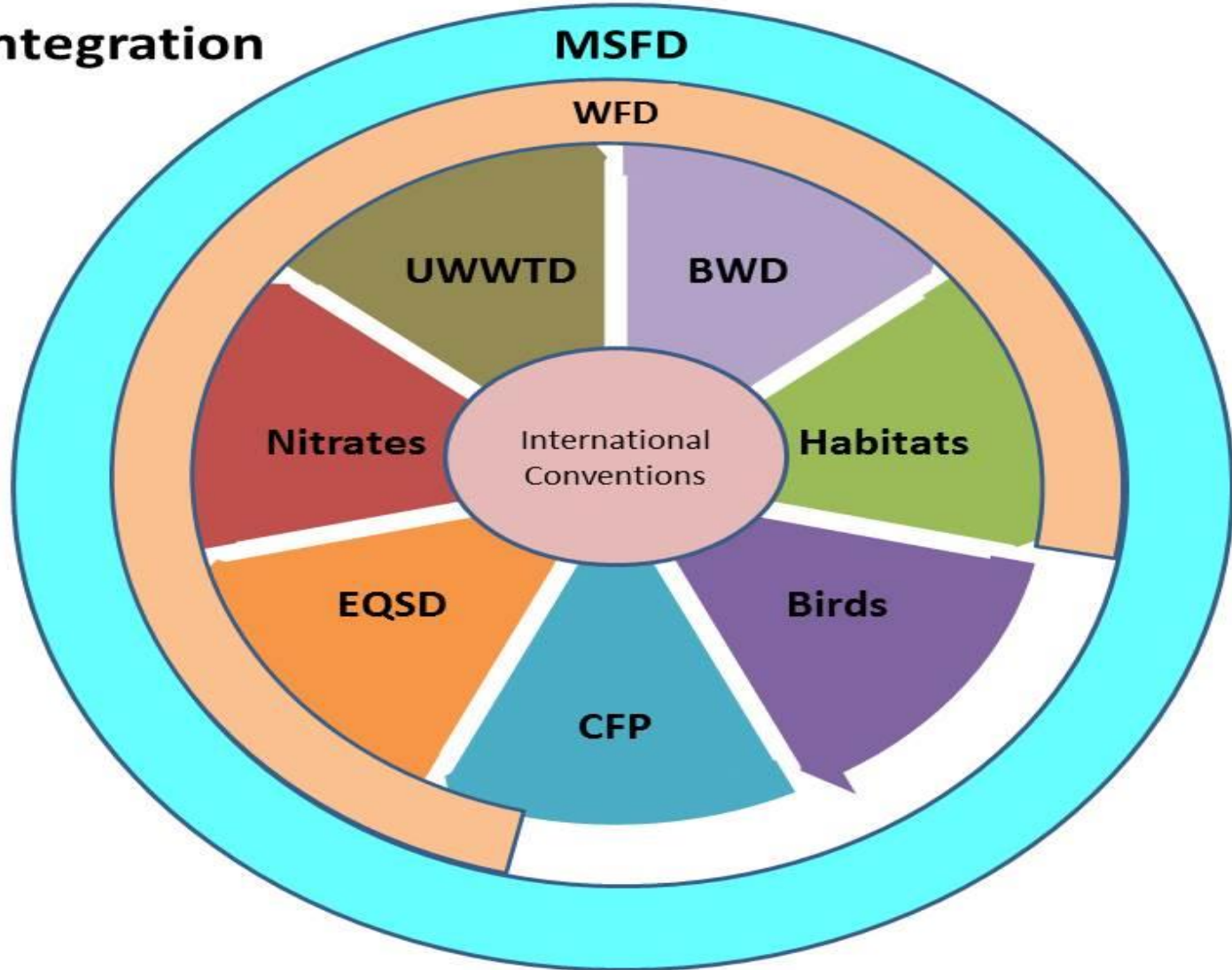
2016

- **Implementation of Programme of Measures (Dec 2016)**



# Our approach

## Policy integration



# Existing measures

- ❑ Marine planning and marine licensing
- ❑ Environmental Impact Assessment/Strategic Environmental Assessment/Habitats Regulations Assessment
- ❑ Common Fisheries Policy
- ❑ Water Framework Directive
- ❑ OSPAR - Decisions, Recommendations and “other agreements”
- ❑ Marine Protected Areas
- ❑ Habitats and Birds Directives



# Planned measures

- ❑ Further measures under the CFP e.g. multi-annual plans, landing obligations
- ❑ Cetacean, seals and birds bycatch
- ❑ Further marine protected areas e.g. MCZs, SPAs
- ❑ EU Invasive Alien Regulations
- ❑ River Basin Management Plans
- ❑ More Marine Plans
- ❑ Single Use carrier bags charge in England





# Current position

- pelagic habitats, commercially exploited fish, eutrophication, hydrographical conditions, contaminants, and contaminants in seafood **measures are expected to ensure GES is maintained or achieved**
- benthic habitats, marine mammals, birds and fish, **the measures will contribute to the maintenance or achievement of GES and that it would be premature to introduce new measures until we better understand the causes of declines and impact of measures**
- non-native invasive species, marine litter and underwater noise, existing measures will contribute towards the achievement of GES but **more data is needed to develop effective targets and indicators before we can say whether additional measures are required**

# What we are looking for

- **Question 1:** Are the proposed measures for the Descriptor sufficient to meet the requirements of the Directive,?
- **Question 2:** Are there any additional existing or planned measures we have not included?
- **Question 3:** Are there any new measures that are needed? If so please provide details and evidence to show how they would contribute.
- **Question 4:** Are there any measures proposed that you think are not justified or that will not contribute.
- **Question 5:** Do you agree with the justifications provided for the use of exceptions under Article 14?
- **Question 6:** Are there any significant human activity-related pressures that are not addressed by the proposed measures?

# Links to other policies

- Other relevant consultations:
  - River basing management plans
  - Marine conservation zones
  - Landing obligations

# Next steps

- ❑ Aim to consult in (early?) 2015
- ❑ Stakeholder event in February
- ❑ Evaluation of consultation responses – Summer 2015
- ❑ Final programme of measures – end 2015