



# The Future of Marine Spatial Planning at The Nature Conservancy

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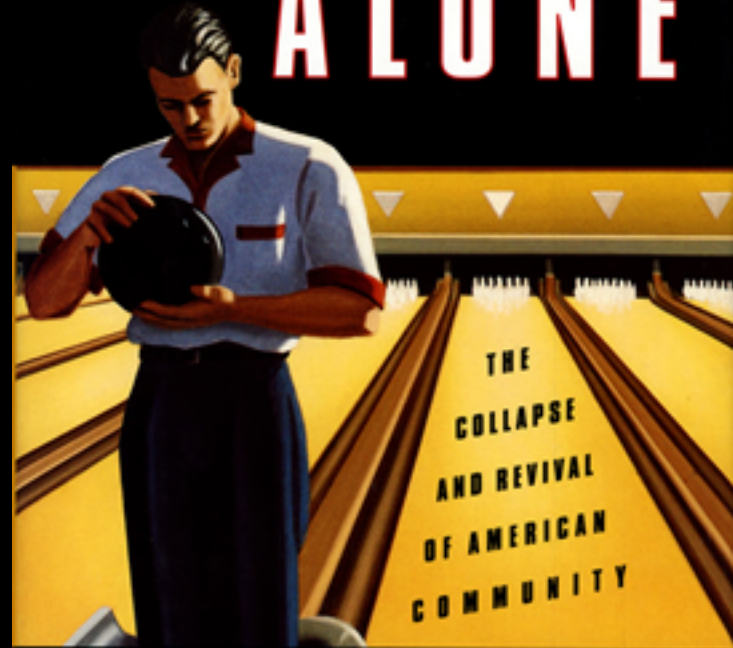
- Session Introduction
- MSP @ TNC
- MSP Speed Talks
- Breakout conversations
- Wrap up



Marine Spatial  
Planning @ TNC

We are NOT  
Bowling Alone

# BOWLING ALONE



Robert D. Putnam



# The 2013 MSP Assessment

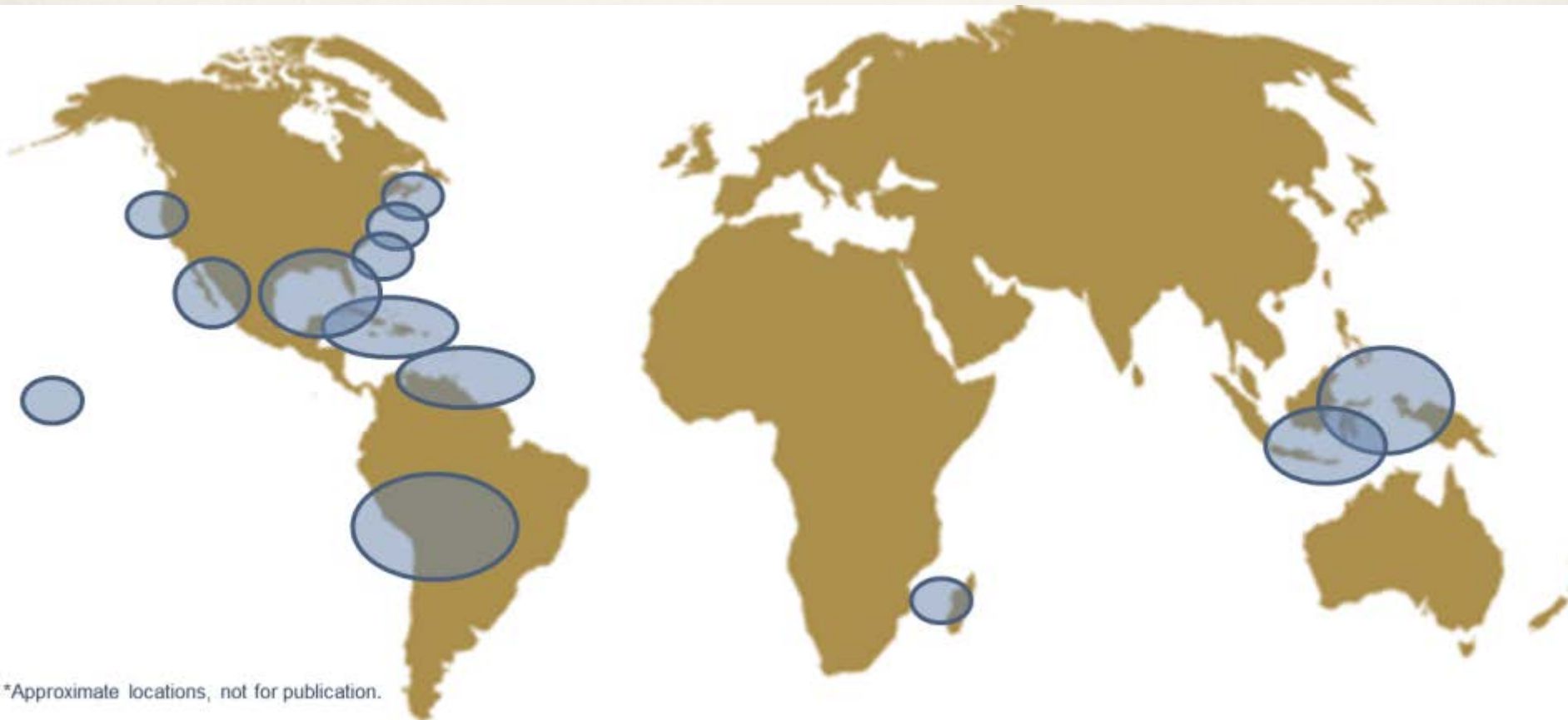
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# Conservancy Marine Spatial Planning Sites



Bay



State



Regional



Country



Multi-Lateral

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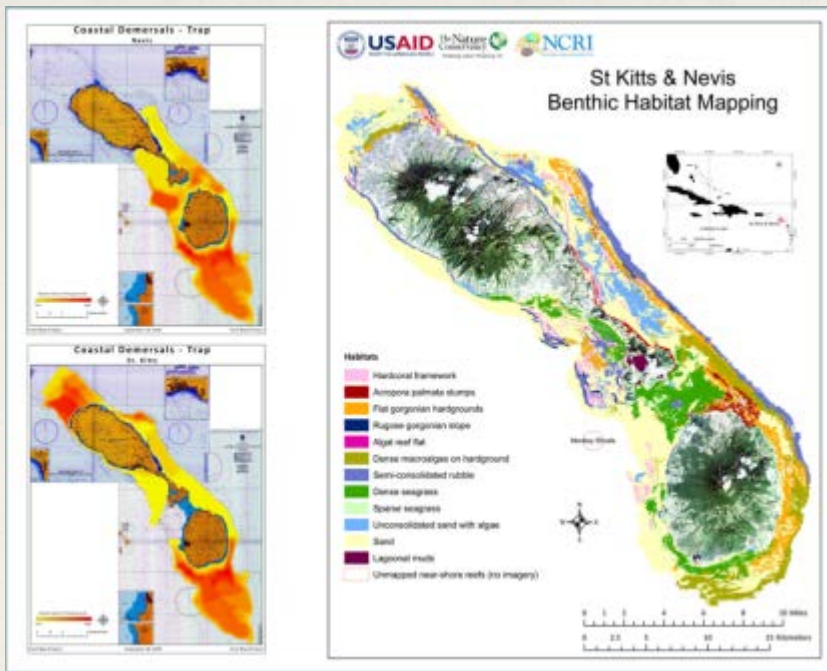
# Different Geopolitical and Spatial Scales



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# Different Drivers





**Advisor**

**Technical Support**



**Stakeholder**



**Facilitator**

# The Role of the Conservancy



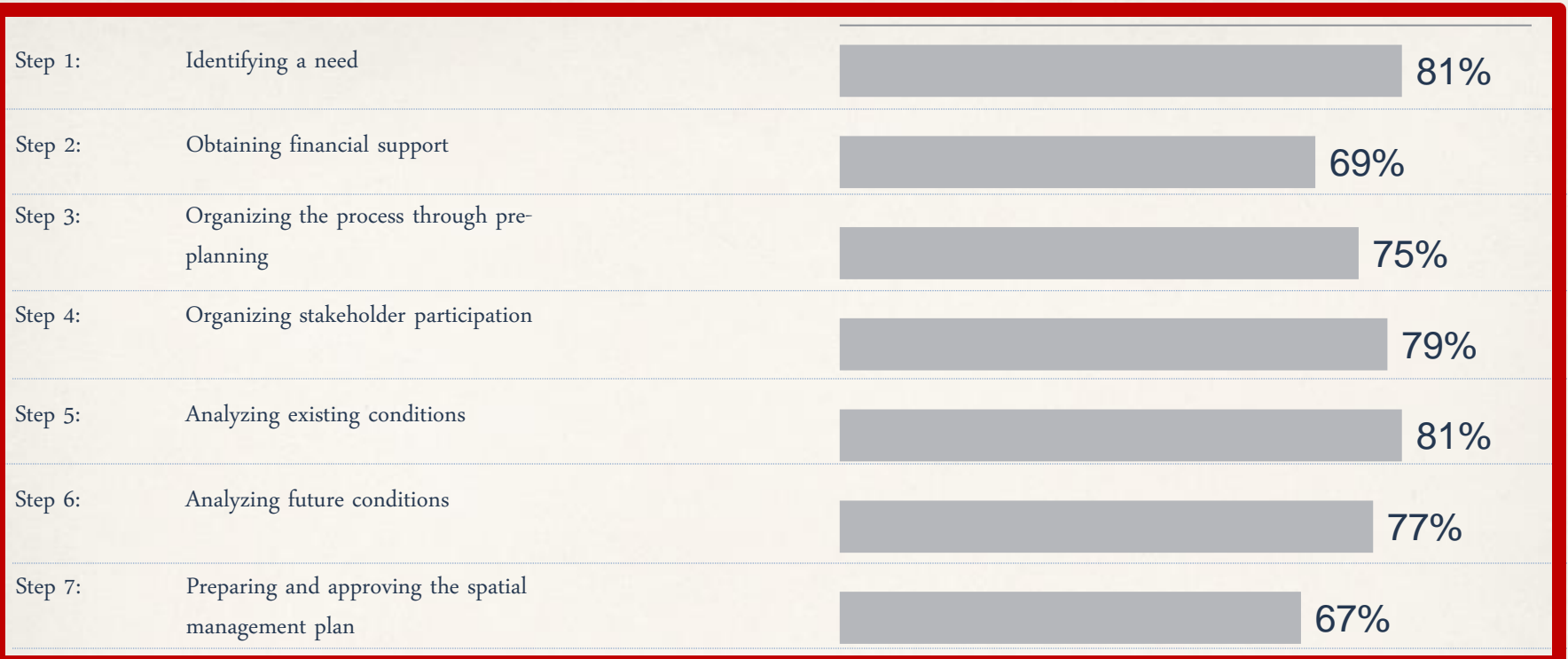
- Step 1: Identifying a need for (C)MSP and establishing authority
- Step 2: Obtaining financial support
- Step 3: Organizing the process through pre-planning
- Step 4: Organizing stakeholder participation
- Step 5: Defining and analyzing existing conditions
- Step 6: Defining and analyzing future conditions
- Step 7: Preparing and approving the spatial management plan
- Step 8: Implementing and enforcing the spatial management plan
- Step 9: Monitoring and evaluating performance
- Step 10: Adapting the marine spatial management process

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## MSP Steps

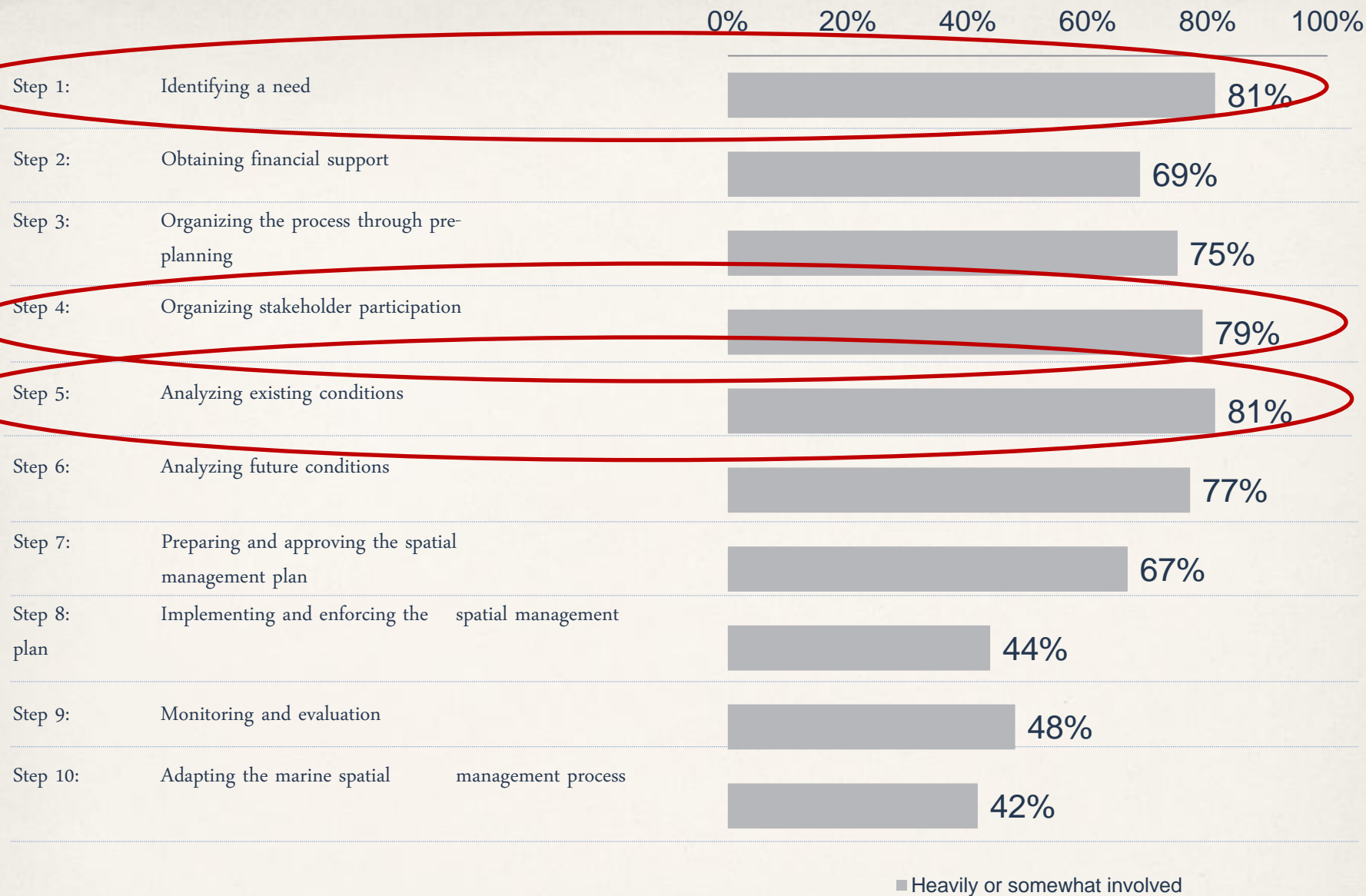


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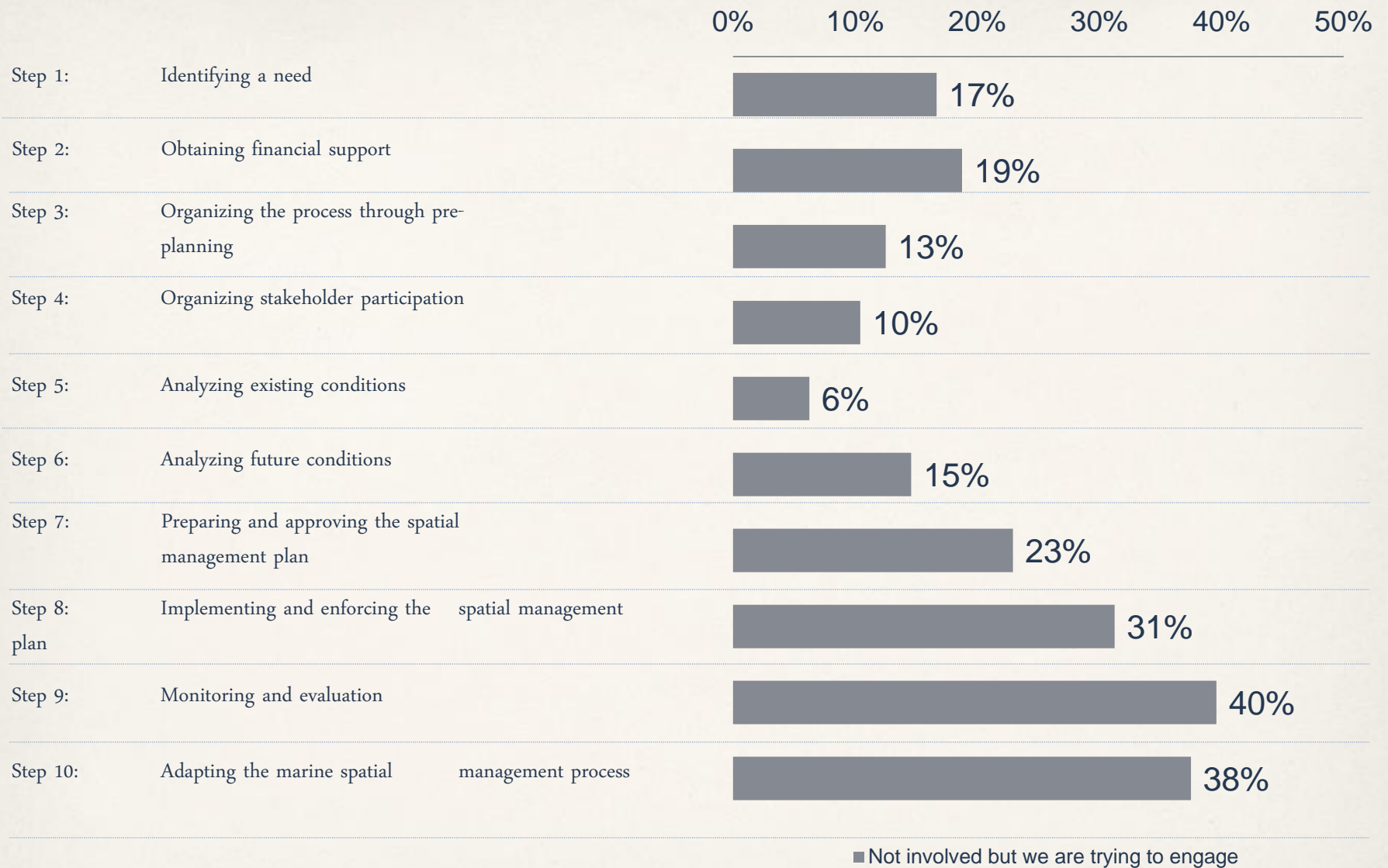


■ Heavily or somewhat involved

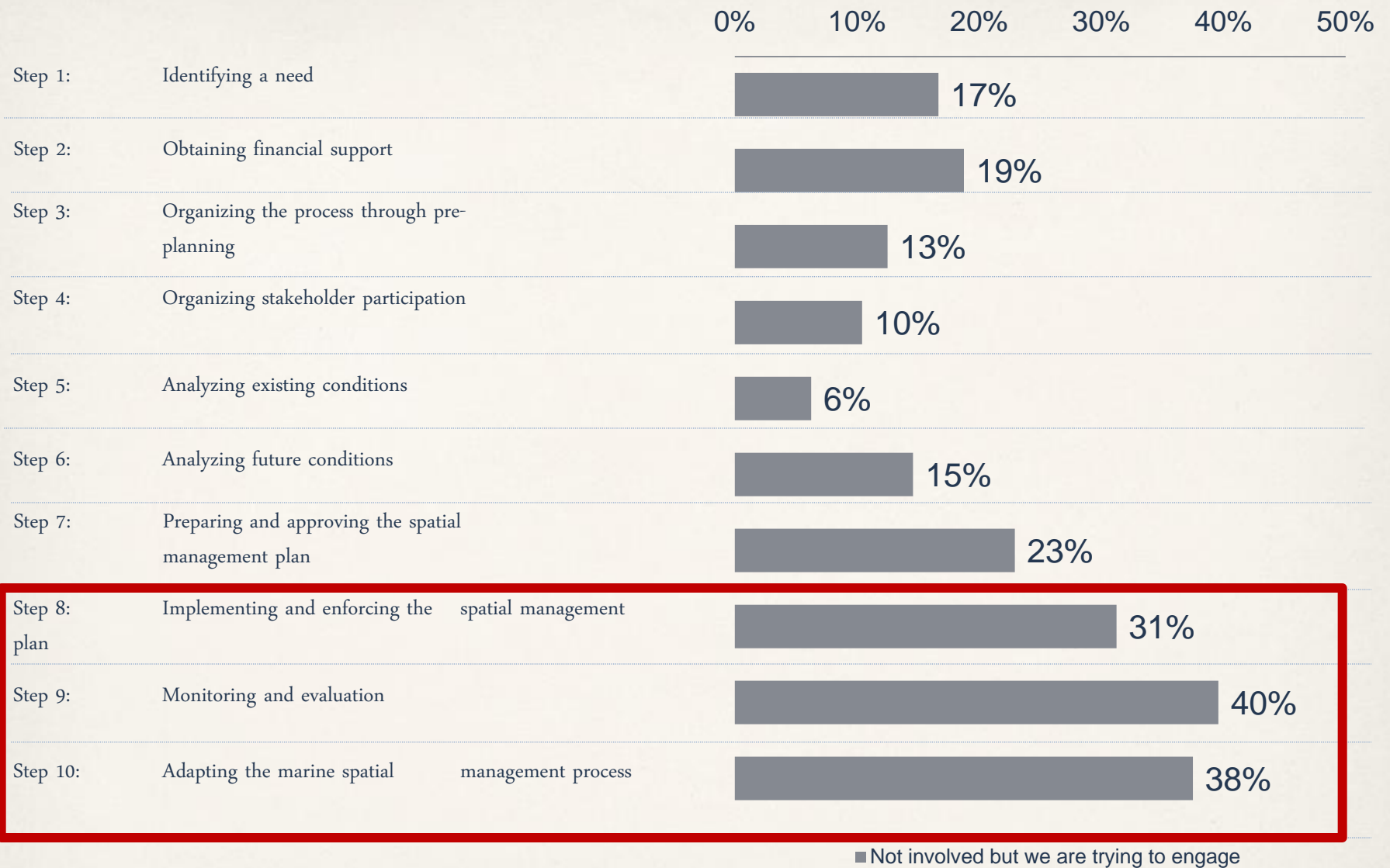
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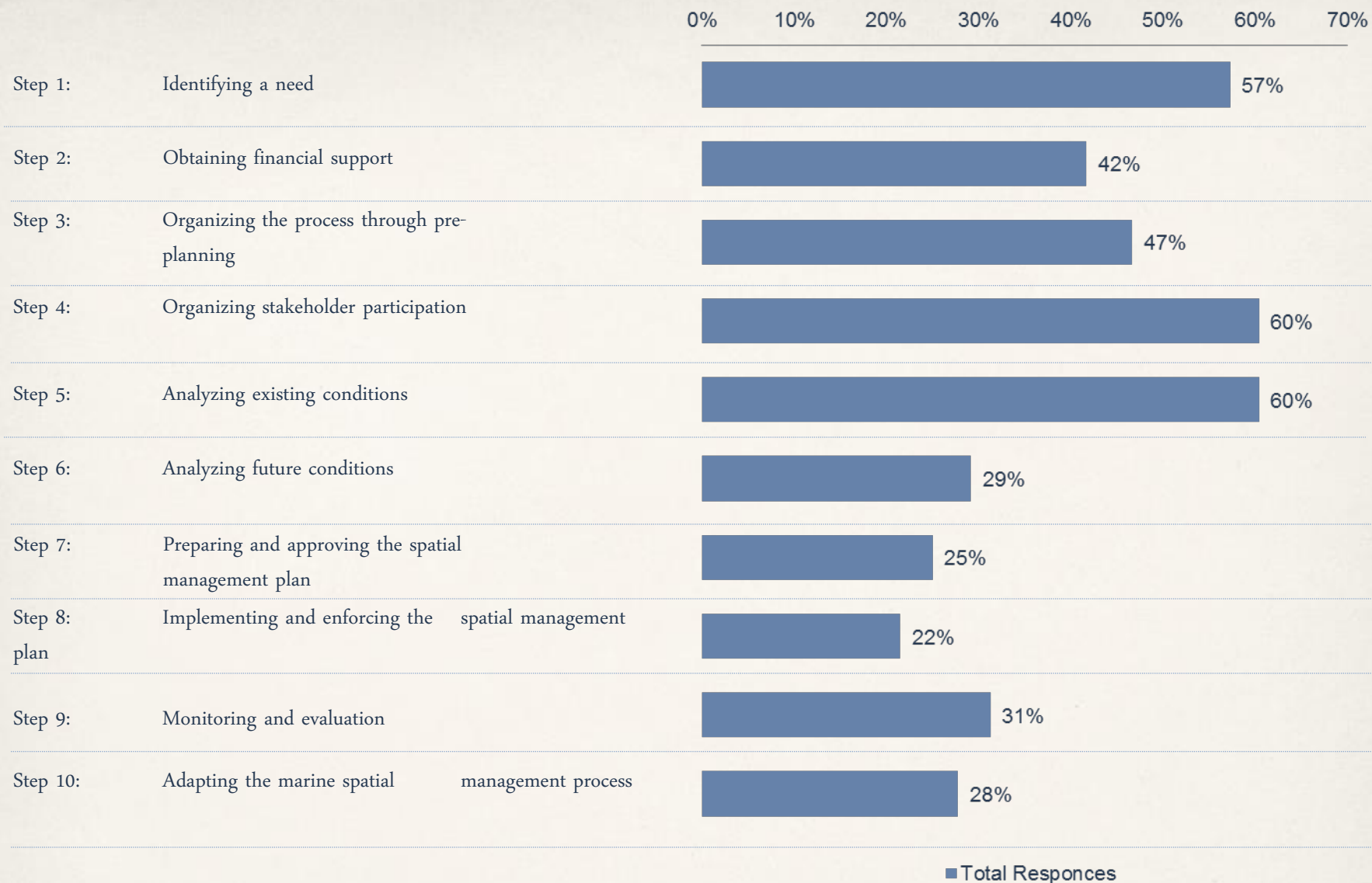
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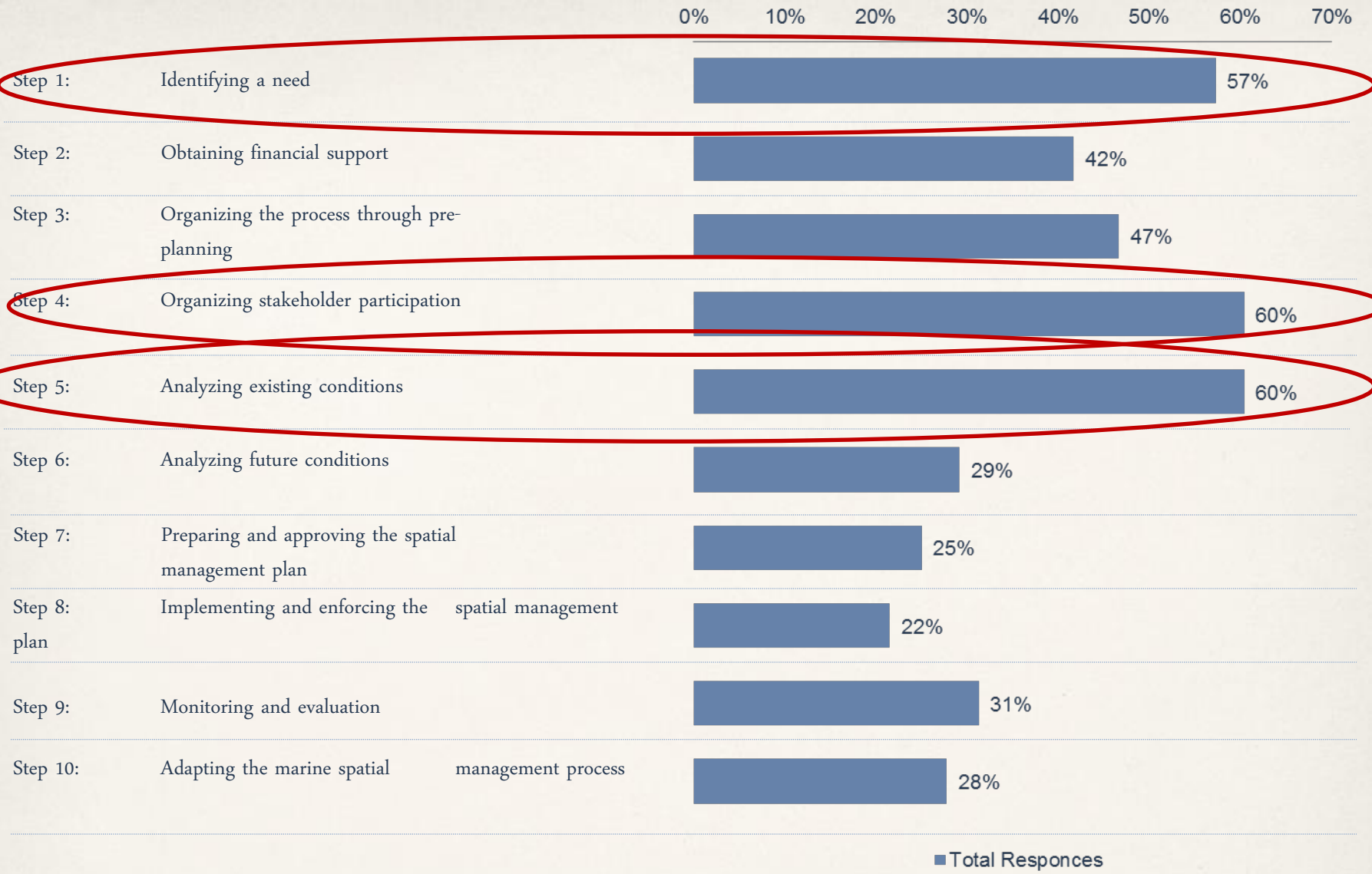
## Not Involved but Trying to Engage



## Opportunities for TNC?



## TNC Expertise in MSP

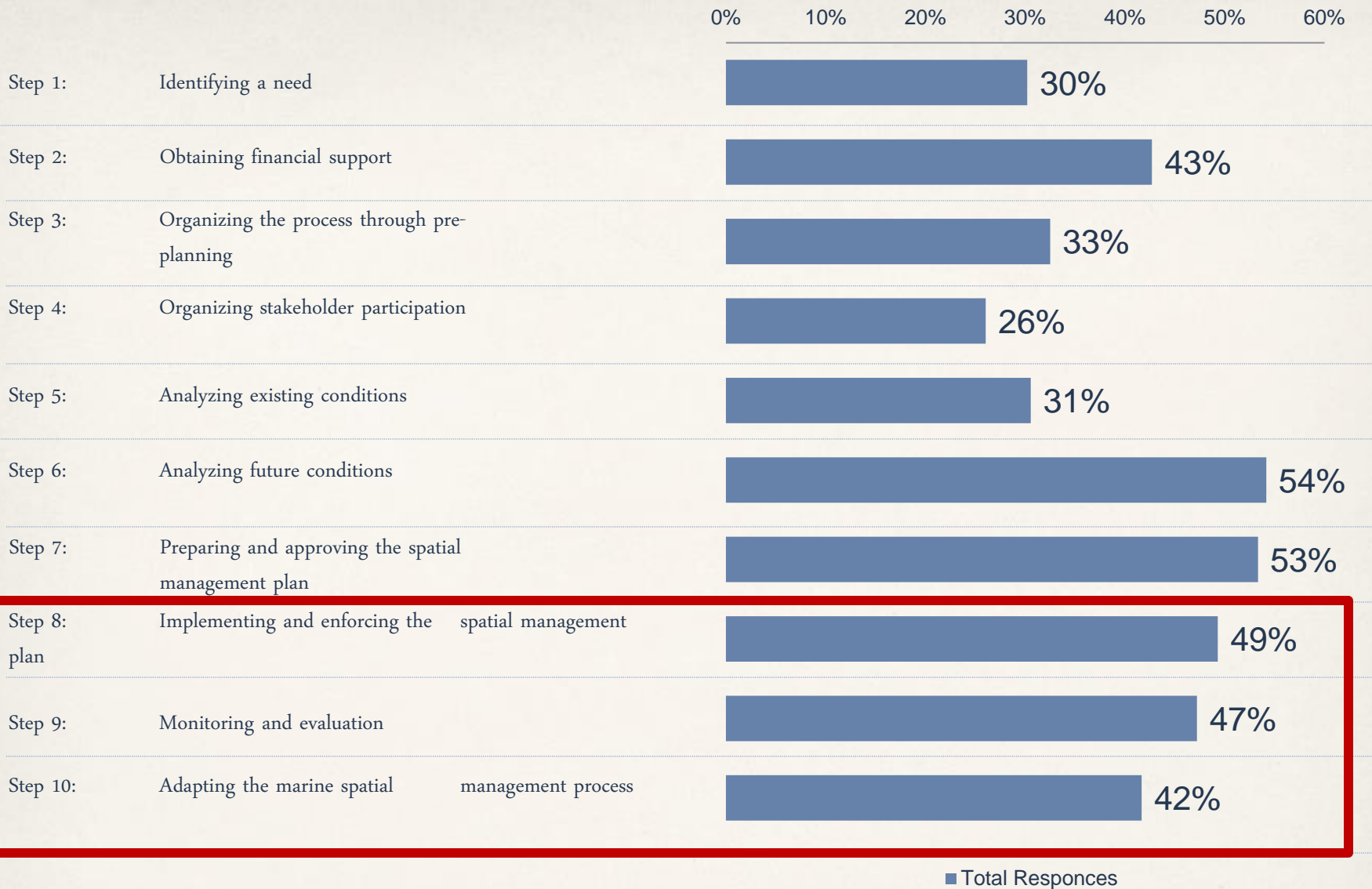


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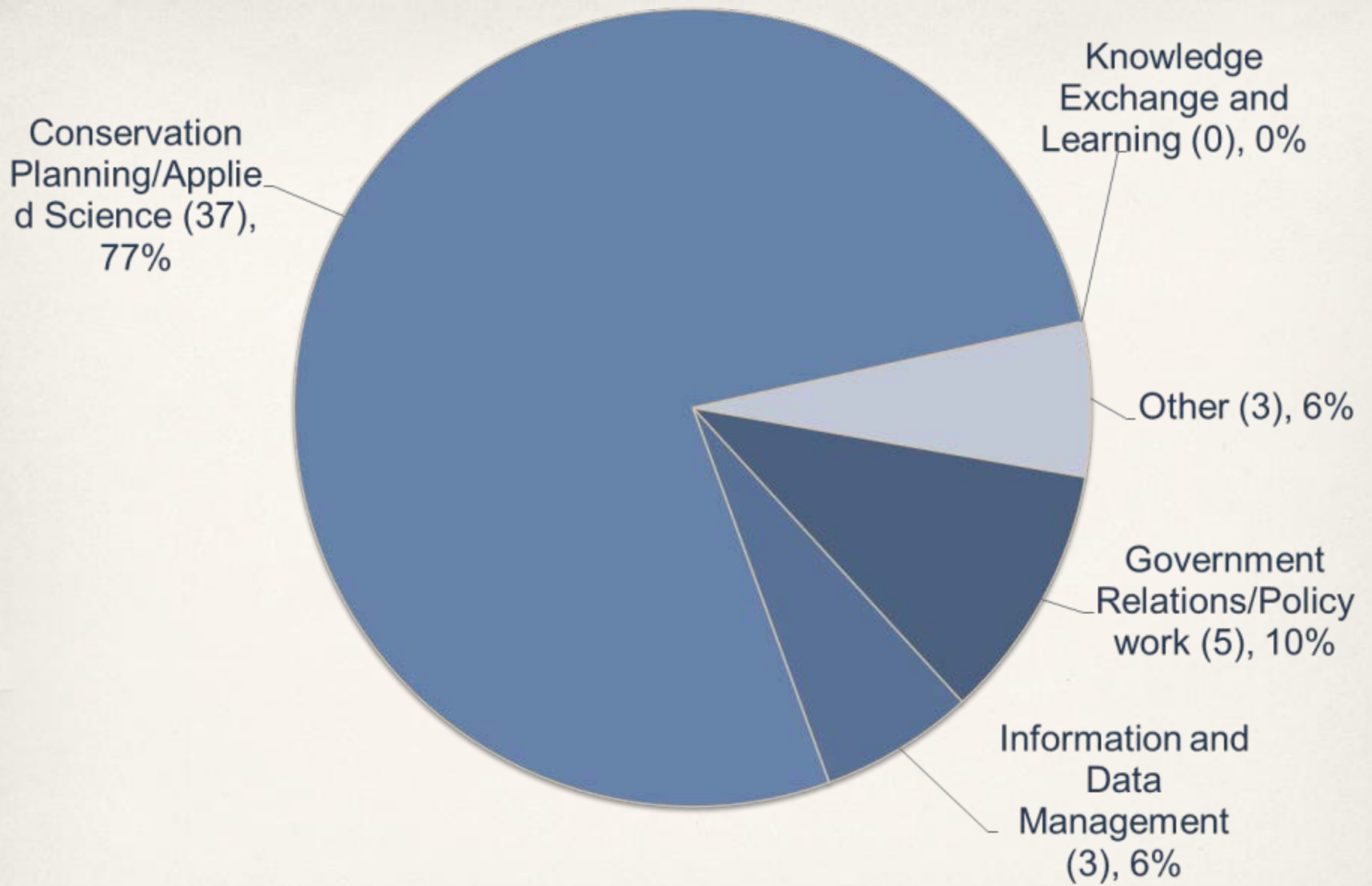
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## TNC Expertise in MSP





## Areas Where TNC Needs Training



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## TNC Staff Capacity



# Questions?

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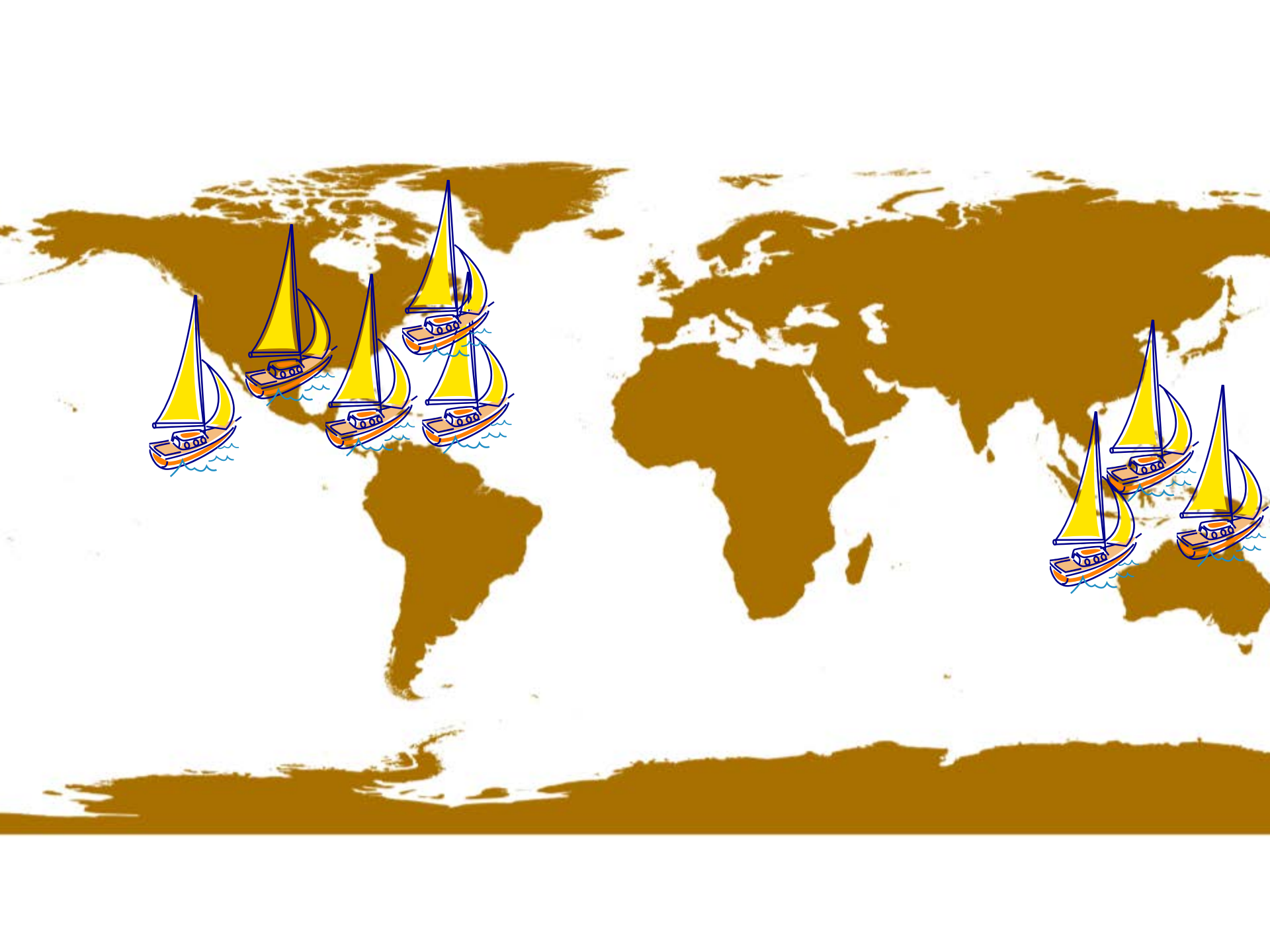
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# Breakout Discussions

- 1) Information Portals & Decision Support Tools
  - 2) The Planning Process
  - 3) Applying MSP to MPA Networks: evolving single objecting planning into multi sectoral planning
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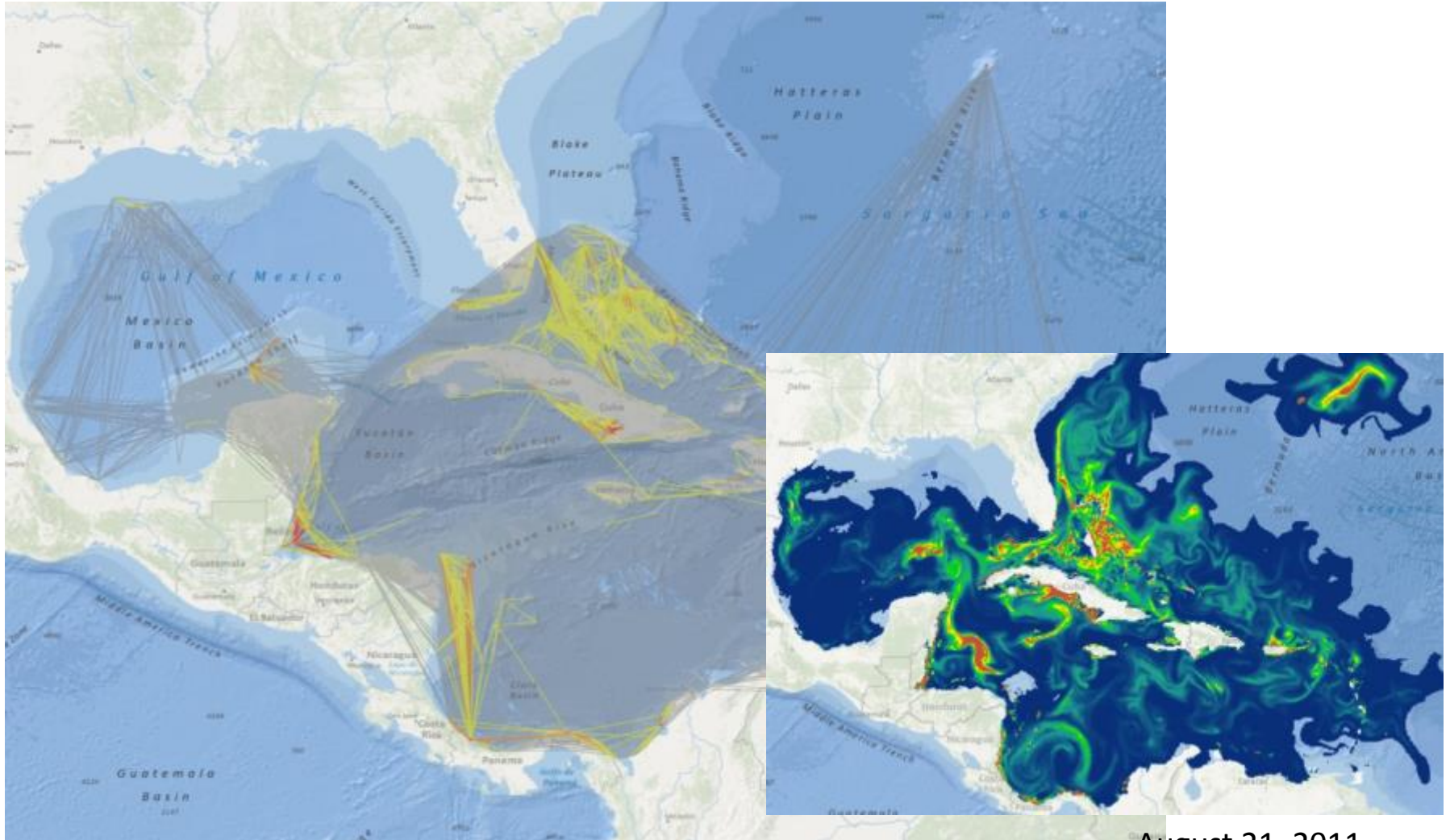


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# Connected Seas: RESILIENCE

Coral larvae dispersion simulations (demographic connectivity)



August 21, 2011

***Dynamic Simulation: coral larvae dispersion***

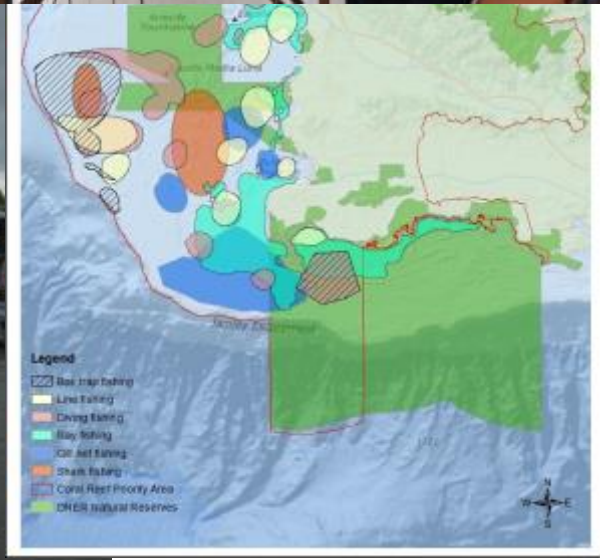


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CMSP + CAP  
 CMSP or CAP  
 CMSP, no CAP  
 CMSP, then CAP



# **Dr. Aurora Justiniano**

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# FUTURE OF MSP - CARIBBEAN REGIONAL OCEAN PARTNERSHIP (CROP)

## AURORA JUSTINIANO-SANTOS, PHD - CARIBBEAN PROGRAM



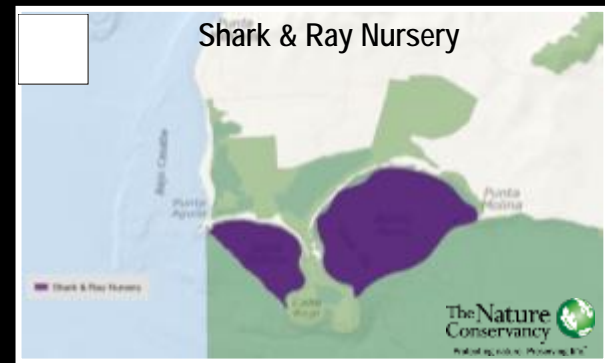
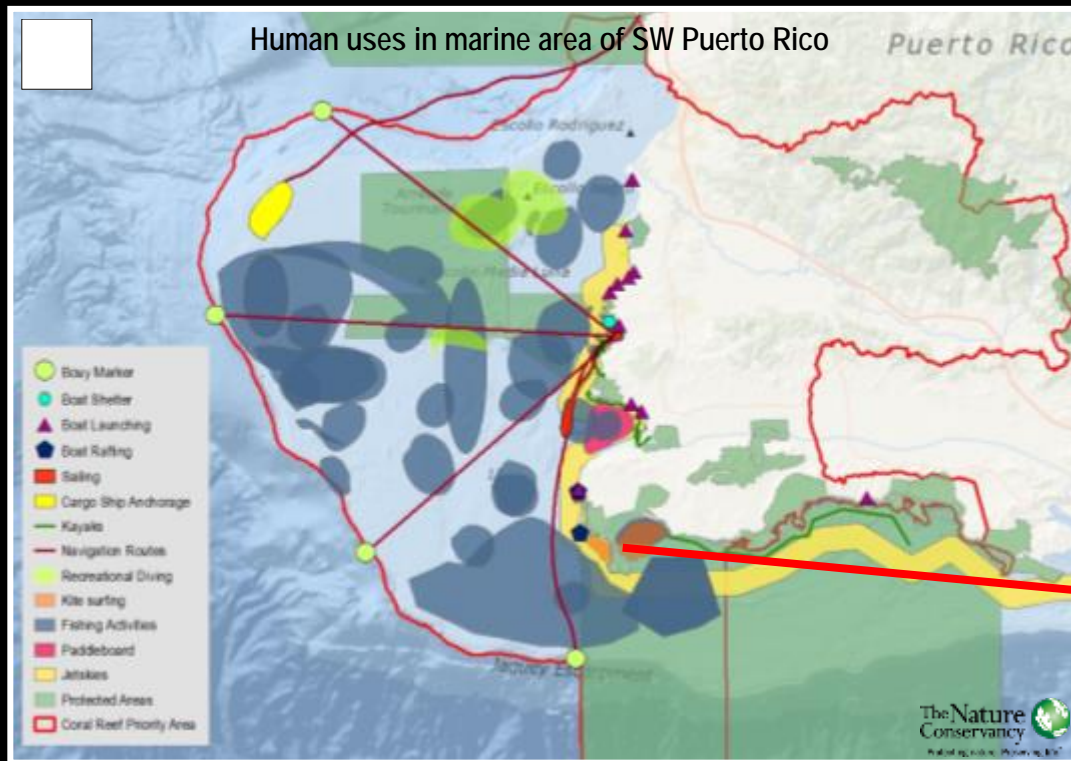
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- Planning for the overlap of human uses in marine areas of PR and USVI
- Include stakeholders and resource users
- Data gathering, best available information



- Create maps to resolve conflicts between uses
- Promote conservation of the environment



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MID-ATLANTIC OCEAN DATA PORTAL

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Virginia Chapter

**Ships, Wind and Whales: A Mid-Atlantic  
Seascape Use Case**





# **Charles Steinback**

Director  
Point 97



**LEARN**

Understand the range of regional ocean planning needs.



**EXPLORE**

Access our current data and see future information needs.



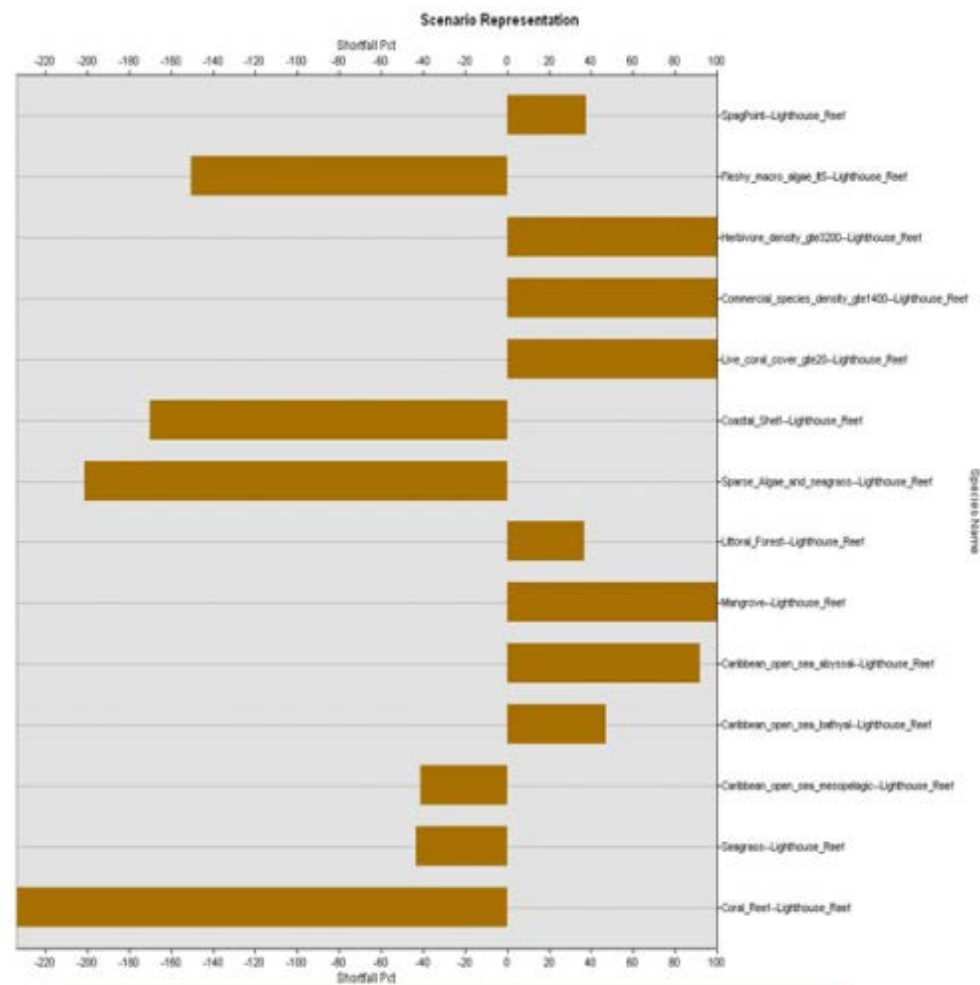
**VISUALIZE**

Launch our Marine Planner mapping application along with other maps and tools

feedback

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**DYNAMIC CHARTS & TABLES**

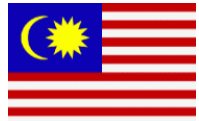
**DST Selection Tools** allow the user to quickly design a custom configuration of areas ...

The **Decision Support Tools** evaluate spatial alternatives and recommendations from the planning team *as the team discusses them*



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<http://ctatlas.reefbase.org/>

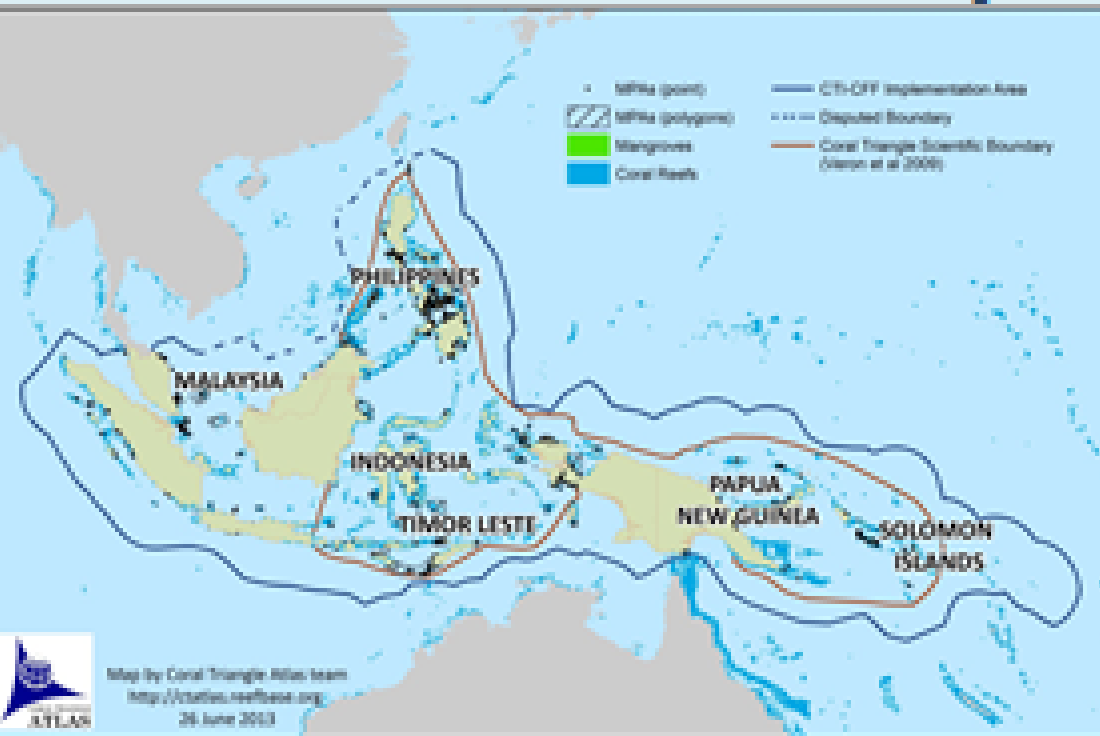
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# Coral Triangle MPA System:

## An Inclusive Nested System (>1900 MPAs)

- Categories:
1. basic data
  2. National Effective Site
  3. Regional Development Site
  4. Regional Flagship Site



### Indicators per 6 country agreement:

- Marine area within MPAs or MMA
- Area of critical habitat in no-take zone
- Area under “effective” management
- Area in each CTMPAS category of MPA



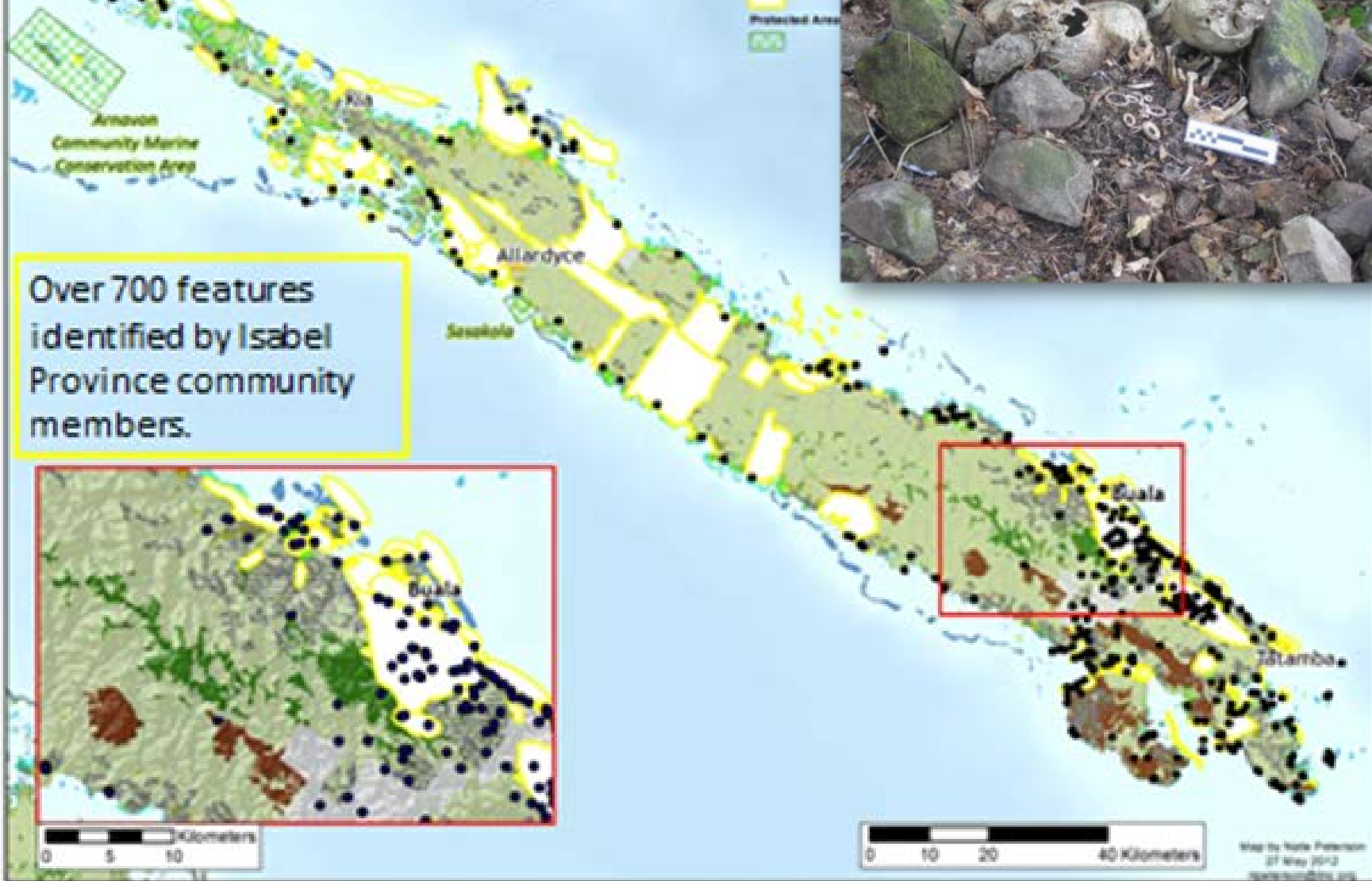


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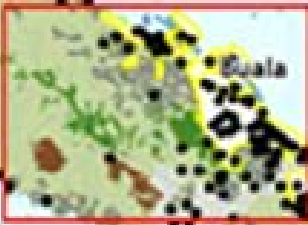
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# Isabel Province - Local Knowledge

- Legend
- Local Know
  - Local Know
  - Protected Area



Over 700 features identified by Isabel Province community members.



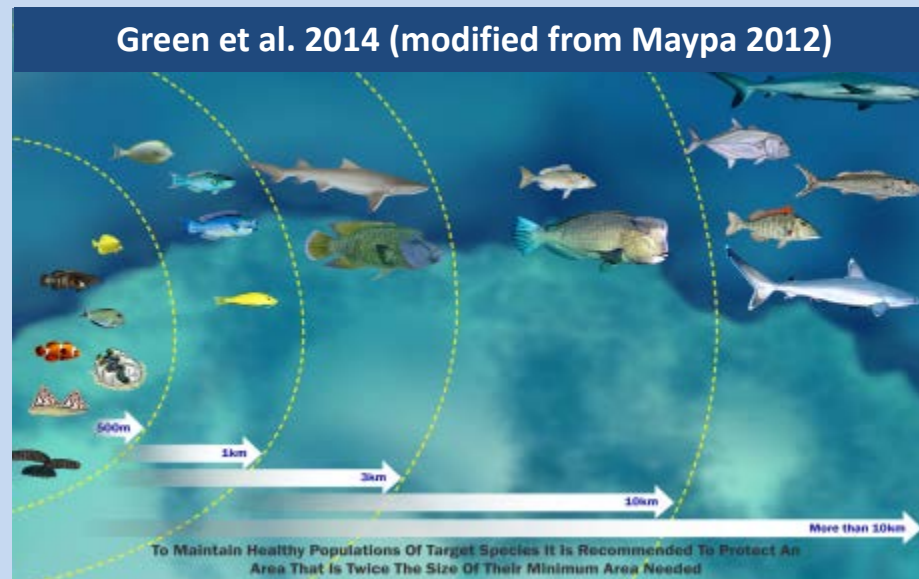
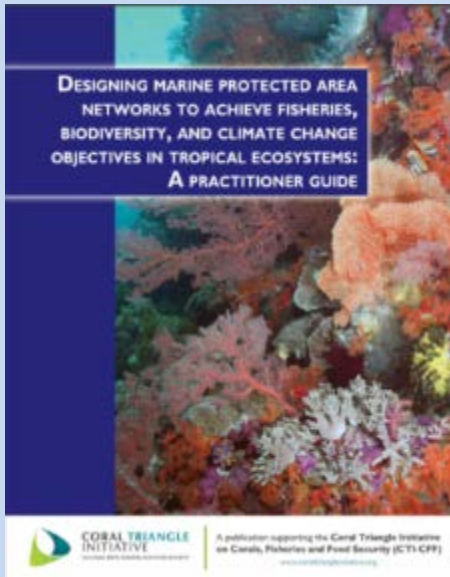


# **Dr. Alison Green**

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# Designing Marine Protected Area Networks to Achieve Fisheries, Biodiversity and Climate Change Objectives in Tropical Ecosystems

(Green et al. 2014 *Coastal Management Journal* 42:143–159)



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# Marine Spatial Planning in Mexico



# Breakout Discussions

1. Information Portals & Decision Support Tools
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- Where is TNC at the cutting edge of MSP?
- Trends in scale, issue, partners, etc.?
- What are opportunities for TNC?





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