

COASTAL REGIONS

Coastal regions on the international level are concordant with States' administrative divisions according to their organisational and political structure.

They therefore represent coastal management units at the State level and can hold competences for matters of maritime planning depending on the powers that each State grants them. This disparity in terms of competences therefore depends on each State's organisational structure.

Notable differences can be found between types of coastal regions.

There are decentralised countries with a federal structure where the regions possess a large number of competences and other more centralised countries where internal administrative divisions may not exist at all.

Major differences can also be found between regions in European Union member States that adapt their legislation to EU policy and non-member States based on legislation that is independent of the countries around them.

BASIC DATA

Coastal regions

Number of regions	320
Number of countries	51
Total surface area (sq km)	7 944 559
Average surface area (sq km)	24 827

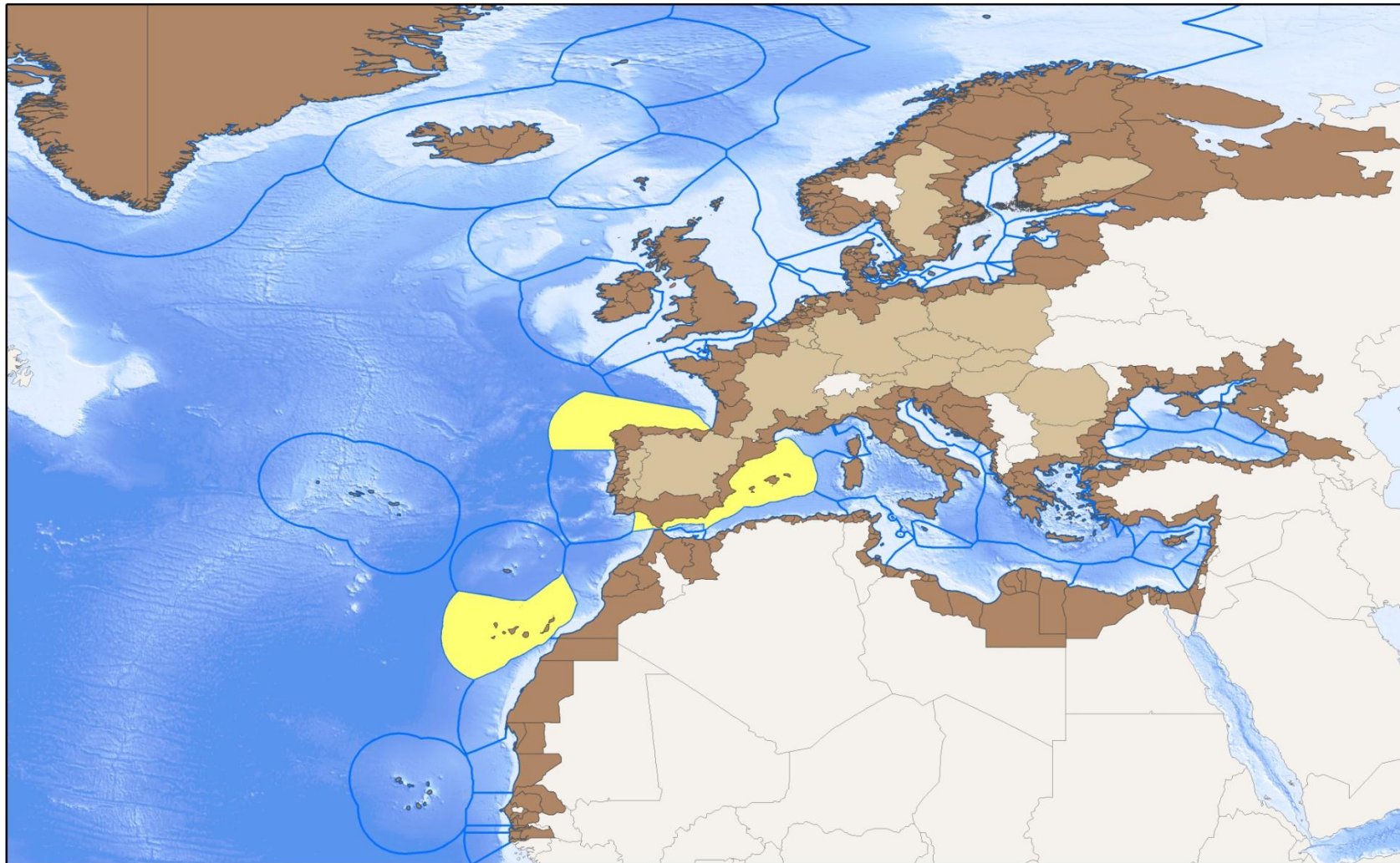
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
Legal framework	•
Institutions	•
Instruments	•

Observations

The legislation, institutions and instruments of a coastal region are individually defined by a country's national legislation in each case.

Country	Number of coastal regions	Total surface area (sq km)	Average surface area (sq km)	Country	Number of coastal regions	Total surface area (sq km)	Average surface area (sq km)
Albania	8	8 920	1 115	Israel	5	20 201	4 040
Germany	5	87 704	17 541	Italy	15	225 348	15 023
Algeria	14	41 380	2 956	Latvia	1	64 649	64 649
Belgium	3	9 071	3 024	Lebanon	4	5 329	1 332
Bosnia-Herzeg.	1	51 531	51 531	Lybia	14	451 246	32 232
Bulgary	2	27 294	13 647	Lithuania	1	65 016	65 016
Cape Verde	1	4 032	4 032	Malta	1	294	294
Cyprus	6	9 138	1 523	Morocco	6	348 260	58 043
Croatia	1	55 893	55 893	Mauritania	3	131 578	43 859
Denmark	15	42 714	2 848	Monaco	1	9	9
Egypt	10	218 117	21 812	Montenegro	1	13 797	13 797
Slovenia	1	20 423	20 423	Norway	17	268 389	15 788
Spain	12	219 421	18 285	Poland	5	38 742	7 748
Estonia	1	45 936	45 936	Portugal	13	50 462	3 882
Finland	7	232 616	33 231	United Kingdom	4	244 370	61 093
France	11	257 113	23 374	Romania	2	14 609	7 305
Gambia	5	5 581	1 116	Russian Federation	7	900 191	128 599
Gaza	1	371	371	Western Sahara	2	269 184	134 592
Georgia	3	69 964	23 321	Senegal	8	132 963	16 620
Gibraltar	1	8	8	Syrian Arab Rep	2	4 289	2 144
Greece	9	130 075	14 453	Sweden	16	284 826	17 802
Greenland	3	2 160 070	720 023	Svalbard	1	62 441	62 441
Netherlands	10	30 771	3 077	Tunisia	13	44 661	3 435
Ireland	4	69 644	17 411	Turkey	26	239 329	9 205
Iceland	7	102 962	14 709	Ukraine	6	160 857	26 809
Faroe Islands	1	1 484	1 484	Totals	316	7 943 272	24 827



LARGE TERRITORIAL DIVISIONS	Coastal Regions		MARINEPLAN University of Seville Dept. of Human Geography <i>Source: Authors, from ESRI GIS Data & Maps</i>
	Spain. Jurisdictional waters (200 nm/median line)		
	Others. Jurisdictional waters (200 nm/median line)		Coastal Regions