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Overexploitation of fish stocks and ineffective marine protected areas (MPAs) hinder biodiversity and fisheries sustainability in Europe.	Support small-scale fisheries through exclusive rights, co-management, and well-connected MPAs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spatial rights + co-management foster stewardship - Areas with strong enforcement & protection better meet biodiversity and fisheries goals. - Genetic & ecological diversity impact MPA effectiveness. 	<p>EXAMPLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote co-management and exclusive rights. - Combine fully & partially protected areas. - Use science-based zoning & spatial planning tools. 	EU institutions (EC, DG MARE, DG ENV), national ministries, MPA managers, regional sea conventions.	Local fishers, marine researchers, MPA planners. Strong legitimacy from projects and case studies in multiple EU regions.

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Small-scale fisheries & MPAs	HIGH – Biodiversity Strategy 2030, CFP & MSFD updates ongoing	HIGH – Strong case study & project evidence	YES	YES	Proceed with publication & dissemination. Target EU Biodiversity and Ocean agendas.

EXAMPLE