

Programme

North Atlantic Conference 2006;

Marine Protected Areas – From Global Policy to Regional Perspectives

The 3rd North Atlantic Conference
June 6 - 7, 2006, Tromsø, Norway

Tuesday 6 June

- 09.00 Registration Opens
- A continues video presentation summarizing the MPA instrument in Norwegian fisheries management.
Alf Harbitz, Institute of marine research, Norway
- 11.00 – 11.15 Welcome and opening address.
Ms Helga Pedersen, Minister for Fisheries and Coastal Affairs.
- 11.15 **Session 1: Marine protected areas (MPAs) as a fisheries management tool, as well as a measure to protect biodiversity and the synergies between these purposes.**
Session Chair Jørn Krog, Secretary General, Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, Norway
- 11.20 – 11.40 International obligations and calls for establishment of a network of MPAs.
An Overview
Ministry of Fisheries, Iceland
- 11.40 – 12.00 What is a MPA ? How to make MPAs a meaningful concept for management.
Hein Rune Skjoldal, Institute for Marine Research, Norway
- 12.00 – 12.15 Introduction to an ongoing MPA research project in Northern Europe ("PROTECT") and to a new Nordic MPA Expert Forum.
Ole Vestergaard, Danish Institute for Fisheries Research, Denmark
- 12.15 – 13.00 Comments and Discussion

13.00 – 14.30	Lunch hosted by <i>Ms Helga Pedersen, Minister for Fisheries and Coastal Affairs</i>
14.30 – 14.45	MPAs as a future tool in fisheries management. Research needs? Erlend Moksnes, Institute of marine research, Norway.
14.45 – 15.00	National experiences and practices. Future steps. Scotland, Iceland, Norway
15.00 – 15.20	Coffee Break
15.20 – 15.45	continued: National experiences and practices. Future steps. Scotland, Iceland, Norway
15.45 – 16.00	The use of Marine Protected Areas - the view of the Norwegian Fishermens Assosiation" Reidar Nilsen, Norwegian Fishermen's Association,
16.00 – 17.00	General Discussion
17.00	End of session
17.30	Sightseeing in Tromsø
20.00	Dinner hosted by Jørn Krog, Secretary General, <i>Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs</i>

Wednesday 7 June

08.30	<i>Session 2: Issues from the current international debate on Marine Protected Areas</i> Opening remarks by (Session) Chair
08.40 – 09.05	Developing FAO guidelines for fisheries related MPAs, Kevern Cochrane, FAO
09.05 – 09.25	Open for Comments
09.25 – 09.35	Protecting the biodiversity of the high seas: A new legal framework for establishing high seas protected areas? Representative of General Directorate for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs, European Commission

- 09.35 – 09.50 High Seas Protected Areas and the role of RFMOs. The NEAFC experience and next steps,
Kjartan Hoydal, NEAFC
- 09.50 – 10.05 The potential of MPAs as a fishery management tool for conservation of local coastal resources.
Alf Ring Pettersen, Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature,
- 10.05 – 10.25 Coffee Break
- 10.30 – 12.45 General discussion
Is there consensus in the definition of MPA and thereby the use of MPAs as an instrument in the management of the marine environment and its living resources?
- 12.45 Summary and conclusion by the Chair, end of the Conference
- 13.00 Lunch, hosted by the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs