**Integrating social and natural sciences in marine research**

**Topics to be explored within case studies**

1. Basic data on collaborating institution/network

* When established
* Primary goals/objectives/mission
* Research areas
* Number of natural and social scientists
* Number and type of projects in which natural and social sciences are integrated

2. What has worked in integrating natural and social science data so far

* Types of research topics/projects
* Types of social/natural science data useful for integration
* Benefits of interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary/transdisciplinary work to generate new approaches and knowledge
* Conducive institutional structures and processes
* Professional relations between social and natural scientists

3. Challenges in integrating natural and social sciences

* Differences in epistemology/worldviews
* Differences in data requirements (quantitative, qualitative, etc.)
* Incentives for integration

4. Proposals on how to better integrate social and natural sciences

* Research areas/projects more conducive for integration
* Changes in institutional structures and processes
* Changes in professional relations among actors