

Sustainable Development Forum 2014: Blue economy in the vulnerable Baltic Sea – A Swedish Perspective

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Pre-conditions for a Blue Economy

- 1) A healthy and productive ocean is a basis for the blue economy – example tourism and fishery are dependent of ecosystem services
- 2) Baltic Sea intergovernmental co-operation should be a forerunner
- 3) The new Swedish Government increase the budget and priority to water and marine management

1) A healthy sea gives jobs and quality of life

- **Baltic Sea Blue Economy**
145 000 jobs = 4918 million euro

- **Fisheries**

Sweden: 14 393 jobs, value of 607 million euro

Estonia: 4 720 jobs, value of 61 million euro

- **Coastal & Maritime Tourism**

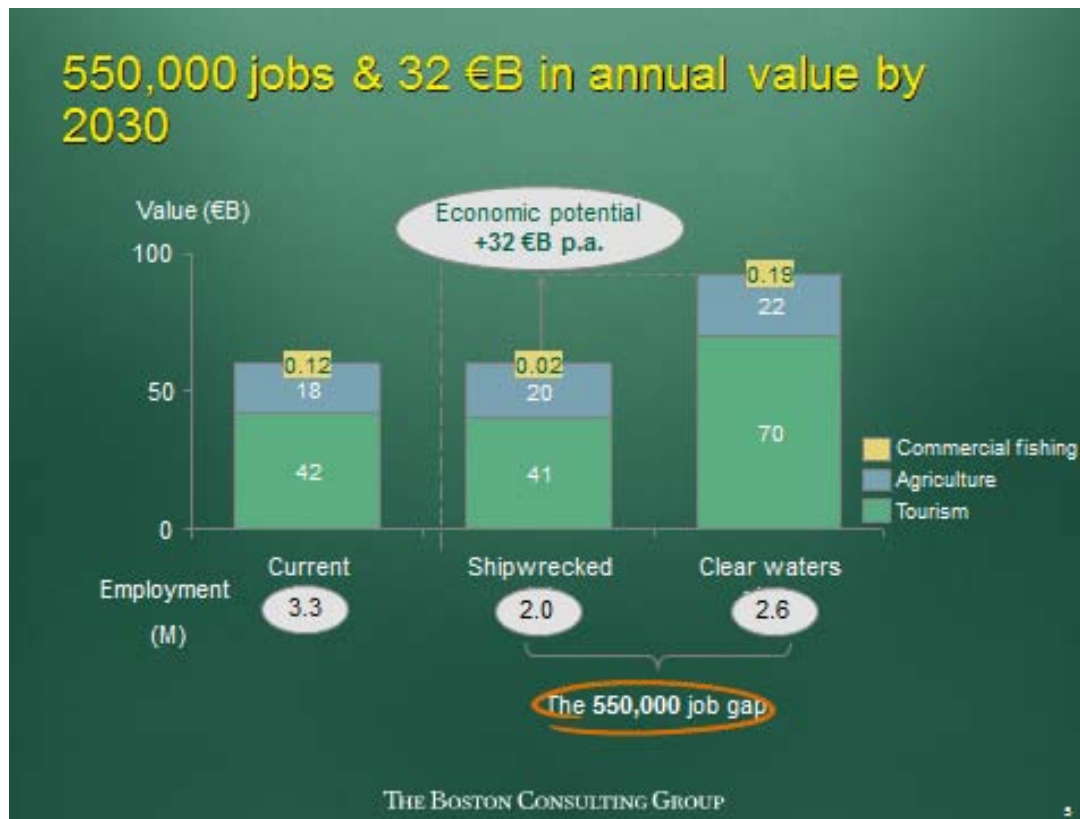
Sweden: 26 950 jobs, value of 1 400 million euro

Estonia: 4 720 jobs, value of 134 million euro



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The Benefits of Action



2) Baltic Sea intergovernmental co-operation should be a forerunner

- Helcom – 40 years of co-operation to improve marine management**
- The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region – unique possibilities for co-operation projects the coming years**

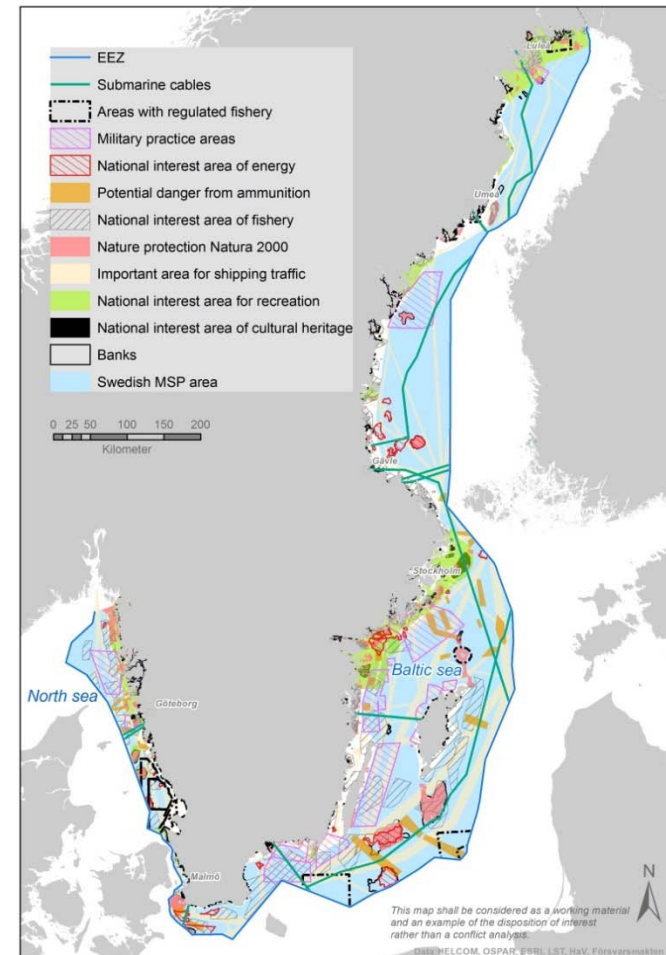
Example: Maritime Spatial Planning

What?

- Integrated management, not sector by sector
- Ecosystem based management, pressure of activities should be within levels of achievement of good environmental status

How?

- National legislation underway in many countries
- Baltic co-operation in Helcom/Vasab
- EU Directive – plans ready in 2021



3) The new Swedish Government increase the budget and priority to water and marine management

- **Increased budget for water- and marine management**

Focus:

- **Actions to improve the status of water and marine environment**
- **Monitoring programmes, including a new ship for research**
- **Marine protected areas**



We know that when we protect our oceans we're protecting our future

"We must plant the sea and herd its animals using the sea as farmers instead of hunters. That is what civilization is all about – farming replacing hunting."

— Jacques Yves Cousteau, Oceanographer