

OSPAR Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic  
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## Revised Terms of References ICG EUT 2015/2017

### I. Contribution to regional coordination of MSFD implementation, across national borders

(1) Support the regional coordination of MSFD implementation by providing a platform for exchange of information and for addressing specific tasks assigned by the JAMP and by CoG/ICG MSFD.

### II. Assessment of nutrient reduction required to achieve non-problem area status

(2) Propose a set of coherent nutrient reduction targets to OSPAR Commission meeting 2016, based on national targets set by Contracting Parties for problem areas to move to non-problem area status based on the two strands of OSPAR work (estimation by Contracting Parties of what is required to meet non-PA status for their PAs (see HASEC 2011 Summary Record Annex 8); collective modelling work on transboundary transport and calculation of nutrient reductions by ICG EMO) (see HASEC 2015 Summary Record).

### III. Monitoring and data management

ICG EUT's work relating to monitoring programmes will support Contracting Parties to meet their monitoring requirements under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and to meet the monitoring needs under the OSPAR Strategy insofar as those requirements are not covered by the MSFD.

(3) Be informed of, and interact with as necessary, the development of the revitalised reporting of nutrient sources<sup>1</sup> taken up again by Contracting Parties in INPUT and contribute to the review and revision of the RID and CAMP programmes (INPUT).

(4) Pending outcomes of optimisation projects, ensure active follow-up of those projects to establish a joint cost-effective and well-designed monitoring programme.

(5) On the basis of Contracting Parties' priorities and proposals, review and prepare the revision of the Eutrophication Monitoring Programme and its guidelines (for adoption by OSPAR 2015), matching ambitions of the review with the practical means of delivering the revision; develop integrated monitoring strategies and combine various monitoring tools for marine monitoring of eutrophication such as common indicators and supporting parameters. This work will contribute to the revision of the CEMP.

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<sup>1</sup> Previous implementation reporting on PARCOM Recommendation 88/2; the reporting will be similar but not connected with formal implementation reporting obligations nor the 50% reduction target.

(6) Contribute, in relation to nutrient and eutrophication parameters, together with MIME and ICES to the development of an OSPAR data handling system<sup>2</sup>, taking into account the specific data access, management and infrastructure needs associated with observation tools (cf. also §4 above).

(7) Propose products including data management for inclusion in the ICES annual Work Programme.

#### **IV. Assessment**

(8) Prepare practical arrangements for the application of the next Common Procedure (reporting, data products, timing, assessment period, etc.) for endorsement by OSPAR 2015,

(9) Coordinate the next application of the Common Procedure including preparation of a 2017 integrated OSPAR report for endorsement by OSPAR.

(10) Complete the pilot common indicators assessments on eutrophication, through testing process for endorsement by OSPAR in 2016.

#### **V. HASEC Work Programme management**

(11) Contribute to the specifications of the HASEC Programme of work relating to eutrophication.

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<sup>2</sup> Considering the requirements for and synergies with OA data reporting (ref to SGOA report to OSPAR section 8)