

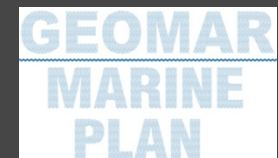
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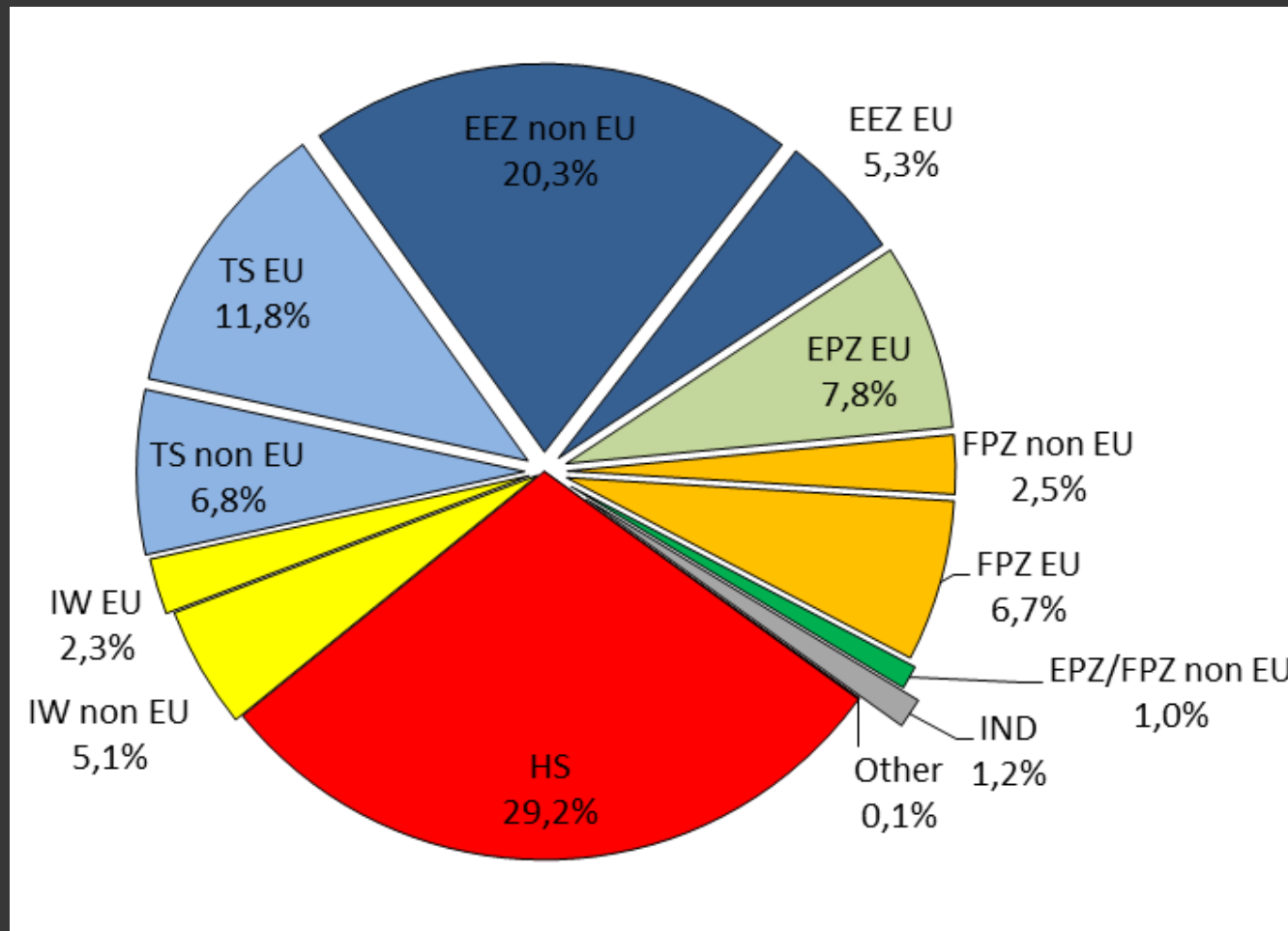
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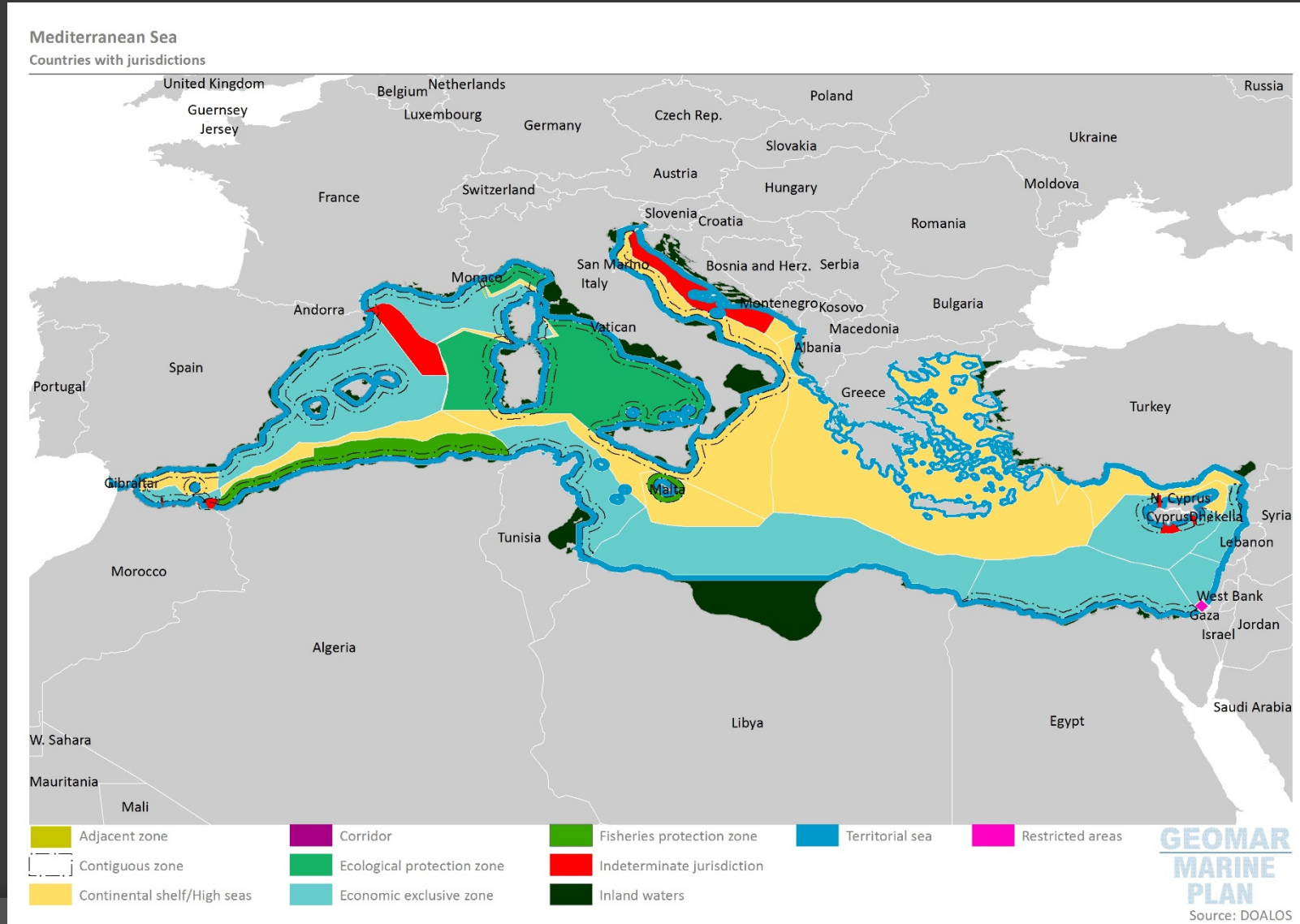
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# HIGH SEAS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS PROGRESSIVELY DISAPPEARING



# GIVEN THE BASIN'S GEOGRAPHICAL CHARACTERISTICS, ALL THE SEABED AND SUBSOIL IS UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION



# GEOPOLITICAL ISSUES

- REDUCTION OF GLOBAL COMMONS: THE GENERALISATION OF EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES AND THE INCREASING REDUCTION IN SIZE OF THE HIGH SEAS LEGITIMISES POSITIONS OF NATIONAL DOMINANCE AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.
- THE GREATEST REVENUE DIFFERENTIAL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA IS 1: 23.5 COMPARED TO 1:4.7 IN THE BLACK SEA.
- ONE THIRD OF COASTAL STATES ARE EU MEMBERS THAT CONTROL 50% OF JURISDICTIONAL WATERS.
- OF THE EXISTING POLITICAL BLOCKS ONLY THE EU POSSESSES A SOLID INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE FOR COOPERATION.



# MARITIME GOVERNANCE

- IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA THERE IS A WIDE AND DIVERSE RANGE OF MARITIME GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES THAT INVOLVE THE LARGE MAJORITY OF THE COASTAL STATES.
- THERE IS A LONG LIST OF INTERNATIONAL TREATIES –SOME 65- REGULATING THE VARIOUS MARITIME ACTIVITIES APPLICABLE TO THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND THE BLACK SEA.
- OF THE 29 MOST RELEVANT TREATIES FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, ONLY ONE HAS BEEN SIGNED BY ALL THE COASTAL STATES.



# CURRENT STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- ADEQUATE LEGAL-INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE BUT DOES NOT GUARANTEE AN ACCEPTABLE ECOLOGICAL STATE
- WEAK POLITICAL INTEGRATION
- DIFFICULTIES FOR REACHING CONSENSUS
- EUROPEANISATION OF THE REGIONAL SEAS



# CONCLUSIONS

- THE REGIONAL AND BILATERAL APPROACHES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS COMPLEMENTARY RATHER THAN EXCLUSIVE CATEGORIES.
- BILATERALISM SHOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD AS A WAY OF RENATIONALISING EITHER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT OR COOPERATION.
- BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF EQUITY BETWEEN STATES.
- THE INTERMEDIATE, SUB-REGIONAL SCALE IS ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEAS ON ACCOUNT OF THE OCEANOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS AND THE GEOPOLITICAL FRAGMENTATION OF THE REGION.





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