In this guide, we use a clear, straightforward step-by-step approach to show you how you can set up and apply MSP. Most steps are illustrated with relevant examples from the real world. To make sure you have the information you need, throughout the text we refer you to more detailed sources, including the Unesco website on MSP (ioc.unesco.org/marinesp) that can further support you in making good decisions in MSP.
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. Man and Biosphere. ICAM. Ecosystem-based, marine spatial planning seeks to sustain the benefits of the ecological goods and services that the oceans provide to humans as well as all living organisms on the planet. Why Was an International Workshop on Marine Spatial Planning Organized? 1. The ecosystem approach is based on the application of appropriate scientific methodologies focused on levels of biological organization, which encompass the essential processes, functions and interactions among organisms and their environment.