

Adaptive Marine Policy Toolbox for Policymakers

The Adaptive Marine Policy (AMP) Toolbox has been developed to assist policymakers to achieve or maintain the Good Environmental Status of coastal and marine ecosystems in the Mediterranean and Black Sea basins. The objective of the toolbox is to make scientific findings and resource readily available in a user-friendly format to stakeholders who are involved in the development of marine environmental policies at local, national, and regional level.

Toolbox contents

The AMP Toolbox consists of three major parts:

- A guide through a five-step policy cycle for developing marine adaptive policies, i.e. robust to environmental changes. This cycle proposes an approach for policy development and suggest key activities, relevant methods and practical information;
- Resources such as thematic databases, knowledge and models dedicated to the Mediterranean and Black Seas;
- Examples that are particularly relevant to the Mediterranean and Black Seas.

Tools and resources available

They are either tailor made or inventoried within the PERSEUS project supporting users to develop policies and measures to implement ecosystem based management such as the EU's Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD). They include databases inventorying:

- Existing policy measures
- Economic valuations
- Foresight exercises and ecosystem-based management
- Institutions and legal instruments
- Research projects
- Tools and methods for adaptive policy-making

How to access the online toolbox

The free online tool is located within the PERSEUS project website (www.perseus-net.eu) under the section dedicated to POLICYMAKERS, titled AMP Toolbox.

The toolbox provides a wealth of scientific-based and relevant information structured to simplify and make more inclusive the decision-making process to a wide range of stakeholders aiming to improve the ecological status of the Mediterranean and Black Seas.