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Research of marine protected
habitats in EEZ and determination
of the necessary conservation
status in Latvia

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Achieved So Far



4116 km² off-shore seabed in Latvian EEZ surveyed with side-scanning equipment. Reef and sandy bottom habitats identified.

Ongoing



Based on potential to provide critical ecosystem services and occurrence of marine biodiversity hotspots, a proposal for establishing new offshore MPAs is being elaborated.



An evidence – based zoning within these protected areas will be established.



Management plans of all MPAs is being developed in accordance with the national legislation.

In the Pipeline



Refining the action plan for controlling invasive marine species.



Developing action plan for reducing marine mammal and seabird bycatch.



Developing scientific advice for management of coastal fishery.



Testing biological connectivity between the existing coastal MPAs and the proposed offshore ones.

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