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# **Session 2: Integrating Ecosystem Services into Maritime Spatial Planning**



# The ecosystem service concept

- Milenium Ecosystem Assessment (2005) - to evaluate the condition of the world's ecosystems and understand how changes in ecosystems affect human well-being
- The MEA was explicitly structured around the idea that ecosystems provide services that support human well-being (central analytical framework)
- a comprehensive framework for **examining** socio-ecological interactions and benefits provided by ecosystems to human well-being.
- supports the **integration of ecological aspects** in policy and decision making, including marine and coastal development as well as maritime spatial planning (MSP).
- A good understanding of the functioning of the marine ecosystem and the services it provides is essential for **evidence-based planning and decision-making** to ensure the viability and resilience of the marine environment.



# The aims of the workshop

- to explore the options for uptake of ecosystem service information in MSP to address trade-offs when allocating marine space and resources
- provides a forum to discuss the use of ecosystem services in strategies for sustainable management of marine ecosystems between stakeholders.

# Integrating Ecosystem Services into Maritime Spatial Planning

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# Discussion questions

- **What are the different ways scientists, policy makers and planners interpret the ecosystem services concept?**
- What are the advantages of using ecosystem services in policy making and planning?
- How can we integrate ecosystem services into MSP across local, regional and national policy settings?
- How can we make ecosystem services information more useful across contexts?

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