

# OSPAR NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY 2030 – TACKLING BIODIVERSITY LOSS, POLLUTION, AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## Why is this important?

The North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy (NEAES) 2030 is the means by which OSPAR's 16 Contracting Parties will implement the OSPAR Convention until 2030. It sets out collective objectives to tackle the triple challenge facing the ocean: biodiversity loss, pollution, including marine litter, and climate change. Its implementation is part of OSPAR's contribution to the achievement of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.

## What is OSPAR doing?

The Strategy sets out OSPAR's vision, strategic and operational objectives. It is based around four themes: clean seas; biologically diverse seas; productive and sustainably used seas; and seas resilient to climate change and ocean acidification. The strategic objectives set out OSPAR's overarching goals on eutrophication, hazardous substances, radioactive substances, marine litter, protection, conservation and restoration of species and habitats, sustainable use of the marine environment, underwater noise, protecting the seabed, and climate change and ocean acidification. The operational objectives set qualitative and quantitative targets to support achievement of the strategic objectives.

The Strategy also emphasises the importance of regional cooperation in ensuring the effective protection and sustainable use of the seas and that OSPAR will continue to play a leading role in addressing global ocean issues.

## How will this benefit the North-East Atlantic?

The implementation of the Strategy will help OSPAR to deliver its vision of a clean, healthy and biologically diverse North-East Atlantic Ocean which is productive, used sustainably and resilient to climate change and ocean acidification.

