

# IMPACT REPORT

## Valuing Marine Ecosystems –

Taking into account the value of ecosystem benefits in the Blue Economy

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The EMB work on Valuing Marine Ecosystems was conducted by a Working Group of 8 members. The Working Group was established in 2013 and chaired by Melanie Austen (at Plymouth Marine Laboratory at the time, now at University of Plymouth, UK).

The Future Science Brief was launched at an event organised in the European Parliament in April 2019 by the Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas European Parliament Intergroup (SEARICA) and the EMB. Over 50 participants attended the event and the launch was covered on the EMB website and Twitter account.



The publication was subsequently presented at several events, including the prestigious British Irish Parliamentary Assembly, where members of the Working Group were invited to present on the recommendations of the Future Science Brief. It was also presented at the 2019 Natural Capital Initiative Summit, where the Chair of the Working Group gave a keynote speech and at the ECOAST international workshop that focused on practical experiences of spatial planning for fisheries and aquaculture.



The main impact of this publication was its **relevance to policy and management**. The document was referenced in the "EU guidance on integrating ecosystems and their services into decision making" and the **recommendations** of the report were **published verbatim** as a Box (4.1) in **The Blue Economy Report 2020**. The Horizon Europe 2021-2022 work programme also includes two calls on valuing marine ecosystems, which highlights the timeliness of this document and the update of its main recommendations.



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