

MARINE CONSERVATION

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Is Norway doing enough?

Norway right now:

- **4.5%** of Norway's marine territory is protected.
- **10%** was the goal for 2020.
- **30%** is the new goal for 2030.
- **1,7%** is protected as MPAs.
- 150 small areas OECM, not included in the 4.5%

Is it enough?

- At current pace, it will take **750 years** to reach 30%
- Norway is the furthest from reaching the goal out of the Nordic countries

What more must be done?

- Better definitions for marine protection
- Larger areas with strict protection
- Increase awareness, education and commitment

SDG 14.5:

By 2020, conserve at least 10 % of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best scientific information.

Marine conservation:

The protection and preservation of ecosystems in oceans and seas.

Norwegian Context:

Conditions for marine conservation in Norway is written in the **Natural Diversity Act §39**

Protection can apply to:

Water surface
Water column
Sea floor

Example:

The sea floor can be protected, but **fishing** in water column still be **allowed**

