

# Protection / Management Plans for Natura 2000 areas and Maritime Spatial Plan for internal sea waters - including the Szczecin Lagoon

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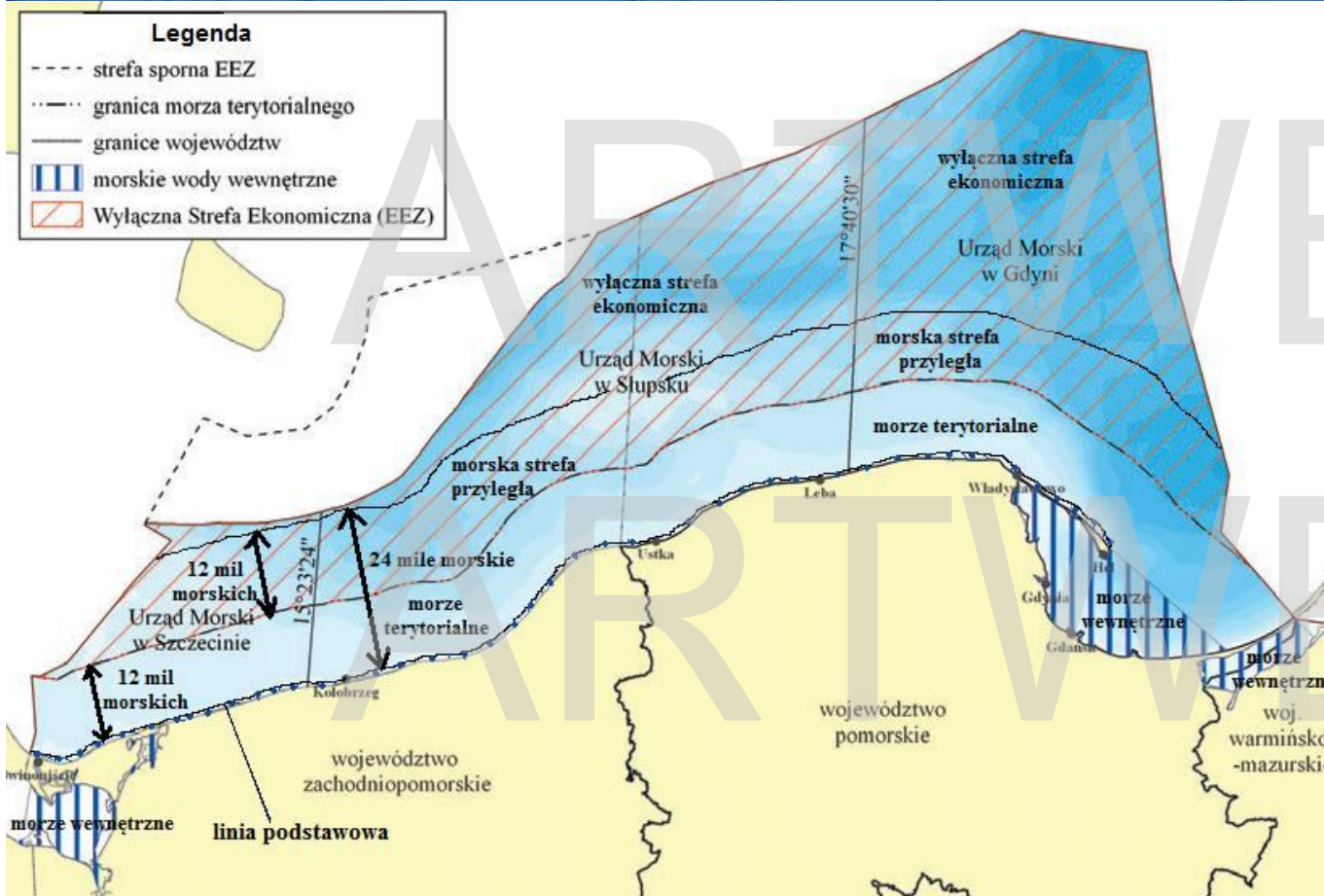
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Act of 21 March 1991 on the maritime areas of the Republic of Polish and Maritime Administration (Journal of Laws 2003, No. 153, item. 1502, as amended.) defines the legal situation of the maritime areas of the Polish Republic, the coastal area and the authorities of the marine administration and their scope of jurisdiction.

The maritime areas of the Republic of Poland are: internal sea waters, territorial area, exclusive economic zone.

Szczecin Lagoon - in accordance with Article 4 of this Act, is an area of internal sea waters





**The Authorities of the maritime administration in Poland are:**

- **The minister responsible for maritime affairs (The Minister of Infrastructure;**
- **The directors of the Maritime Offices, as the local authorities of the maritime administration.**

**The minister responsible for maritime affairs shall exercise the rights ownership in relation to public waters owned by the State, that the waters of the territorial sea and internal waters.**

**In particular, the authorities of the maritime administration shall deal with matters relating to:**

- **management of the territorial sea and internal sea waters and the land covered in these waters, referred to in the Act of 18 July 2001 - Water Law (Journal of Laws of 2011, No. 115, item. 1229, as amended.) and draw up spatial plans of internal waters, territorial sea and exclusive economic zone.**



Under Article 27 Paragraph 2 of the Act of 16 April 2004 on environmental protection (Journal of Laws of 2009, No. 151, item. 1220, as amended.) director of maritime office also exercises supervision over the Natura 2000 or the proposed area of having relevance Community designated marine areas. However, under Article. 29. this Act - supervisor draw the Protection Plan for Natura 2000 areas or parts thereof.

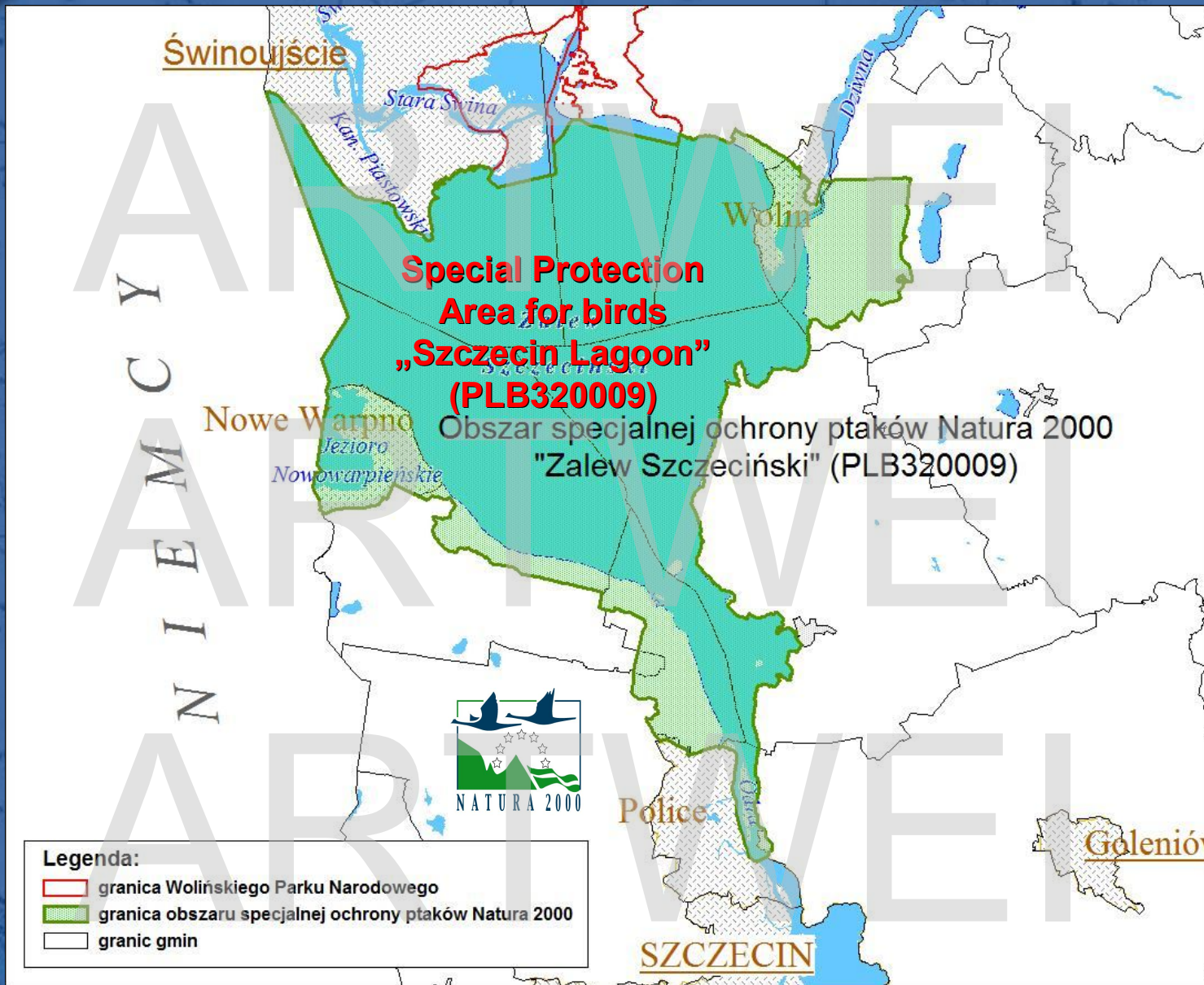
Within the Szczecin Lagoon are located in the following areas of the European Ecological Network Natura 2000:

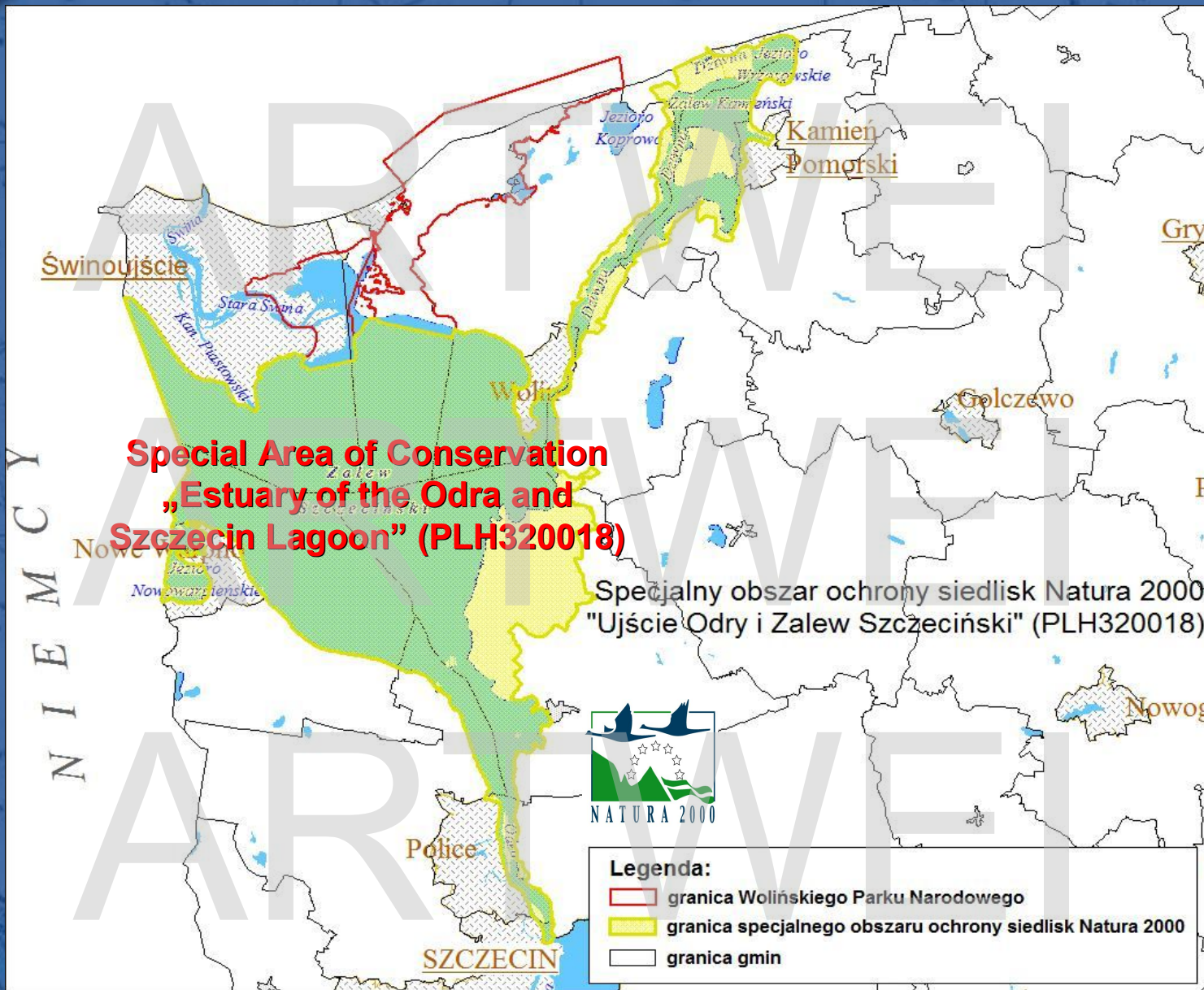
**1) Special Protection Area for birds „Szczecin Lagoon” (PLB320009),** appointed Minister of Environment Regulation dated 12 January 2011 on special protection areas for birds (Journal of Laws of 2011, No. 25, item. 133). The purpose of the designation of the area is to protect populations of wild bird species, maintaining and managing their natural habitats in accordance with the requirements of ecological restoration of damaged habitats and creation of biotopes.



**2) Special Area of Conservation „Estuary of the Odra and Szczecin Lagoon” (PLH320018), considered as areas of importance to the community (according to art. 25, paragraph. 1 point 3 of the Act of 16 April 2004 on the Protection of Nature - Journal . Laws of 2009, No. 151, item. 1220, as amended.) on the basis of Commission Decision of 10 January 2011 adopting, pursuant to Council Directive 92/43/EEC, a fourth updated list of sites of Community importance for the Continental biogeographical region (notified under document number C (2010) 9669) (2011/64/UE) (Journal of Laws L 33, 2.8.2011). The purpose of the designation of the area is permanent protection of natural habitats, populations and habitats of plants and animals and natural habitats, or play a favorable conservation status of species of plants or animals.**









In addition, supervisor in the Natura 2000 site is required to:

- implementation of conservation measures resulting from the write protection plan for the Natura 2000
- performance monitoring of habitats and populations of plant and animal species for which protection has been designated Natura 2000 sites, in accordance with the provisions of protection plan for the Natura 2000
- the implementation and placement of tables with information on name forms of nature protection, in accordance with Article 115 Paragraph 2 of the Act of April 16, 2004 Nature Conservation (Journal of Laws of 2004 No. 92, item. 880, as amended. ) formula specified Regulation of the Minister of Environment of 10 December 2004 on the designs of arrays (Journal of Laws of 2004 No. 268, pos. 2665)
- prepare and forward to the Director General of Environmental Protection, which 6 years in relation to a special area of conservation, and every 3 years in relation to bird protection area, evaluate the security of the area, with information about the conservation measures and the impact of these activities on the conservation status of natural habitats and plant species and animals for which protection has been designated a Natura 2000 site, and the results of monitoring and supervision of these activities.





Director of Maritime Office in Szczecin on 20 January 2011 signed an agreement project funding competition No POIS.05.03.00-00-280/10 „**Projects plans five Natura 2000 designated marine areas in Western Pomerania**”, implemented under the Priority Axis V (nature protection and promotion of ecological) of 5.3 (the development of protected area management plans), the Operational Programme Infrastructure and Environment (POLiŚ), funded by the European Regional Development Fund. The total amount of funds allocated to the project is 1 901 817 zł, with co-financing the state budget is 15% (285 273 zł), and EU funding reimbursements of 85% (1 616 544 zł).

The project includes the tasks carried out from 2011 to 2013 aimed at creating tools for the effective protection of the five designated Natura 2000 sites marine areas in Western Pomerania, through the development of their documentation and project plans in accordance with the Minister of Environment of 30 March 2010 on the compilation of a draft protection plan for the Natura 2000 (Journal of Laws of 2010, No. 64, item. 401), the Law of 16 April 2004 on environmental protection (Journal of Laws of 2009, No. 151, item. 1220, as amended.) and the Law of 3 October 2008 on the Provision of Information on the Environment and its Protection, Public Participation in Environmental Protection and Environmental Impact Assessments (Journal of Laws of 2008 No. 199 pos. 1227, as amended.) - for Natura 2000 areas, including „Szczecin Lagoon” and „Estuary of the Odra and Szczecin Lagoon”.



**On 19 April 2011 was declared a public contract for the service „Preparation of documentation of nature conservation plans and projects for the 5 designated Natura 2000 sites in marine areas in West Pomerania”. Deadline for submission of tenders is 30 May 2011.**

**Minister responsible for Environment shall establish, by regulation, the protection plan on the Natura 2000 or part thereof for a period of 20 years, guided by the need to maintain and restore the proper state of conservation of natural habitats and plant and animal species that have been assigned the Natura 2000 . The conservation plan may be changed, if it follows the requirements for protection of habitats or species of plants and animals and their habitats, for which the protection of designated Natura 2000 area.**

**Drawing up a draft protection plan enables individuals and entities operating within the natural habitats and habitats of the species for which protection of designated Natura 2000 area, contributing to with the preparation of this project.**





**Protection plan for the Natura 2000 areas, includes:**

- 1) description and map of the boundaries of the Natura 2000;
- 2) identify existing and potential threats to maintain the favorable conservation status of natural habitats and plant and animal species and their habitats, which are objects of protection;
- 3) determine the conditions for maintaining or restoring proper subject matter of the conservation status of Natura 2000, to preserve the integrity of the Natura 2000 and the coherence of the Natura 2000 network;
- 4) indicate changes in the existing studies of conditions and directions of spatial development of municipalities, local land use plans, zoning plans of provinces and spatial planning of internal waters, territorial sea and exclusive economic zone on the elimination or limitation of internal or external threats, if necessary to maintain or restore the proper state of conservation of natural habitats and plant species and animals that have been assigned the Natura 2000;
- 5) the protective measures for maintaining or restoring proper subject matter of the conservation status of Natura 2000, together with the entities responsible for their implementation;
- 6) indicators of the favorable conservation status of habitats or species and animals and their habitats, conservation of objects;



- 7) the methods of monitoring the implementation of conservation tasks and their consequences;
- 8) to identify ways of monitoring the conservation status of habitats or species of plants and animals and their habitats, which are objects of protection.

The Minister of Environment of 30 March 2010 on the preparation of a draft security plan for the Natura 2000 (Journal of Laws of 2010 No. 64 item. 401) specifies the mode of preparing a draft of protection plan, scope of work required to draft a protection plan and procedures for making changes in the plan of protection.

Draft of protection plans for Natura 2000 will be subject to public consultation during the thematic meetings organized (public consultation) in the form of workshops with the mediator or mediators.





Chapter 9 of the Act of 21 March 1991 on the maritime areas of the Republic of Polish and Maritime Administration (Journal of Laws 2003, No. 153, item. 1502, as amended.) concerns the planning and land use areas of internal sea waters, territorial sea and exclusive economic zone. Szczecin Lagoon area is not yet drawn up Maritime Spatial Plan.



**Maritime Spatial Plans** be decided:

- 1) allocate areas of internal waters, territorial sea and exclusive economic zone;
- 2) prohibition or restriction of use of the areas referred to in paragraph 1 taking into account the requirements of nature conservation;
- 3) placement of a public investment;
- 4) directions of development of transport and technical infrastructure;
- 5) areas and environmental conditions and cultural heritage.

The draft of Maritime Spatial Plan drawn the directors of the Maritime Offices responsible for the area covered by the plan.

Currently working on a draft law amending the Law on Planning and land development. This Act has been added a chapter on spatial planning in maritime areas.



## Maritime Spatial Plan:



1) is defined:

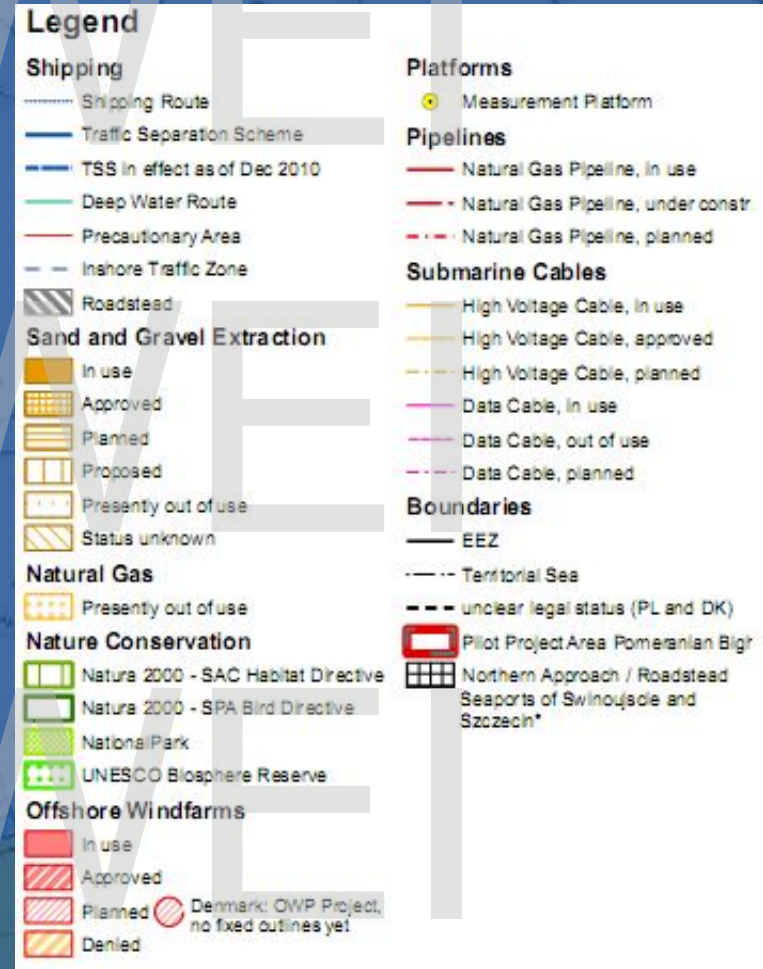
- a) the use of water bodies,
- b) a system of reservoirs for the purposes of maritime transport, including safety of navigation,
- c) a system of reservoirs for the purpose of investment-related linear with projects that use and generating, transmission, or conduct mineral of submarine cables and pipelines,
- d) the restrictions and allow the use of marine areas in the field of navigation, fishing, climb and use of artificial islands, installations and structures, swimming and water motor sports, laying cables, pipelines and other facilities expected to be placed on the bottom;

2) shows the distribution:

- a) the system of protected waters, including those protected under the Act of 16 April 2004 on Nature Conservation, the Act of 28 July 2005 a therapeutic spa, spas and conservation areas and a spa resort gminas, the Law of 23 July 2003 on the protection of monuments and the care of monuments,
- b) a public investment of the importance of supra-local, which have been established in the documents adopted by the Polish Parliament, the Council of Ministers, the competent minister or the council the province, according to their competence,
- c) areas of documented or confirmed preliminary studies and information posted on geological maps, mineral deposits,



d) the areas covered by mining concessions for exploitation of minerals,  
e) border zones and border zones, dangerous to shipping and fisheries, and the permanent protection circuits and protection circuits for a specified period,  
3) take into account the goals and directions set out in the long-term national development strategy, establish the medium-term country development strategy and other strategies for development, land use plan the region and development plan for the country and government jobs programs, etc.



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**Thank You for attention**

