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**COMMISSION**

*Protecting and conserving  
the North-East Atlantic  
and its resources*



# OSPAR in The High Seas, Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction or Beyond 200 Nautical miles!

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Executive Secretary

# **OSPAR Convention** - protection of the marine environment of the North East Atlantic

## **Main Objectives**

- Prevent and eliminate pollution
- protect the maritime area against the adverse effects of human activities
- safeguard human health and conserve marine ecosystems
- when practicable, restore marine areas

## **Guiding Principles**

- Ecosystem Approach – the overarching concept and basis for OSPAR work
- Precautionary Principle
- Polluter Pays principle
- Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices

# OSPAR Commission

## 16 Contracting Parties

- Belgium
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Luxembourg
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- The United Kingdom
- European Union



## OSPAR Maritime Area and Regions:

Region I: Arctic Waters

Region II: Greater North Sea

Region III: Celtic Seas

Region IV: Bay of Biscay/Iberian Coast

Region V: Wider Atlantic

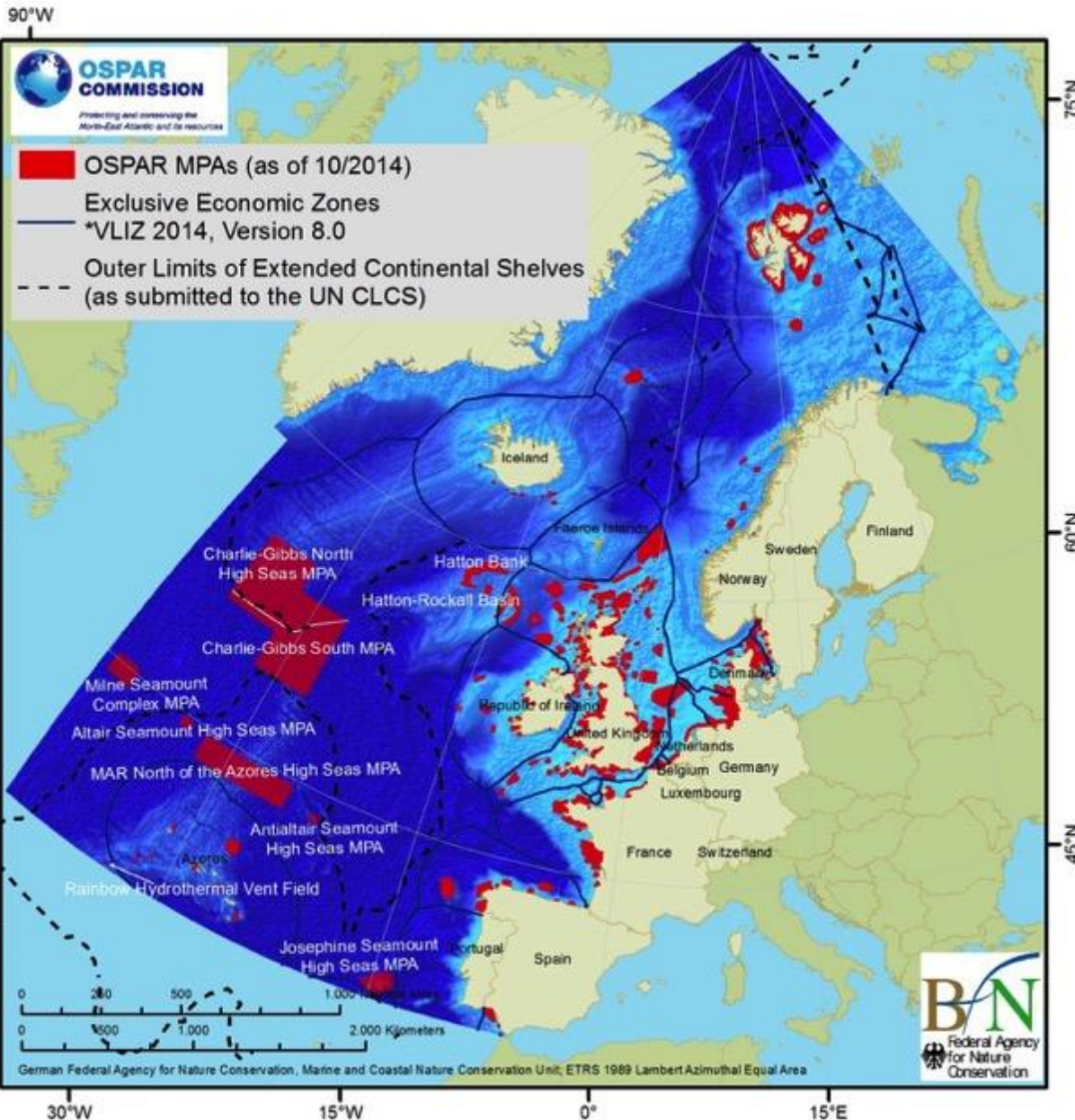
# Threatened and Declining Species and Habitats







# Applying an Ecosystem Approach to Managing Human Activities



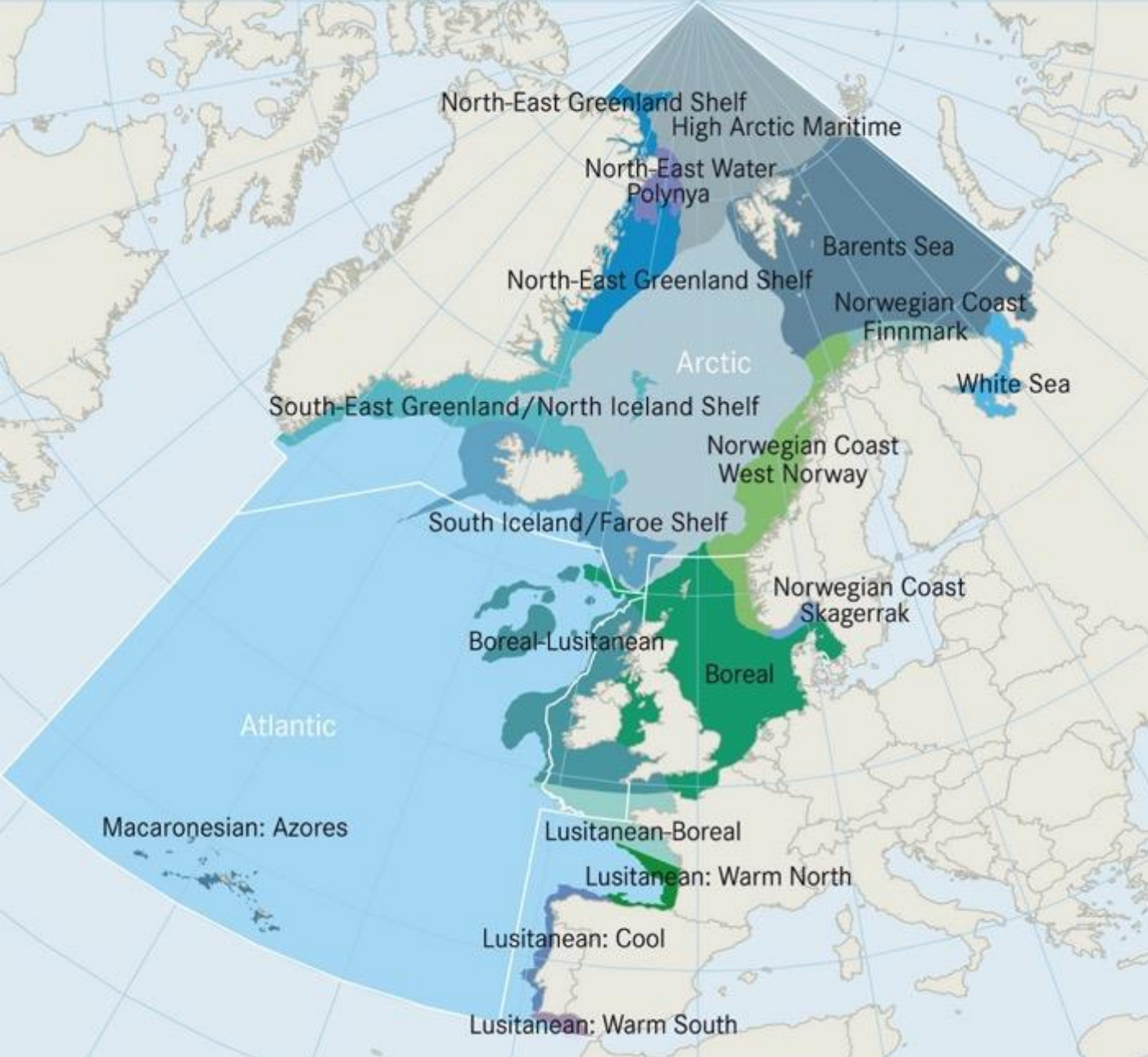
# OSPAR Network of MPAs

410 MPAs

6% of total area.

800,000 sq km





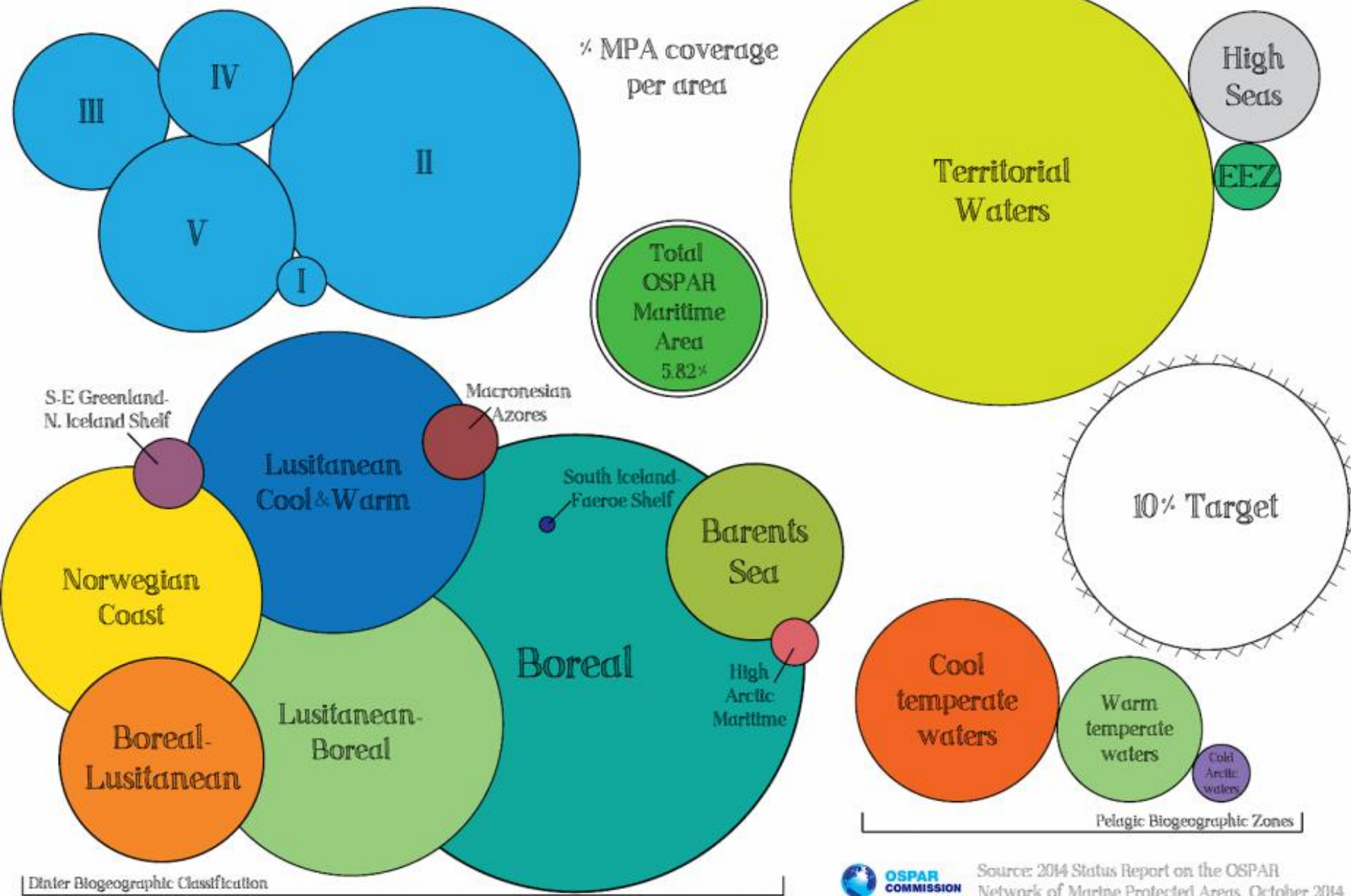
Assess:

Representative

Eco-coherence

Management

Effectiveness

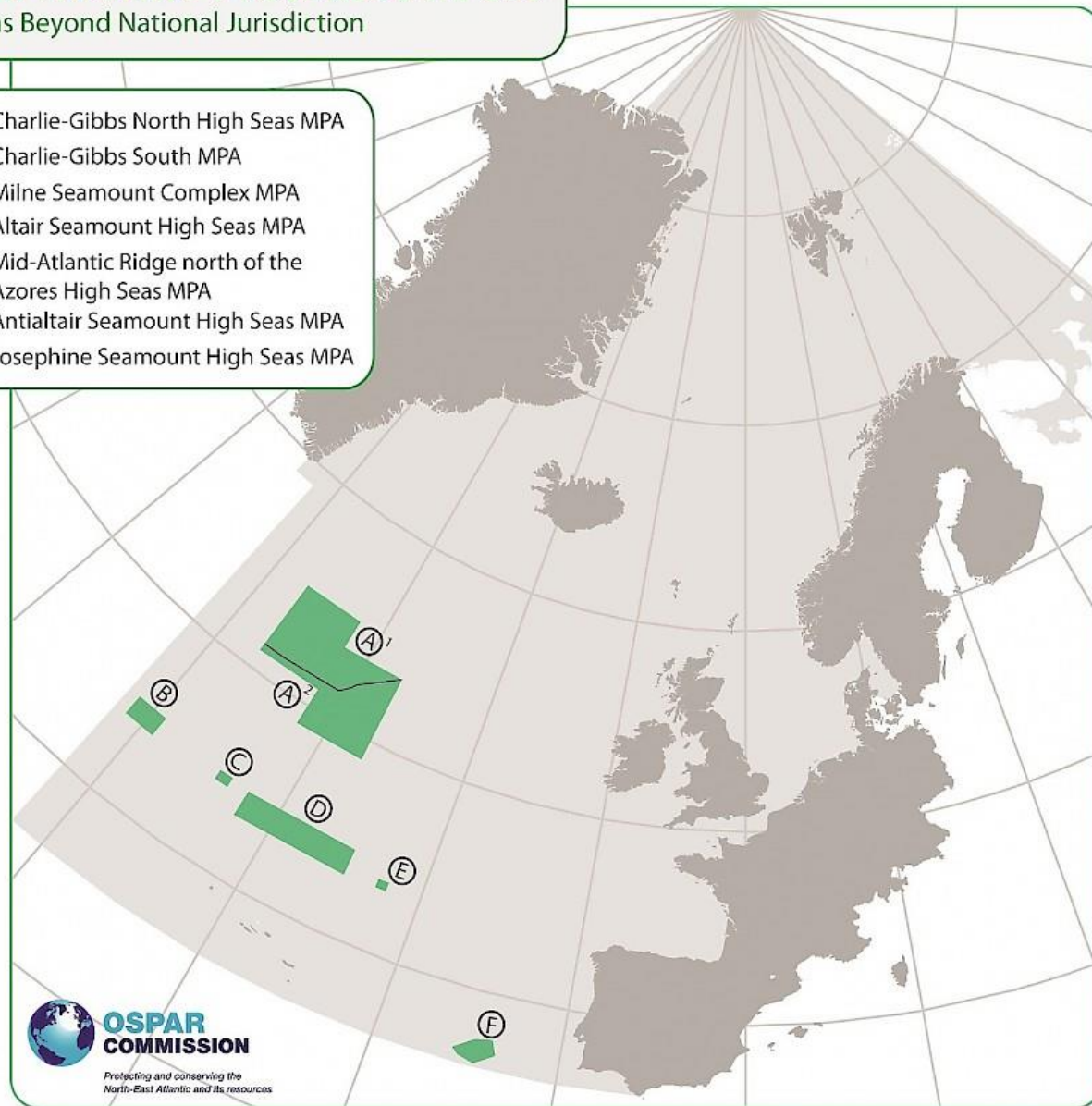




# OSPAR Marine Protected Areas

- in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

- (A)<sup>1</sup> Charlie-Gibbs North High Seas MPA
- (A)<sup>2</sup> Charlie-Gibbs South MPA
- (B) Milne Seamount Complex MPA
- (C) Altair Seamount High Seas MPA
- (D) Mid-Atlantic Ridge north of the Azores High Seas MPA
- (E) Antialtair Seamount High Seas MPA
- (F) Josephine Seamount High Seas MPA



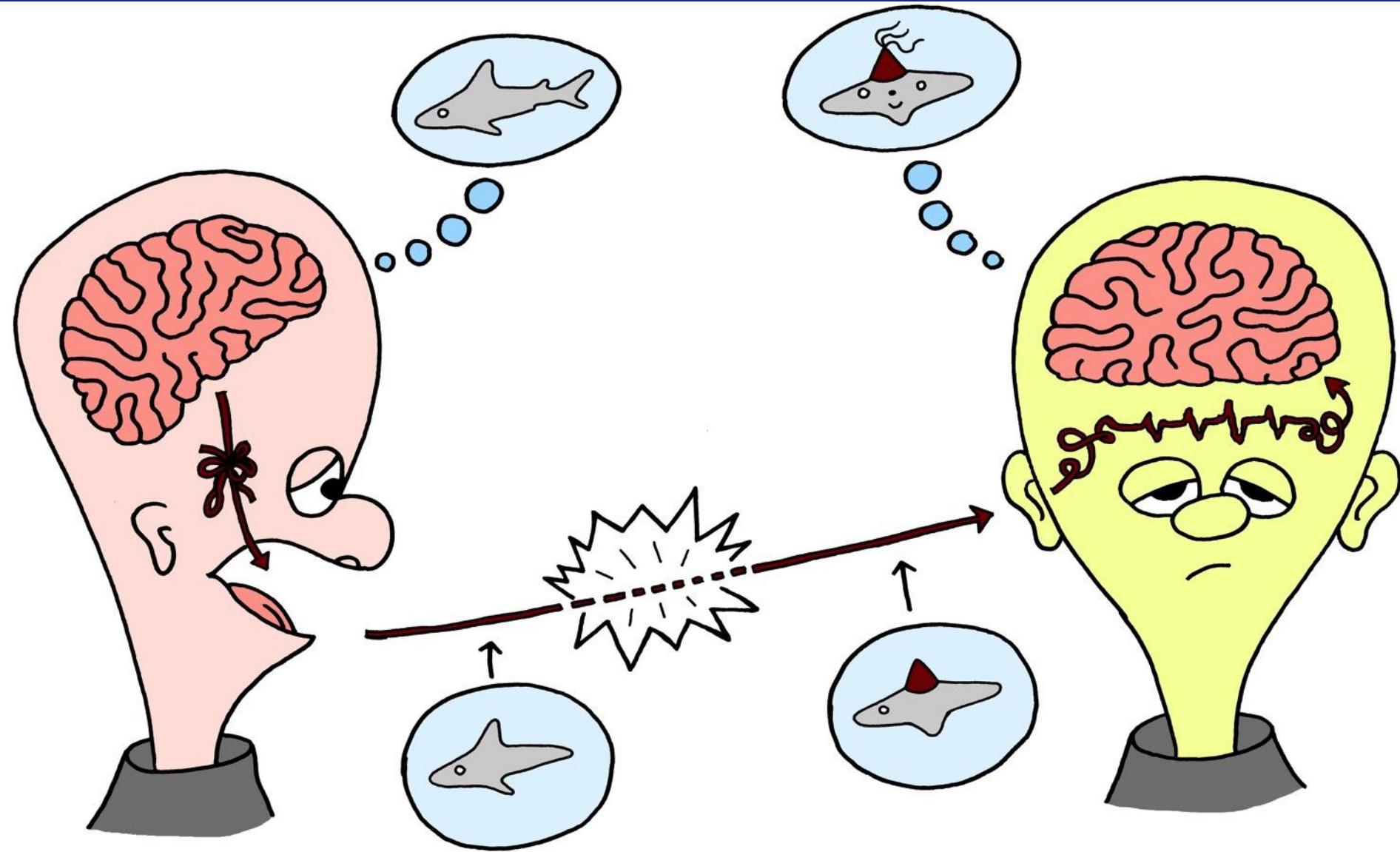
MPA Beyond  
200nm = 6 % of  
OSPAR ABNJ  
area

# Our friends in fisheries! - Cooperation





# Are we speaking the same language?





# Cancer drug or Face cream?



Cbd	Fao	laea	Imo	Isa	De	Do	Dp	Ep	Ioc	Ido	Wmo	Wb	Iho	loi	Ge	UN
CBD	FAO	IAEA	IMO	ISA	UN-DESA	DOALOS	UNDP	UNEP	UNESCO-IOC	UNIDO	WMO	WB	IHO	IOI	GESAMP	UN-OCEANS
Icsu	Iucn	Po	Idi	Won	Mcf	Sea	Wwf	Ps	Gp	Ci	Pew	Oc	Sc	Gof	Gef	Gpo
ICSU	IUCN	POGO	IDDR1	WON	MCF	EAS AT RISK	WWF	ELASTICS SOLUTIONS	GREENPEACE	CI	PEW	OCEANA	SCOR	GOF	GEG	WB-GOP



# The Regional Role







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**ABOUT**

OSPAR is the mechanism by which 15 Governments & the EU cooperate to protect the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic.

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**MARINE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK**



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