

Yellow

Country profile

Country yellow has the area's largest population of c. 80 million people and it is one of the world's leading economies. The country has a very formal and stable governance structure: legislation on nature protection and biodiversity is strict and long-established. Yellow's government is known for a thorough working method and is determined to have the best scientific-evidence approach to planning the sea. Country Yellow has good bilateral relationships with its neighbouring countries, although a demarcation line (sea border) with the Orange country is not established.

Yellow has a huge offshore wind energy ambition and its current renewable energy objective is 15 GW by 2030. It has decided to close its nuclear power plants and wind energy is seen as an important source for employment and energy security. The country currently has only one interconnector and would like to create more to increase its energy security. There is no regulation for the location of wind farms, although local communities prefer wind farms further offshore. So far the tourist industry has not objected to the government's plans. However, the shipping sector has expressed its concerns.

Shipping is a very important sector and its economic importance is projected to grow 2.5% annually. Yellow's 3 major ports are hubs for the international flow of goods; the extension of port facilities is sought in order to develop import and export links. The economic importance of the shipping industry is linked to Yellow's seaports but, as vessels increase in size, continued access to ports is considered a key issue.

Fishing does not play a very big role in the Yellow country but aquaculture is gaining interest. The government is actively searching for multi-use areas and combinations of wind farm areas and aquaculture look very promising. Oil and gas extraction is of minor importance, with only the most eastern part of the Yellow EEZ hosting a couple of mining platforms, which have a few pipelines that are connected to shore.

The coastline of country Yellow is considered ecologically very important. Harbour porpoises and common and grey seals are situated in Yellow's sea area in huge numbers. Many sites in Yellow's EEZ are designated as Natura 2000 areas with the majority designated as bird and habitat areas.

Other activities that take place in the Yellow part of the Sea of Colours are military activities, sand extraction, dredging and recreational activities, such as yachting, sailing and recreational angling.

