

Guidebooks and Reports

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This section includes guidebooks and reports that pertain to marine spatial planning and ecosystem-based management (EBM). These resources cover some of the key elements of marine spatial planning. Consult the primary literature for other publications on marine spatial planning. Please also consult the IOC-UNESCO website for information on marine spatial plans by country – [click here.](#)

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