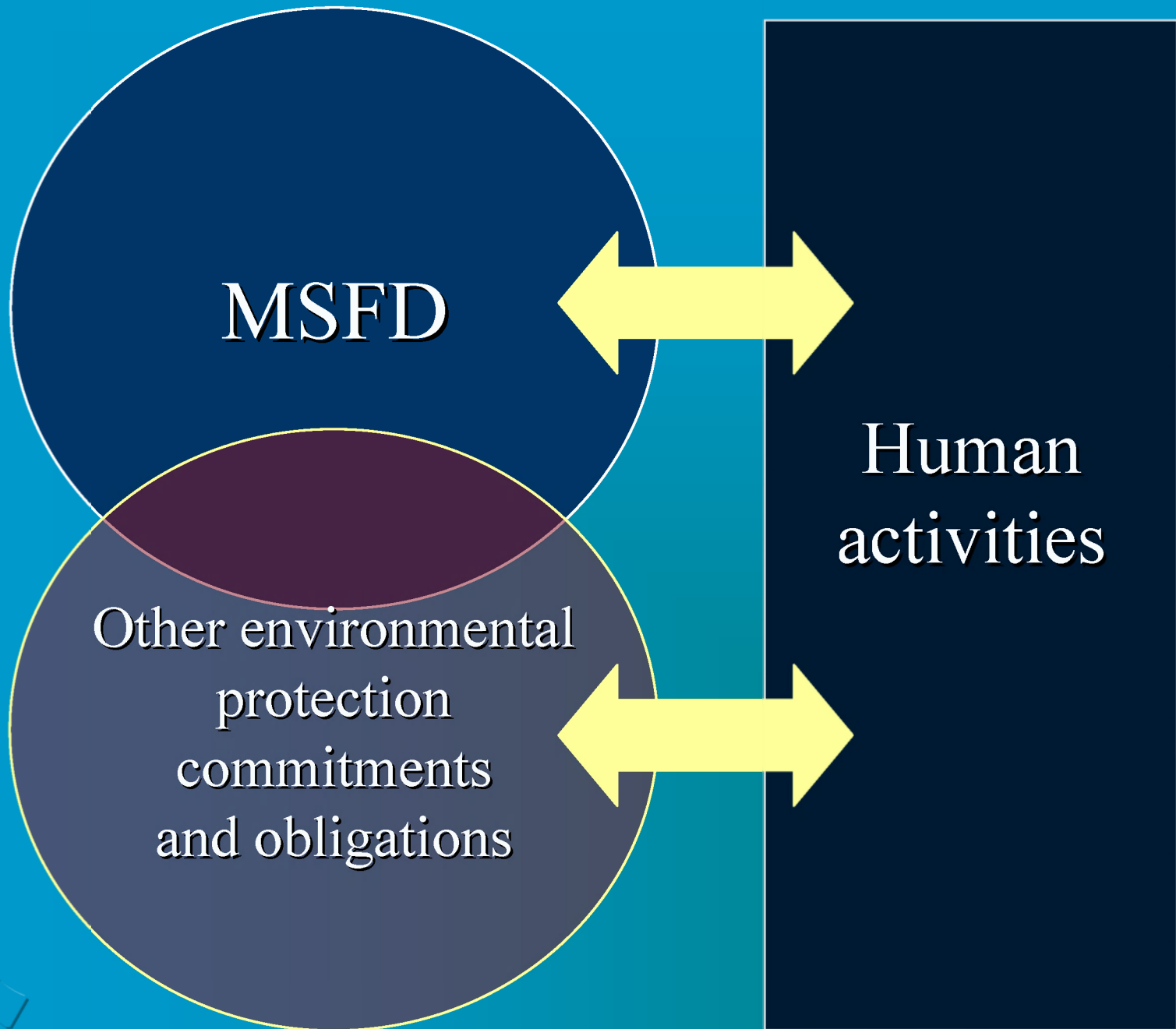



# **Challenges in defining GES for Belgian waters: Marine biodiversity**

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# Challenge 1: The integration of commitments and policies

# MSFD

- Flexibility in decisions on implementation




- Need for regional cooperation/coherence

# Problems



- Progress: some virtually finished IA, GES, T&I
- Scale of assessment very different

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## Challenge 2: Reaching international coherence



# GES

- Reflects the vision and ambition of MS towards the future of their marine waters
  - Is based on the ecosystem
  - Is all about the setting of baselines and targets
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- Targets need socio-economic considerations and need to be cost-effective




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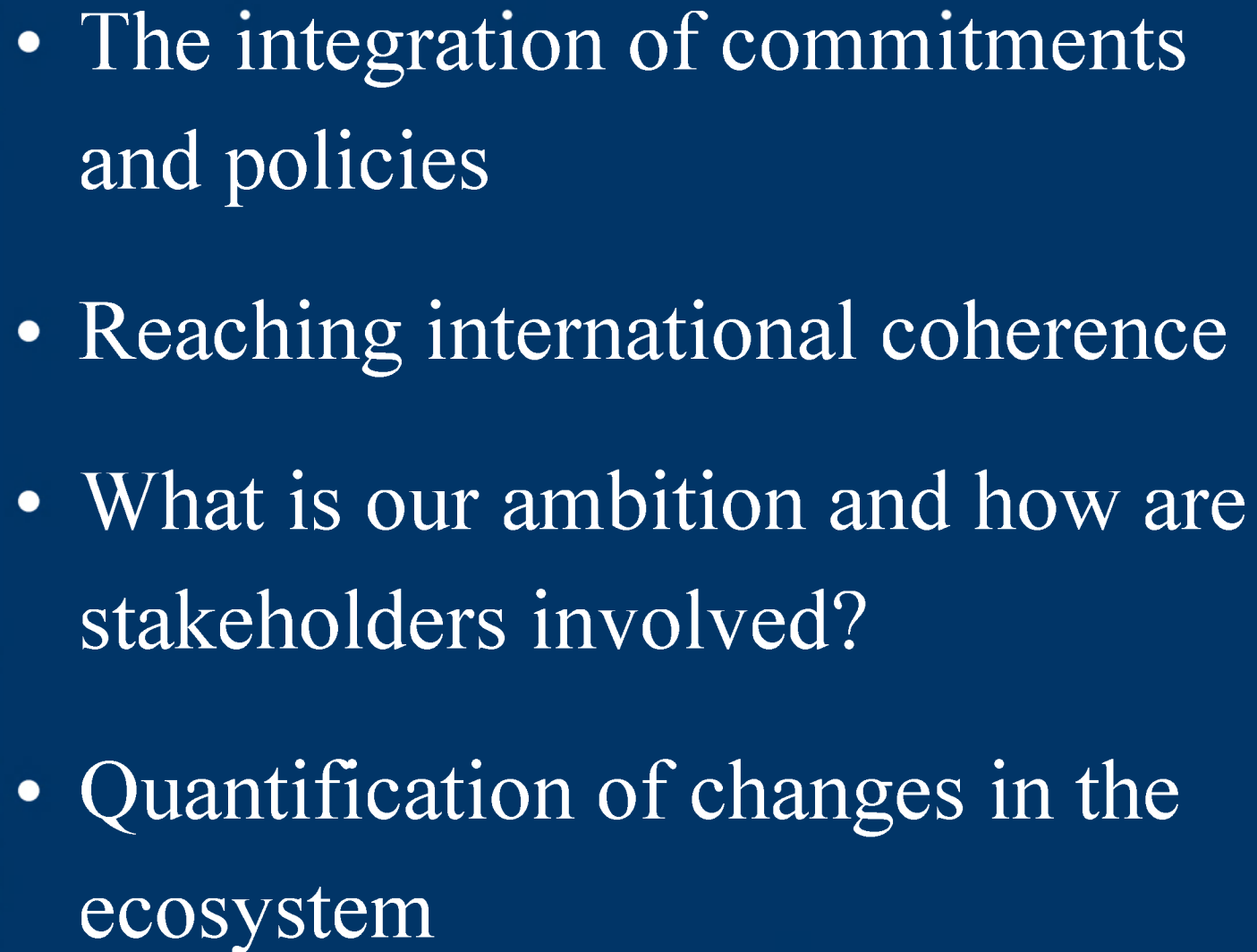
Challenge 3: What is our  
ambition and how are  
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# GES

- Quantification of targets for biota?
- Biological variability and natural change
- Climate change

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# Challenge 4: Quantification of changes in the ecosystem

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- The integration of commitments and policies
  - Reaching international coherence
  - What is our ambition and how are stakeholders involved?
  - Quantification of changes in the ecosystem



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