

How is the implementation of the MSFD organised in the Baltic Sea countries

Implementation in Sweden

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***Who/what institution(s) is(are)
responsible for implementation of
MSFD?***

- Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management is the competent authority
 - Ministry of Environment (owner)
 - Support from a number of governmental agencies and county boards

***Who/what institutions and stakeholders
have been involved so far?***

- Universities
 - Havsmiljöinstitutet (marine institute)
 - Swedish Agricultural University, Lund University
- Governmental agencies
 - SMHI, Maritime Agency, SCG, FOI,
 - County boards

***Who/what institutions and stakeholders
have been involved so far? – cont.***

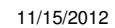
NGOs (Naturskyddsföreningen, Sportfiskarna, WWF)

Sectors (agricultural, energy, fishery, maritime)

How it is planned to implement the next steps?

- The monitoring program is developed and implemented by SwAM by the support of county boards and regional water agencies and central and regional agencies. In addition, sectors and NGOs will be involved.
- International coordination is done through the marine conventions as well as by ad hoc multi-lateral cooperation.
- Take part in the Commission CIS work

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How it is planned to implement the next steps? – cont.

- The program of measures is developed and implemented by SwAM by the support of county boards and local communities, according to the Swedish Environmental Act.
- International cooperation for the Baltic marine region is done under the umbrella of HELCOM and BSAP. While in the North Sea sub-region by multi-lateral cooperation with DK and NO.
- Take part in the Commission CIS work

How the stakeholders (including other sectors than environmental) will be involved in development of measures?

The Swedish environmental act states County Boards and municipalities are responsible for implementing the MSFD program of measures.

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The process is not yet decided in SE. Involvement of stakeholders at an early stage of the development of the measures are critical. Dialogs with stakeholders, like sectors, county boards and municipalities, are likely to move the process forward.

In addition, public consultations must be done and in the end also decisions by the government might be needed.