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Informational governance on marine environmental protection:
The role of information in governing spatial claims
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Informational governance on marine environmental protection

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Background

- Governing the marine scape
- Informational governance
 - Use of information in governance
 - Governing through information

Objectives

- To understand the role of information in marine environmental governance
- To assess potentials and problems of governance through information
- To contribute to the theoretical development of the concept of informational governance

Research questions

- What are the characteristics of informational governance on marine environmental protection?
- How are current informational processes structured?
- Which actors and networks play key roles in informational governance?
- How does governing through information affect policy-making and the actors concerned?
- What changes are needed to enhance the effectiveness of informational governance?

The role of information in governing spatial claims

- Multiple use and competing claims
- Integrated view on the marine environment
- Marine spatial planning

Focus on maps:

- Important planning tool
- Includes environmental information, political choices and societal demands



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Case studies

Many interesting possibilities

- Overview use of maps in marine policy (last 10-20 years)
- Comparing land and sea mapping
- Comparing national mapmaking at EU level
- Structural power of maps
- Maps in competing claims: the case of the MPA's
- Sector-based: planning windparks
- (New) technologies and spatial planning tools
- Methodological challenges
- ...

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Thank you for your attention

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