

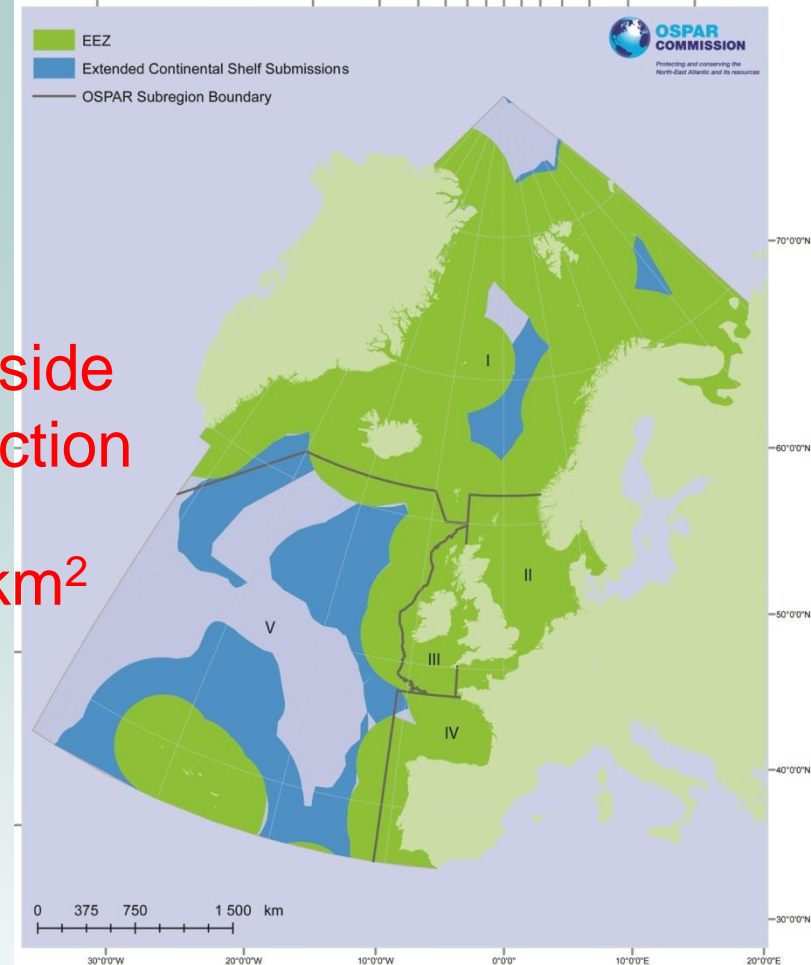
OSPAR Commission

16 Contracting Parties

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

Within and outside
national jurisdiction

13.5 million km²



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

OSPAR Convention - 1992

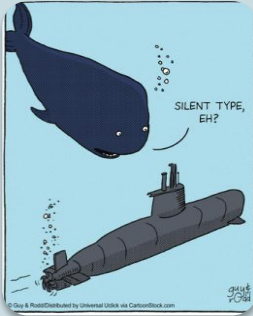
Main Objectives

- 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

2010-2020 North East Atlantic Environment Strategy



Biodiversity and ecosystem Strategy



Eutrophication Strategy



Offshore industry Strategy



Hazardous substances Strategy



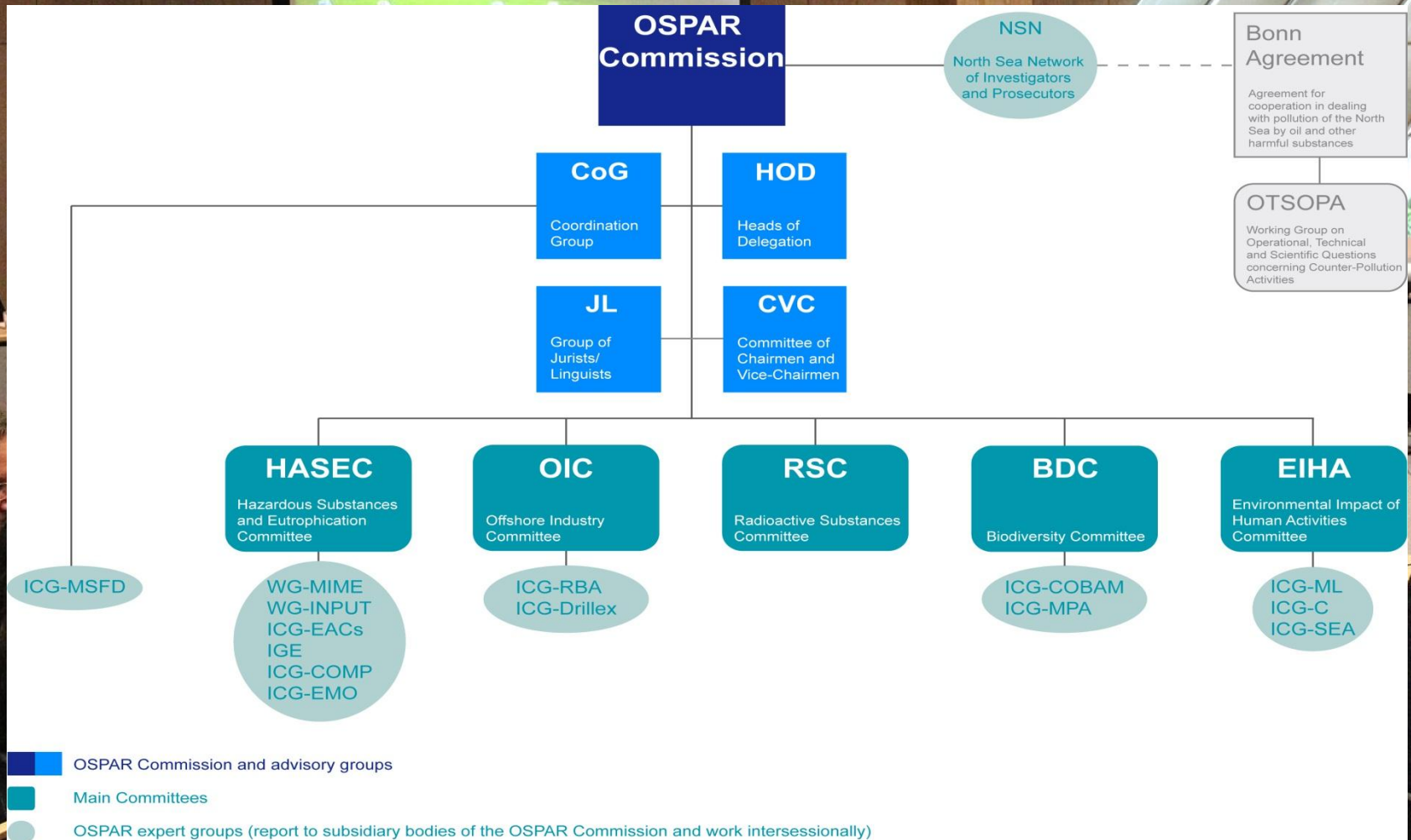
Radioactive substances Strategy



Ecosystem Approach - Cross cutting

- Cumulative effects
- MSP
- Economic and social analysis
- Climate change

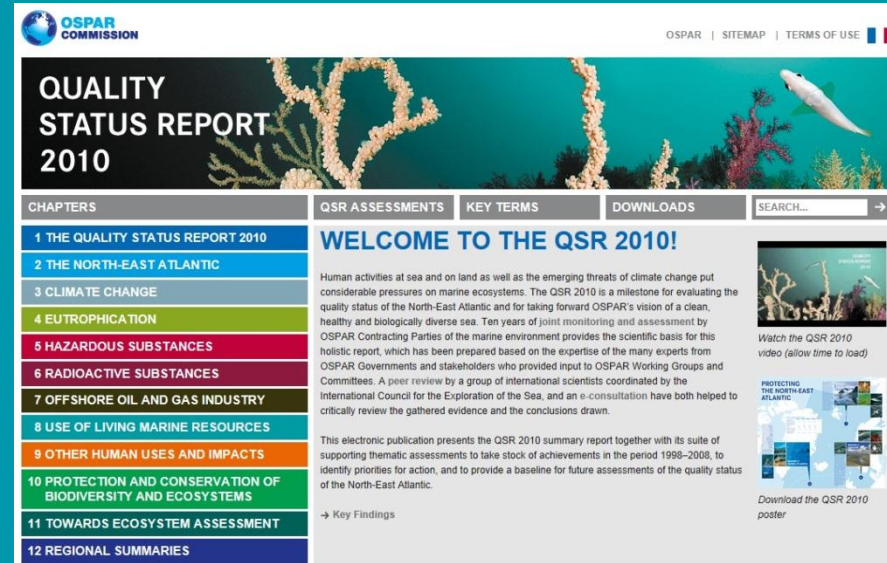
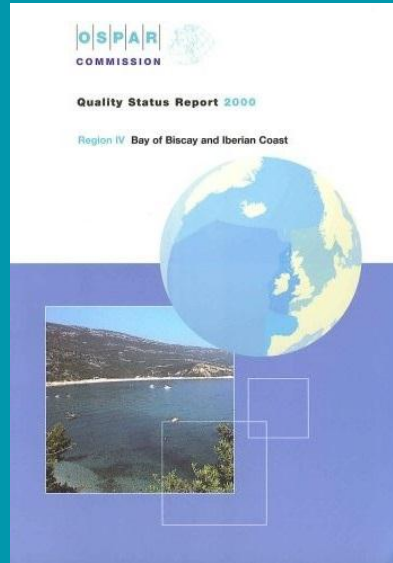
Science meets policy – Work led by Contracting Parties





OSPAR COMMISSION

Protecting and conserving
the North-East Atlantic
and its resources



1993

Oslo and Paris
& ICES >

North Sea Task
Force in North
Sea sub-regions

2000

OSPAR >

Five Regions +
integral QSR 2000

2010

OSPAR >

integral QSR 2010
+ web-based and
underlying thematic
reports

Human activities

Assessment and management:

- Fisheries (no OSPAR measures)
- Shipping (preference for IMO to take measures)
- Dumping and Dredging
- **Offshore renewable energy**
- Oil and gas exploration
- Coastal defence and other structures
- Cables and pipelines
- Artificial reefs
- Land reclamation
- Sand and gravel extraction
- Tourism
- Mariculture
- **Marine litter**
- **Underwater noise**
- Dumped munitions
- **Deep sea mineral extraction**





Cumulative impacts





Cooperation

Crowded space – or great potential

Periodic Table of the European Marine/Maritime Elements

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Erc ERC	Ms EMSA																Os OSPAR	He HELCOM	Ba BARC	Bc BUCA	
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	EU Marine International Scientific Councils		Databases
	EU Regional Fisheries Organizations		International Programmes (IPO in Europe)
	EU Regional Conventions		Funding instruments
	UN conventions and treaties		Reporting Processes
	EU legal framework on marine/maritime affairs		UN specialized agencies with marine/maritime mandate
	Think tankers		Other marine International Organizations in Europe
	European specialized agencies		Main Marine/Maritime NGOs in Europe
	European Marine Scientific Clusters		Other main International NGOs
	European Maritime Clusters		UN Funding instruments

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Icsu ICSU	Iucn IUCN	Po POGO	Idi IDDRI	Won WON	Mcf MCF	Sea EAS AT RIS	Wwf WWF	Ps LASTICS SOL	Gp GREENPEACE	Ci CI	Pew PEW	Oc OCEANA	Sc SCOR	Gof GOF	Gef GEG	Gpo WB-GOP



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