



**OSPAR**  
**COMMISSION**

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



# OSPAR opportunities for cooperation with PAME

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# **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



# Science meets policy – Work led by Contracting Parties



# OSPAR Strategies

**Biodiversity and  
Ecosystem  
Strategy**

**Offshore Industry  
Strategy**

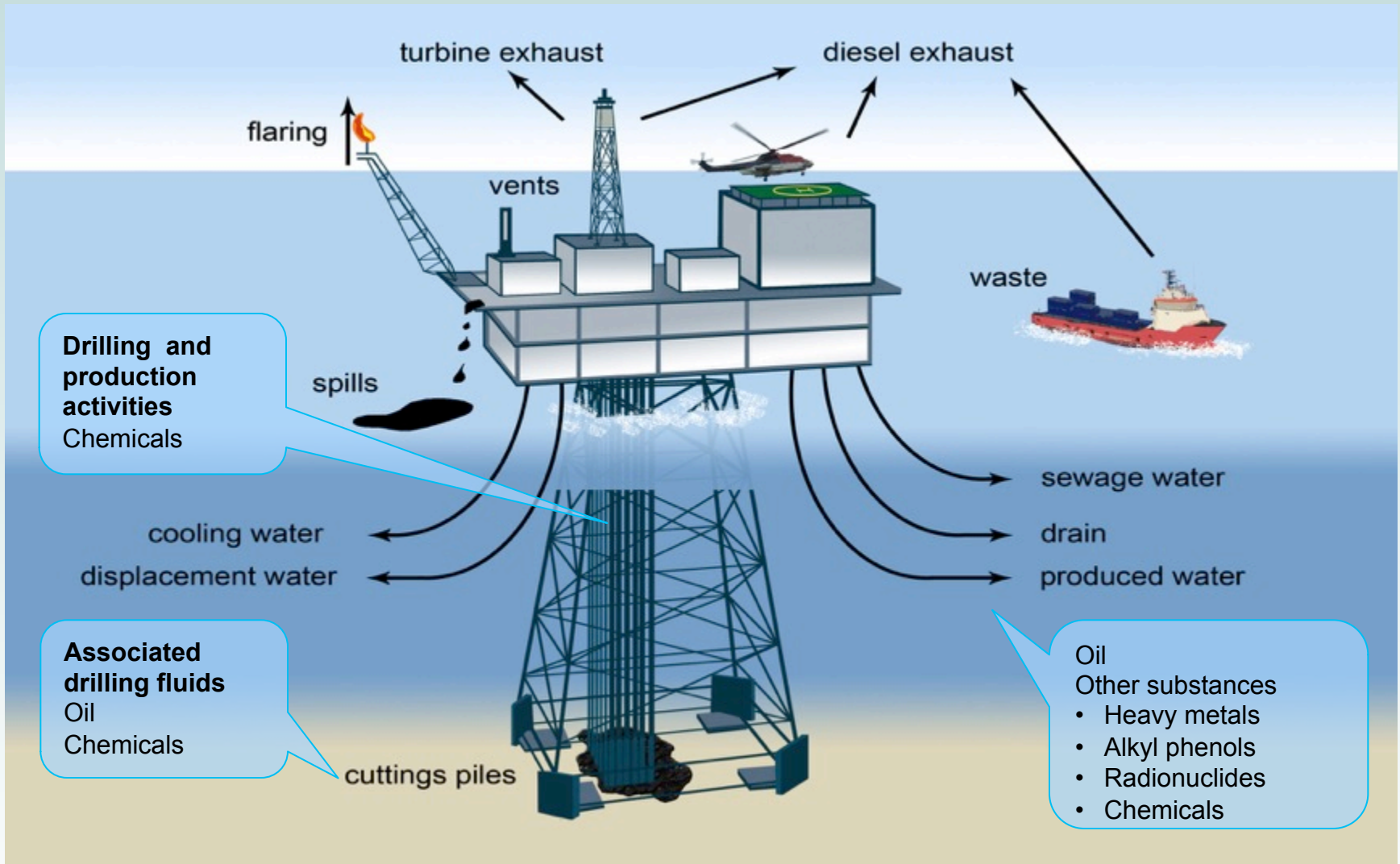
**Eutrophication  
Strategy**

**Radioactive  
Substances Strategy**

**Hazardous  
Substances  
Strategy**

Of interest to PAME.....

# Focus on operational discharges, but...







# Bonn Agreement Accord de Bonn

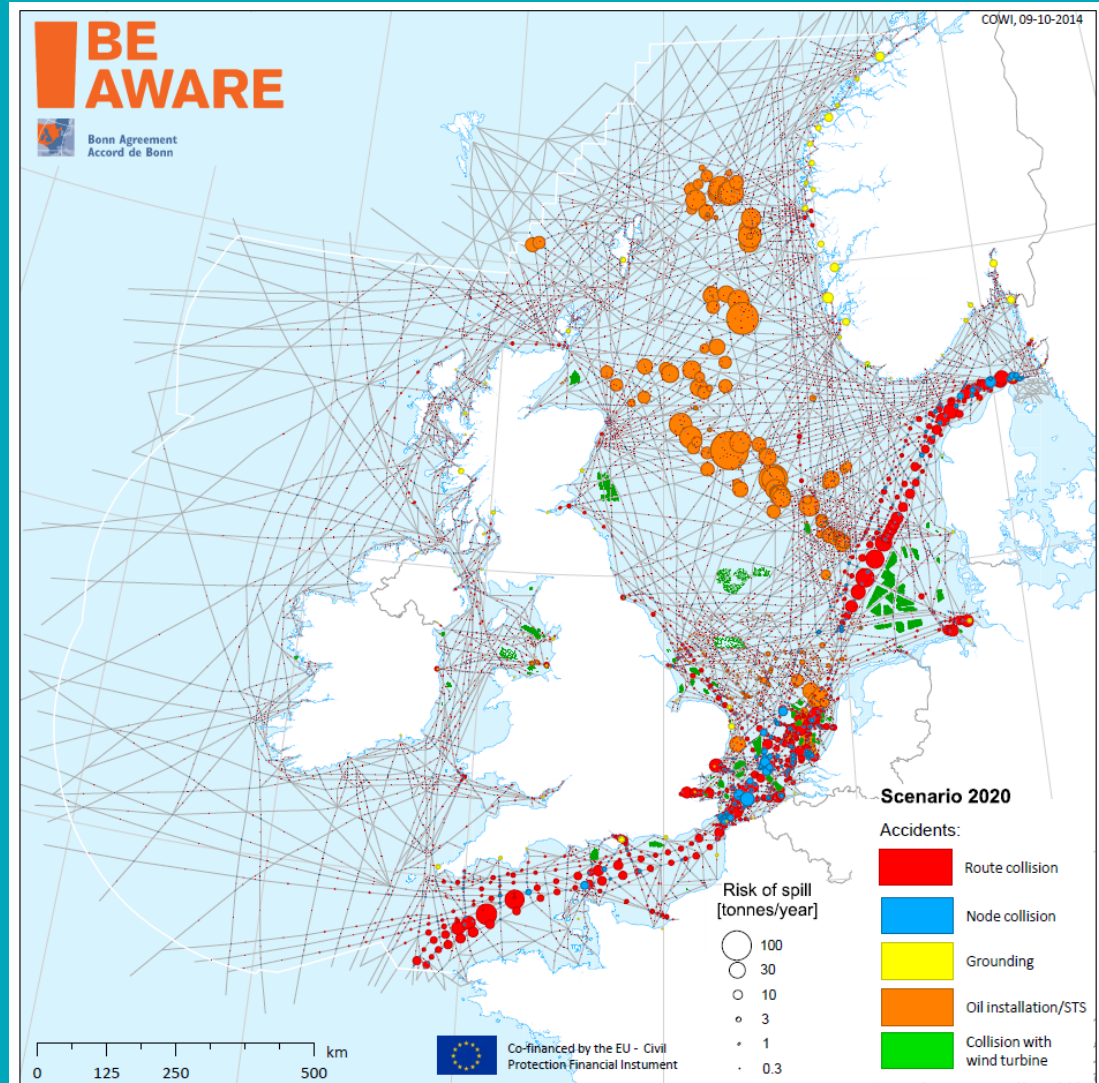
## Accident spill

Ship collisions, grounding  
and offshore installations

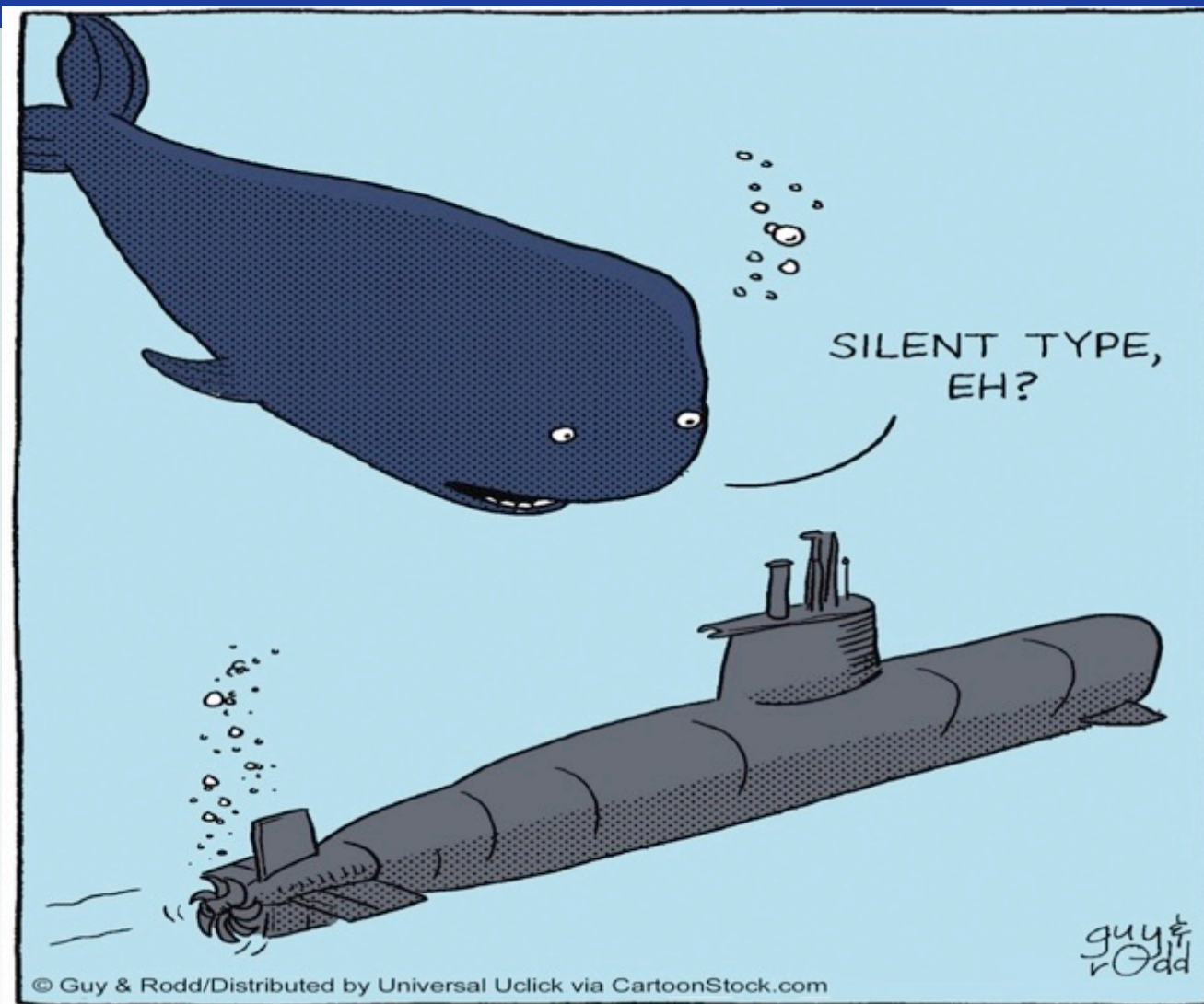
Spill overview divided into:

All locations: approx. 15000

Oil Classes,  
Size of spill,

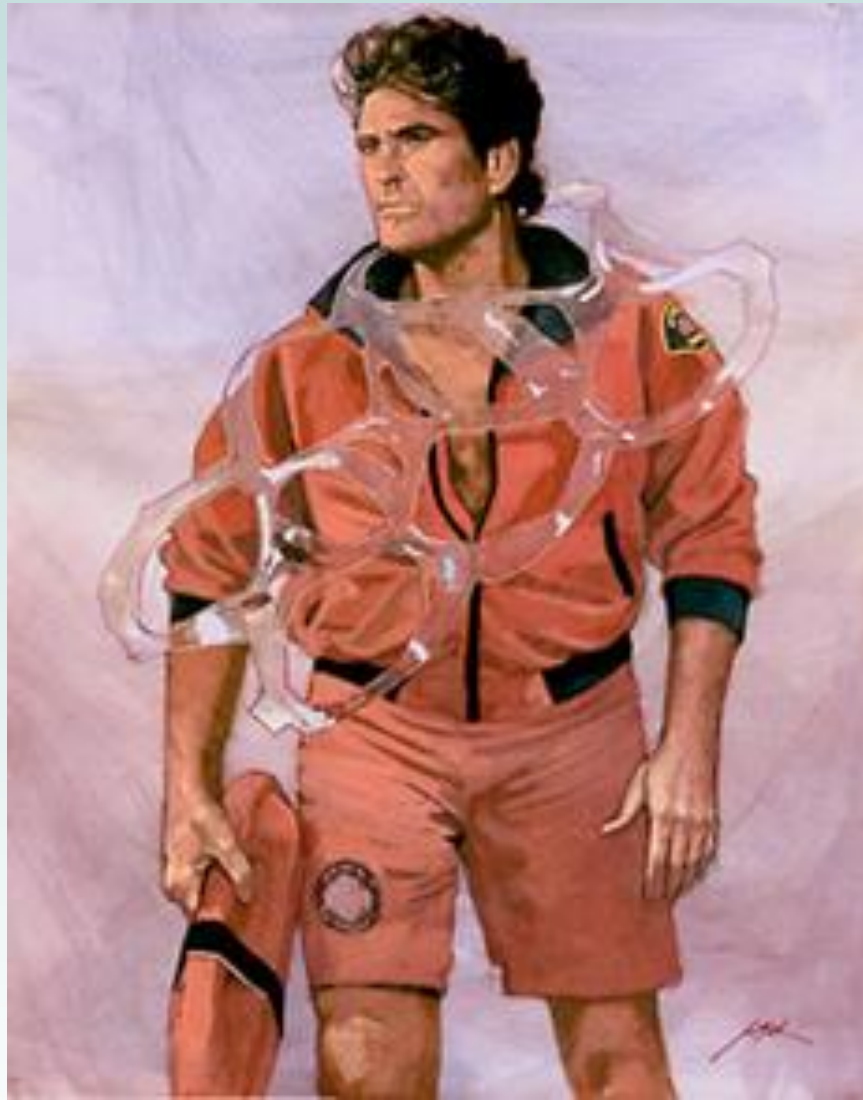


# New Areas - Noise





# New areas – Marine Litter





# Understanding Cumulative impacts



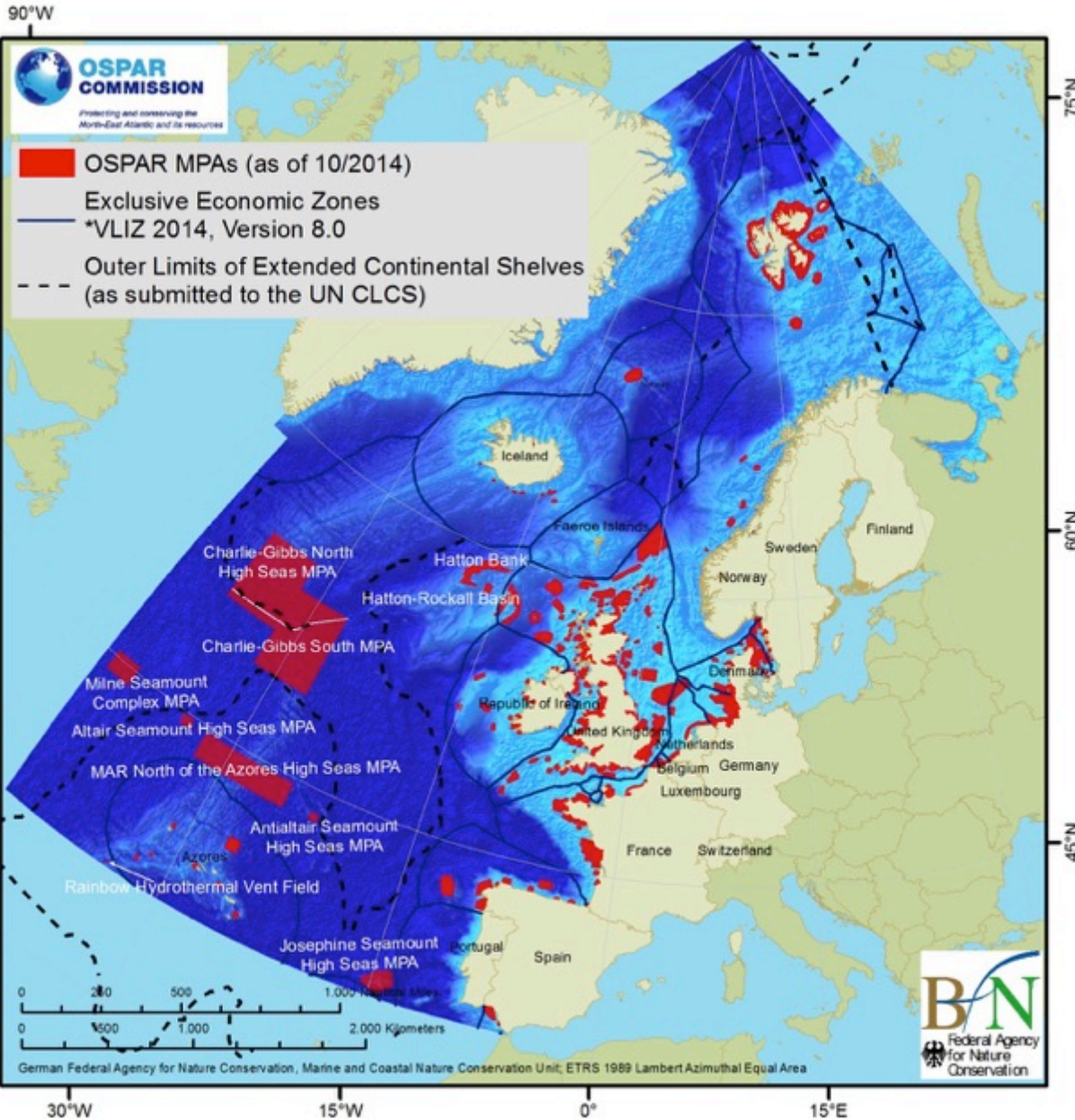


# Threatened and Declining Species and Habitats



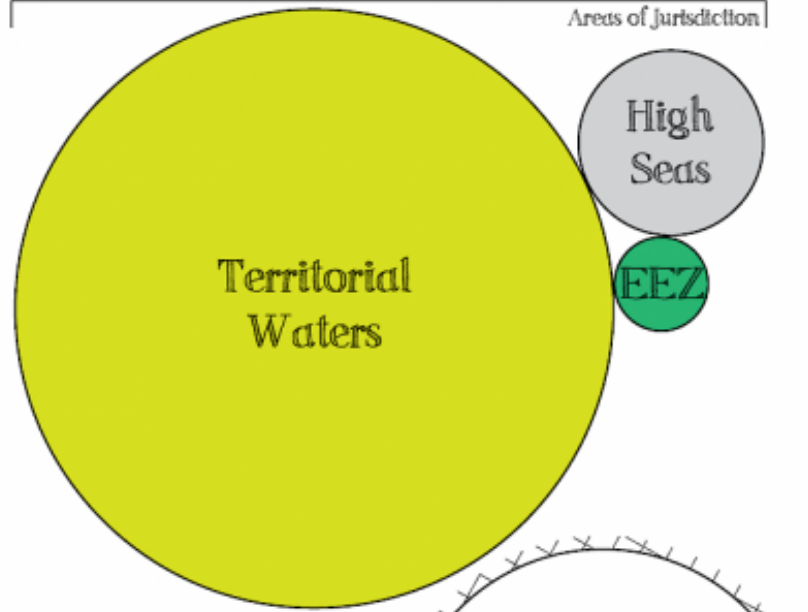
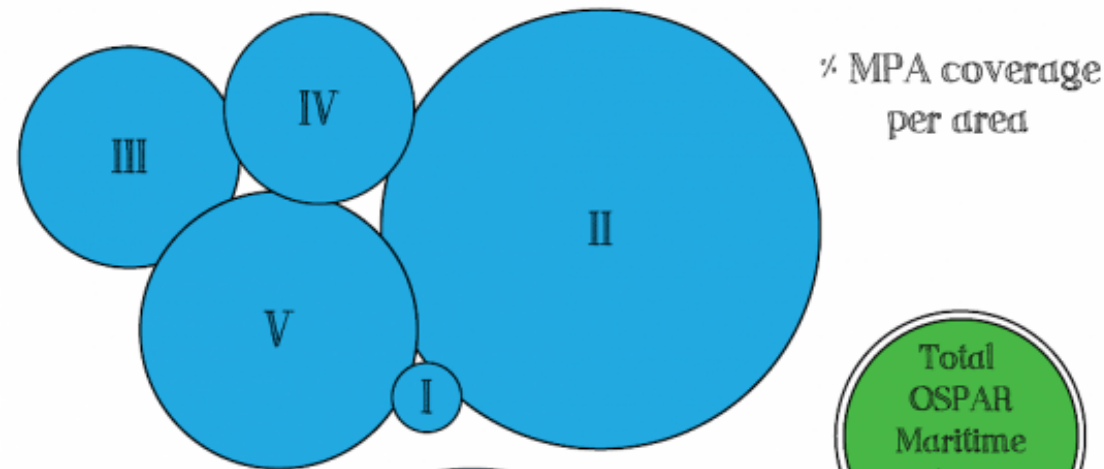
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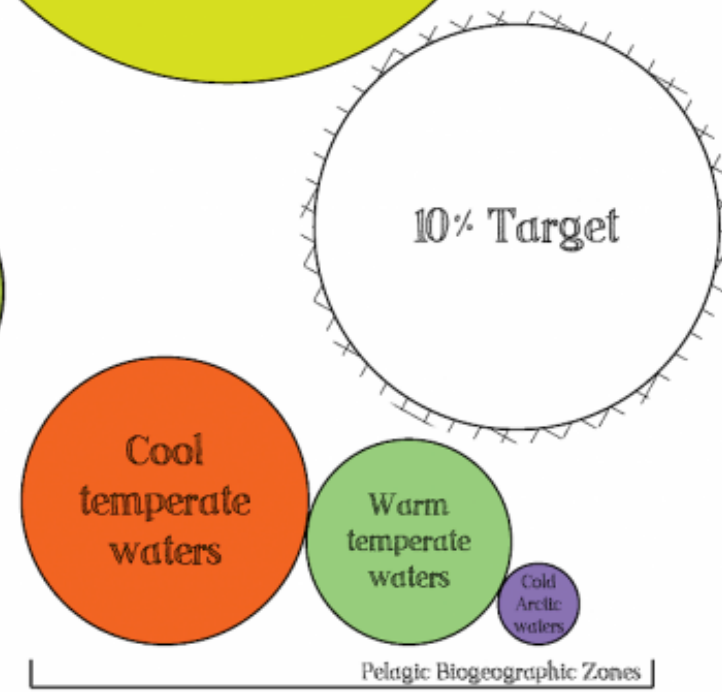
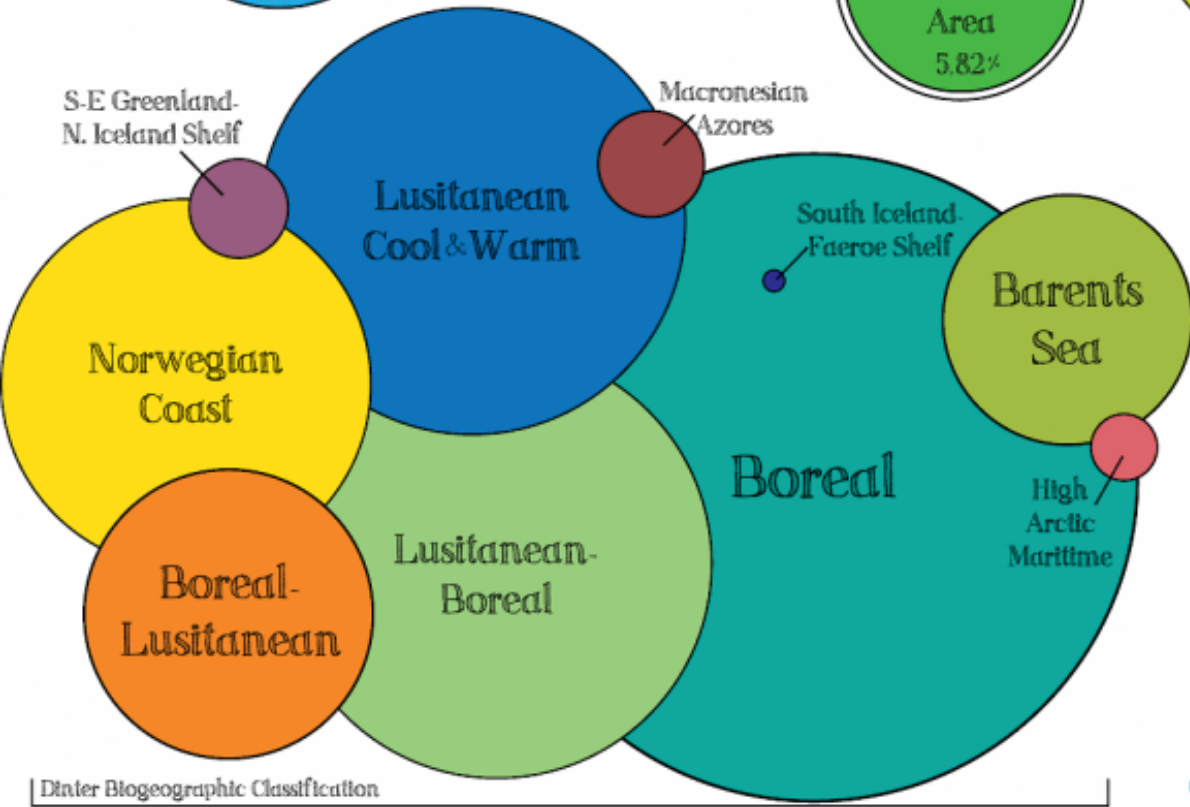


# OSPAR Network of MPAs

- Region 1 has 15% of OSPAR Total MPA area
- But MPAs cover only 1.94% of Region 1 area
- 107,000 km<sup>2</sup>

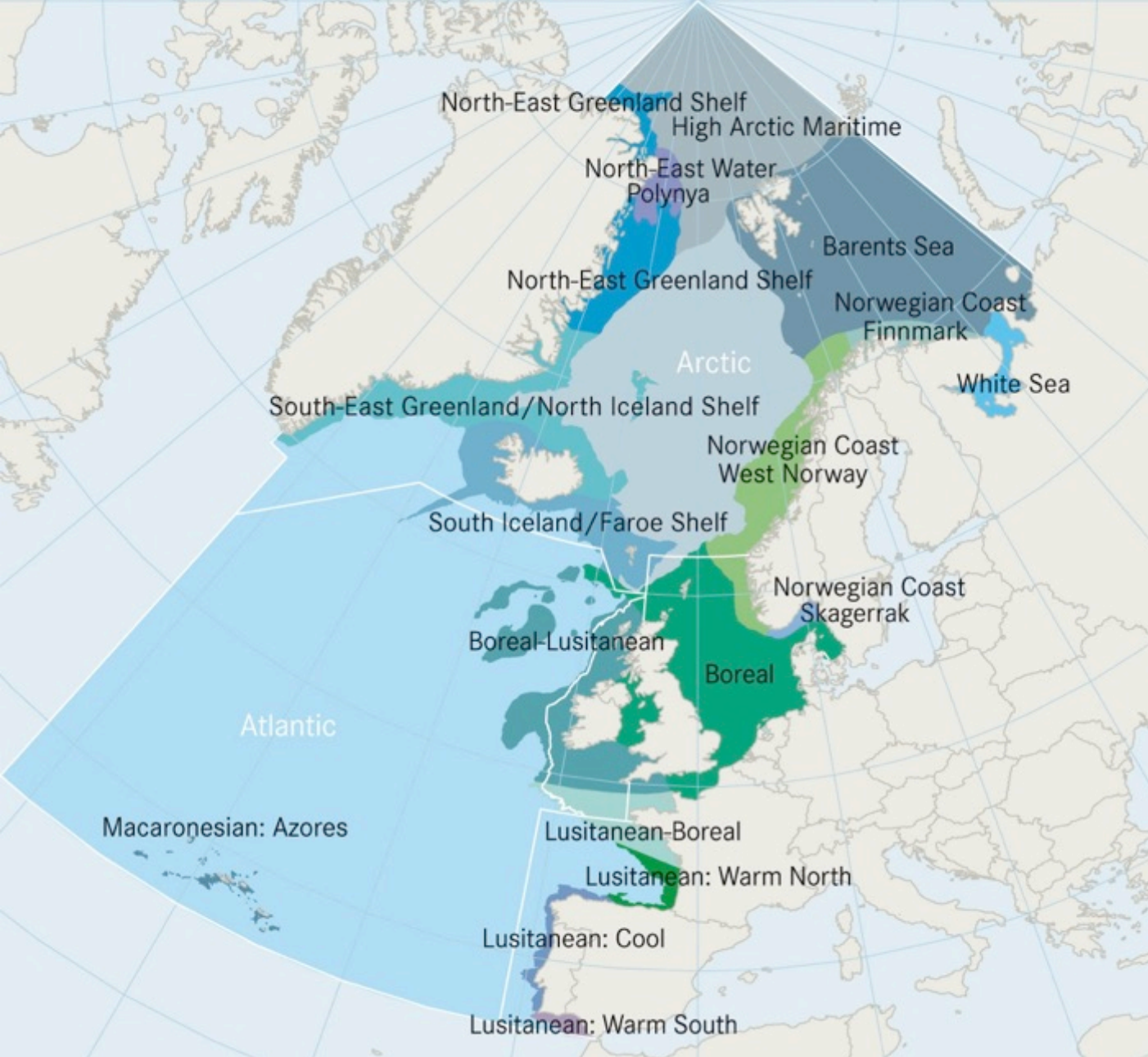


**Total OSPAR Maritime Area**  
5.82%



Dinter Biogeographic Classification





Assess:

Representative

Eco-coherence

Management

Effectiveness





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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**