Our Research

We conduct our work in seventeen Case Studies. Twelve of them are on a regional scale while five are pan-European. All Case Studies are designed to deliver a cause-andeffect understanding, to build predictive capacity in models, and to develop indicators and tools for decision-makers charged with the stewardship of European marine biodiversity under threats from multiple drivers. In each case, drivers examined represent the local/regional priorities from regulators who co-create what-if scenarios of interacting drivers including envisioned management actions. Our Case Studies cover eight European seas and three climatic zones.

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About us

ACTNOW is a state-of-the-art work programme that provides regulators and decision-makers the knowledge and fit-for-purpose tools they need to combat bio-diversity loss in coastal and marine habitats threatened by climate change interacting with other local and regional drivers.

Revealing areas of high biodiversity and climate value, predicting ecosystem responses and what-if-scenarios.

Providing regulators and policymakers fit-for-purpose tools to combat biodiversity loss in coastal and marine habitats.

Supporting adaptation, mitigation and sustainable blue economy growth.



Advancing understanding of Cumulative Impacts on European marine biodiversity, ecosystem functions and services for human wellbeing







Our Research & Activities



OUR VISION & MISSION

We develop and apply a systemic Integrated Biodiversity Assessment (IBA) framework to:

- ACTNOW co-develops regional "what-if" scenarios to predict how climate, human activity, and management strategies impact marine biodiversity and ecosystem functioning across Europe's coastal seas.
- We work with cutting-edge tools—from biologging to molecular methods—to uncover how marine organisms and ecosystems respond to multiple pressures, supporting better monitoring and management of vulnerable species and habitats.
- By integrating diverse data and advancing models, ACTNOW equips decision-makers with science-based tools to strengthen marine ecosystem resilience, improve human well-being, and guide sustainable ocean governance.



Getting in touch, Collaborations, Stakeholder Engagement.

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