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Partnerships for healthy ecosystems and sustainable fisheries

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What we achieved with stakeholders

1. Management plans in all EU sea basins
2. Leaders in international fisheries organisations
3. Rebuilding fisheries → bluefin tuna in ICCAT
4. Many more examples



A new context

1. **2030 Agenda and European Green Deal** → sustainable transformation of EU's economy and blue economy is no exception;
2. « **There is no green without blue** »: blue economy is part of solution; we need to look at oceans to achieve EGD objectives;
3. Transitioning to sustainable blue economy can contribute to **recovery** of sectors affected by COVID crisis and bring more resilience;
4. Need joint efforts **across different blue economy actors** and **across EU**.



Breaking silos and joining forces

- Maritime Spatial Planning: preventing conflicts, exploring synergies and reconciling nature conservation and economic development;
- Sea basin strategies and Blue Economy strategies for outermost regions: taking into account regional specificities and cross-border challenges;
- Ocean literacy: raising public awareness and empowering EU citizens.



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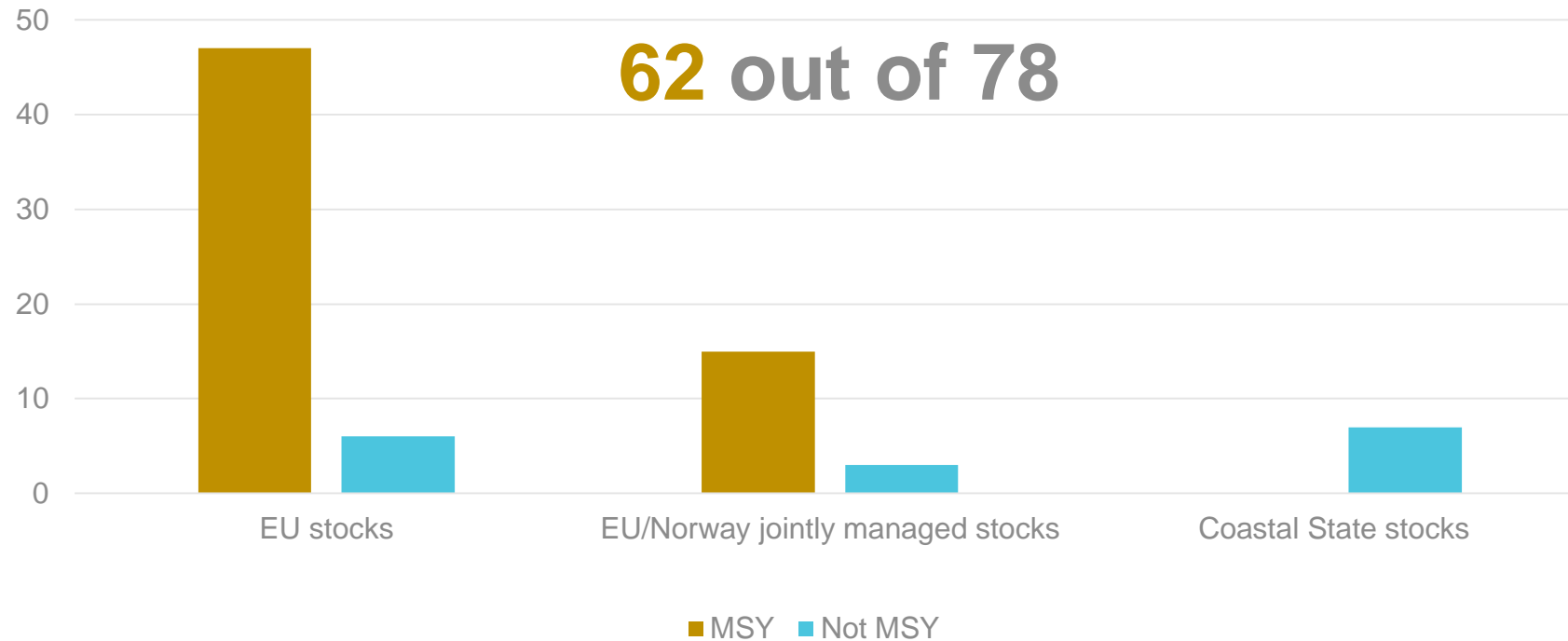
- Fishermen and energy company: fishermen were part of planning a windfarm project
- Sustainable Blue Economy Forum: a forum for all users of the sea
- Protecting sea life:
 - BaltFish Forum brings together Member States in Baltic Sea and stakeholders, work on protecting harbour porpoise in Baltic Sea
 - South Western Waters Advisory Council brings together NGOs and fishing industry in Bay of Biscay, work on protecting dolphins in the Bay of Biscay



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Situation in 2020 NEAtlantic

Number of TACs fished at MSY



Where we need to do more with stakeholders

1. Improve regionalisation so that stakeholders and Member States agree tailor made measures
2. Set more TACs in line with precautionary advice
3. Keep up our EU standards also in future when negotiating with our partners in NE Atlantic: United Kingdom, Norway and other coastal states
4. Many more examples



#Be Green. Go Blue!



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