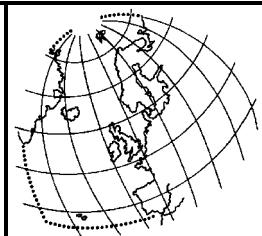


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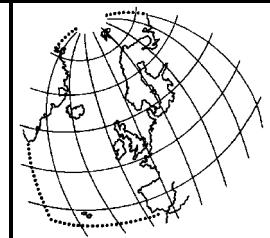
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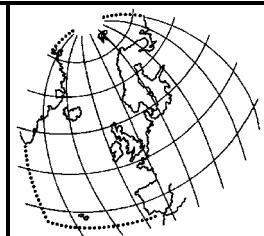
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Data Report on the Comprehensive Study on Riverine Inputs and Direct Discharges (RID) in 1996, available on request from the Secretariat of the OSPAR Commission.



## INTRODUCTION

Good input data for substances carried to the maritime area of the Paris Convention by rivers and direct discharges are essential in order to allow an assessment of the effectiveness of the Paris Commission's policies. They are equally essential for the interpretation of monitoring data such as those collected under the Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme (JAMP) of the Oslo and Paris Commissions, which replaced the former Joint Monitoring Programme in 1995.

The riverine discharges to the landward ends of estuaries and direct discharges to estuaries and coastal waters are combined to give estimates of the gross input of each substance to the maritime area. It is not feasible at the present time to estimate how much of these inputs are retained within estuaries and near-shore areas and how much passes into the open sea. Several major research projects are in hand to address this issue. The riverine loads reported also represent the loads coming from the whole of the river catchment areas. In the case of international rivers, loads from upstream countries are ascribed to the most downstream countries. No attempt has been made to identify the sources of these loads or whether these loads are of natural or anthropogenic origins. Again research aimed at differentiating between anthropogenic and natural contributions to riverine loads is needed to put the information into perspective for management purposes. As regards inputs to sea areas the considerable maritime fluxes across sea boundaries have not been taken into account.

## RESULTS OF THE 1996 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY

The data report is incomplete with respect to data submissions for the river systems originally adopted for the Comprehensive Study on Riverine Inputs. Furthermore, not all Contracting Parties reported data for all mandatory parameters.

For the 1996 study, data sets on riverine inputs and direct discharges were provided by Belgium, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK). Only riverine inputs were reported by France<sup>2</sup>, Ireland<sup>3</sup> and Spain<sup>4</sup>. Iceland<sup>5</sup> and Portugal did not provide input data for 1996.

The geographical coverage for 1996 was slightly better than the coverage in previous years, with the inclusion of data from France and Spain, although Portugal did not provide data and significant gaps occur in the data from France and Spain. The region of the maritime area best covered remains the OSPAR Region II of the maritime area, the Greater North Sea, and especially the main body of the North Sea, although even here gaps exist.

The reporting of mandatory and voluntary determinands (cf. Table 1b) in 1996 was similar to 1995. All reporting Contracting Parties provided data on inputs of heavy metals with the exception of Denmark (metal data only for direct inputs), France (only riverine inputs), Spain (only riverine inputs) and Sweden (mercury data for riverine inputs were not provided). There are a number of gaps as regards the reporting of data for inputs of  $\gamma$ -HCH and PCBs (Denmark, Ireland, Norway for direct inputs, Sweden) and suspended particulate matter (Denmark, Sweden for rivers). A number of additional parameters, not summarised in the overview Tables 3 and 4, were reported by Ireland, the Netherlands Norway (cf. Table 1b).

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<sup>2</sup> Rivers Seine, Loire and Gironde.

<sup>3</sup> 1990 data for direct inputs are included, since the basis for the calculation remains unchanged.

<sup>4</sup> Rivers Guadalquivir, Guadiana and Miño.

<sup>5</sup> Iceland stated in 1988 that it had no plans to monitor riverine inputs; however, Iceland announced in 1996 that it was setting up a monitoring plan which would also result in calculation of riverine inputs.

## Presentation of the 1996 data

**Table 1a** gives an overview of the information provided by Contracting Parties for 1995 and shows how the information was categorised:

- Direct inputs:
  - Sewage effluents
  - Industrial effluents
- Coastal areas: Data reported under "coastal areas" include discharges and run-off from coastal areas between rivers and also polder effluents. Depending on their nature, discharges from "coastal areas" are either counted under direct discharges or under riverine inputs.
- Riverine inputs:
  - Main rivers
  - Tributary rivers

**Table 1b** gives an overview of the determinands reported by Contracting Parties and shows where there are gaps in the reporting of mandatory determinands. Table 1b also indicates the precision of the estimate where the relevant information was provided by Contracting Parties. The last column of Table 1b informs on any additional determinands reported.

The data from Contracting Parties have in many cases<sup>6</sup> been rounded to one significant number for data reported less than the unit in which they appear and to two significant numbers for data reported greater than one unit; the following examples illustrate this rounding convention:

Amount reported by Contracting Party	Figure reported in the tables
0,0011	0,001
0,011	0,01
0,11	0,1
1,11	1,1
11,1	11
111	110
1110	1100
11100	11000

Due to this procedure, there are sometimes slight differences between the calculated totals given in this report and those calculated by Contracting Parties.

Overviews of the input information by country and sea area are given in **Tables 2 to 4a and b**. Table 2 gives an overview of direct inputs to Paris Convention Waters in 1996. Table 3 gives an overview of riverine inputs to Paris Convention waters in 1996. Table 4a summarises the information contained in Tables 2 and 3 and gives overall figures on inputs from land-based sources. Table 4b contains the same information as Table 4a but lists inputs by sea area. Please note that, due to major gaps in the reporting, no totals for the Convention area are given in Tables 2 to 4a and b.

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<sup>6</sup> Secretariat note: Not all Contracting Parties wished to have their data rounded in accordance with this procedure. Totals in the summary tables are not rounded.

**Table 1a. Information Received on Inputs to the Maritime Area of the Paris Convention in 1996**

Country	Direct Discharges		Coastal Areas (2)	Riverine Inputs	
	Sewage Effluents	Industrial Effluents		Main Rivers	Tributary Rivers (1)
Belgium	NI	+	(3)	+	+
Denmark					
- Kattegat	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Skagerrak	+	+	NI	+	NI
- North Sea	+	+	NI	+	NI
France					
- North Sea	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
- Channel	NI	NI	NI	+	NI
- Atlantic	NI	NI	NI	+	NI
Germany	+	+	(4)	+	+
Iceland	No 1996 input data available (5)				
Ireland					
- Irish Sea	+ (6)	+ (6)		+	+
- Celtic Sea	+ (6)	+ (6)		+	+
- Atlantic	+ (6)	+ (6)		+	+
Netherlands	+	+	(3)	+	+
Norway					
- Skagerrak	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
- North Sea	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
- Norwegian S	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
- Barents Sea	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
Portugal	No 1996 input data available				
Spain	NI	NI	NI	+	NI
Sweden					
- Kattegat	+	+	(3)	+	+
- Skagerrak	+	+	(3)	+	+
United Kingdom					
- East Coast	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Channel	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Celtic Sea	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Irish Sea	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Atlantic	+	+	NI	+	NI

+= Information available

NI = No information

NA = Not applicable

(1) Tributary River - any tributary river flowing into (the estuary of) a main river, downstream from the sampling point

- any minor river which was not deemed to be a main river.

(2) Coastal areas: - 'downstream areas' of main and tributary rivers and rivers not monitored;

- areas discharging to the maritime area which, however, are located outside the catchment area of

(3) Included in data on riverine inputs ("tributary rivers")

(4) Included in data on direct inputs

(5) Iceland stated in 1988 that it had no plans to monitor riverine inputs; however, Iceland announced

in 1996 that it was setting up a monitoring plan which would also result in calculations of riverine inputs

(6) 1990 data

(7) cf. category "run-off" in Table 6b. for Norway and explanation under [D.4] of the Norwegian Annual Report.

**Table 1b. Determinands Reported by Contracting Parties in 1996**

Country	Determinands													
	Cd	Hg	Cu	Pb	Zn	g-HCH (voluntary)	PCBs (1)	NH4-N	NO3-N	PO4-P	Total N	Total P	SPM (2)	Others
Belgium														
- direct inputs(7)	+	R (4)	+	NI	+	+ (3)(4)	+	R (4)	+	R (3)	NA	NA	+	PAHs
- riverine inputs											NI	NI	+	
Denmark														
- direct inputs	+	NI	+	NI	+	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	+	NI
- riverine inputs													+	NI
France														
- direct inputs	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
- riverine inputs	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Germany														
- direct inputs	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	+	
- riverine inputs	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)
- riverine inputs	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)(4)
* Elbe ***) Other main rivers														
Iceland														
- direct inputs	No 1996 input	data available (6)												
- riverine inputs	No 1996 input	data available (6)												
Ireland														
- direct inputs	+ (8) R (3)(4)	NI	+ (8) R (3)	+ (8) R (3)(4)	+ (8) R	+ (8) +	NI	NI	NI	+ (3) +	+ (3) +	+ (3) +	+ (8) + (3)	+ (8) + (3)
- main riv. input	NI	NI	R	R	R	+	NI	NI	NI	+ (3) +	+ (3) +	+ (3) +	+ (8) + (3)	+ (8) + (3)
- tributary rivers	R	NI	R	R	R	+	NI	NI	NI	+ (3) +	+ (3) +	+ (3) +	organic N, BOD	organic N, BOD
Netherlands														
- direct inputs	+	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	NI	+	+	+	+	
- main riv. input	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	POPs
- tributary rivers	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Norway														
- direct inputs	+	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	NI	+	+	+	+	As, Cr, Ni, TOC, COD
- main riv. input	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	R (4)	R (4)	R (4)	+ (3)(4) + (5)	+ (3) + (5)	+ (3)(4) + (5)	+ (3) + (5)	As, Cr, Ni, TOC COD
- tributary rivers	R	R	R	R	R	+	NI	NI	NI	+ (3)(4) + (5)	+ (3) + (5)	+ (3)(4) + (5)	+ (3) + (5)	
Portugal														
- direct inputs	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
- main riv. input	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
- tributary rivers	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
Spain														
- direct inputs	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
- riverine inputs	?	?	?	?	?	+ (3)(4)	NI	NI	NI	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)
Sweden														
- sewage effluent	+	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	NI	+ (?)	+ (?)	+ (?)	+ (?)	(?): no '96 conc.data
- main riv. input	+ (?)	NI	+ (?)	+ (?)	+ (?)	+ (?)	NI	NI	NI	+ (?)	+ (?)	+ (?)	+ (?)	NI
- tributary rivers	NI	NI	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	NI	+ (?)	+ (?)	+ (?)	+ (?)	NI
United Kingdom														
- direct inputs	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R(9)	R	
- riverine inputs	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R(9)	R	

+ : Data provided

R: Estimate given as a range

NI: No information

NA: Not applicable; riverine inputs > 90% total inputs

DL: Detection limit

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) Suspended particulate matter

(3) 70 % of measurements above detection limit

(4) Less than 70 % of measurements above detection limit

(5) Includes run-off

(6) Iceland stated in 1988 that it had no plans to monitor riverine inputs; however, Iceland announced

in 1996 that it was setting up a monitoring plan which would also result in calculations of riverine inputs

(7) Direct inputs are deemed insignificant compared to the riverine inputs reported

(8) 1990 data, since the basis for calculation remained unchanged

(9) In England and Wales Total-P was not measured. To avoid anomalies, a value equal to the orthophosphate-P has been used.

**Table 2<sup>^</sup>. Direct Discharges to the Maritime Area of the Paris Convention in 1996 by Country**

Country	Region	Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]	
Belgium	North Sea (upper estimate)	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	0.02	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	0.006	0.003	0.02	
	(upper estimate)	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.02	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	0.006	0.003	0.02	
Denmark	North Sea	0.000	0.001	0.07	0.001	0.03	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	0.3	0.03	NI	
	Skagerrak	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	0.1	0.02	NI	
	Kattegat	0.0001	0.0003	1.1	0.009	0.04	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	1.1	0.1	NI	
France	Channel/North Sea Atlantic	no data submitted for 1996		no data submitted for 1996											
Germany	North Sea	0.02 0.07	0.01 0.07	2.2 3.1	1.2 1.8	11 16	0.04 0.05	0.02 1.0	2.0 2.0	2.0 2.0	0.1 0.1	4.3 4.3	0.5 0.5	1.6 1.6	
Iceland	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1996													
Ireland	Irish Sea	0.06	NI	7.5	3.3	63	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	6.8	1.6	38	
	Celtic Sea	0.02	NI	3.2	4.4	21	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	2.6	0.7	19	
	Atlantic	0.01	NI	0.9	0.4	7.7	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	0.7	0.2	4.3	
Netherlands	North Sea	0.2	0.08	2.6	2.9	25	NI	NI	4.3	1.5	NI	6.4	0.8	8.4	
Norway	Skagerrak	0.1	0.05	27	0.9	21	NI	NI	4.6	0.1	0.1	7.4	0.3	78	
	North Sea	1.0	0.04	8.3	3.2	51	NI	NI	2.7	0.02	0.2	4.6	0.4	2500	
	Norwegian Sea	0.1	0.02	25	0.9	58	NI	NI	3.4	0.02	0.4	5.3	0.7	1500	
	Barents Sea	0.00	0.0000	0.4	0.01	0.4	NI	NI	0.3	0.002	0.03	0.4	0.05	1400	
Portugal	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1996													
Spain	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1996													
Sweden	Kattegat	0.02	0.022	2.0	0.3	3.0	NI	NI	2.088	0.598	0.021	3.1	0.1	> 2.289	
	Skagerrak	0.001	0.001	0.09	0.2	0.2	NI	NI	0.2	0.2	0	0.2	0.01	> 0.13	
United Kingdom	N Sea (East Coast) (lower estimate)	1.1	0.1	90	43	510	53	0.4	25	10	8.0	41	8.8	410	
	(upper estimate)	1.4	0.3	90	44	510	58	137	25	11	8.0	41	8.8	410	
	N Sea (Channel) (lower estimate)	0.06	0.01	23	6.5	29	8.0	0.0	8.4	0.8	1.7	9.4	1.7	4.8	
	(upper estimate)	0.06	0.01	23	6.5	29	8.0	1.5	8.4	0.9	1.7	9.4	1.7	4.8	
	<i>Total North Sea</i> (lower estimate)	1.2	0.2	110	49	540	61	0.4	34	11	9.7	51	10	420	
	(upper estimate)	1.5	0.3	110	50	540	66	140	34	11	9.7	51	10	420	
	Celtic Sea (lower estimate)	1.6	0.01	6.3	9.2	96	2.8	33	5.3	1.8	1.0	7.3	1.0	29	
	(upper estimate)	1.6	0.01	6.3	9.2	96	3.4	45	5.3	1.1	1.0	7	1.0	29	
Ireland	Irish Sea (lower estimate)	3.6	0.3	14	35	90	4.5	0.1	4.5	1.1	3.1	11.2	3.4	58	
	(upper estimate)	3.7	0.3	15	36	90	10	1.5	4.5	1.2	3.1	11.4	3.4	58	
	Atlantic (lower estimate)	0.9	0.06	23	8.1	31	14	0.4	4.1	1.6	1.0	6.3	1.6	42	
	(upper estimate)	1.5	0.1	26	11	32	15	93	4.1	1.6	1.0	6.3	1.6	42	
<i>Total Non-North Sea</i>	(lower estimate)	6.1	0.4	44	52	220	21	33	14	4.5	5.1	25	6.0	130	
	(upper estimate)	6.8	0.5	48	56	220	29	140	14	4.6	5.1	25	6.0	130	

<sup>^</sup> For explanation of data and reasons for lack of information, see Tables 1a and 1b

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) Suspended particulate matter

**Table 3<sup>a</sup>. Riverine Inputs to the Maritime Area of the Paris Convention in 1996 by Country**

Country	Sea area	Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]
Belgium	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.8 5.0	0.02 0.03	28 61	29 60	300 420	NI	NI	8.3 11	18 23	1.7 3.4	41 53	3.4 5.2	240 350
Denmark	North Sea Skagerrak Kattegat	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	9.7 1.3 14	0.07 0.02 0.2	12 1.6 18	0.3 0.05 0.5	NI NI NI	
France	Channel/North Sea (4) Atlantic (3)	2 32	0.5 0.5	97 725	66 535	306 2856	120 1300	95 111	12 24	65 152	5.7 4.7	80 195	7.3 9.5	480 2388
Germany	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	5.6 5.6	2.9 2.9	147 147	125 125	1067 1067	234 243	55 200	9.4 9.4	141 141	2.6 2.6	193 193	8.1 8.1	1292 1309
Iceland	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1996												
Ireland	Irish Sea Celtic Sea Atlantic	1.1 1.2 1.5 2.3 0.08 0.8	NI NI NI NI NI NI	31 32 49 52 19 20	10 11 78 85 13 18	260 260 480 480 100 100	NI NI NI NI NI NI	NI NI NI NI NI NI	1.4 2.9 0.4	32 80 19	0.4 1.8 0.3	39 110 30	0.9 5.2 1.1	92 250 75
Note: NO3 = total oxidised N														
Netherlands	North Sea	8.2	3.2	340	380	1900	300	200	18	220	9.1	300	21	3400
Norway	Skagerrak North Sea Norwegian Sea Barents Sea	3.0 3.1 0.5 0.7 0.6 0.9 0.2 0.3	0.1 0.1 0.03 0.04 0.2 0.2 0.02 0.03	74 74 20 20 97 97 37 37	24 24 8.9 8.9 17 17 7.6 7.7	480 480 150 150 180 180 64 64	34 34 14 14 24 24 3.9 3.9	0.1 9.5 0.0 7.3 0.0 12.0 0.0 4.2	1.6 1.6 0.9 0.9 1.4 1.4 0.2 0.2	17 17 13 13 11 11 1.5 1.5	0.2 0.2 0.1 0.1 0.3 0.3 0.1 0.1	27 27 20 20 21 21 5 5	0.6 0.6 0.4 0.4 0.7 0.7 0.3 0.3	190 190 56 56 290 290 96 96
Portugal	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1996												
Spain	Atlantic	NI	NI	NI	NI	125	NI	NI	0.7	6.6	0.5	NI	NI	823
Sweden	Kattegat Skagerrak	0.2 0.04	NI NI	19 3.1	6.7 0.8	67 10	NI NI	NI NI	0.8 0.1	11 0.9	0.1 0.02	19 2.1	0.3 0.1	NI NI
United Kingdom	N Sea (East Co) (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.9 11	0.8 1.7	140 140	94 110	540 540	89 120	30.0 410	4.6 4.7	93 93	8.4 8.4	110 110	8.9 9.0	500 520
	N Sea (Channel) (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.4 0.4	0.01 0.03	31 31	8.1 8.3	140 140	7.0 15	0.0 0.0	0.3 0.4	21 22	0.9 0.9	19 19	0.9 0.9	65 67
	Total North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	2.3 11	0.8 1.7	170 170	100 120	680 680	96 140	30.0 410	4.8 5.0	110 110	9.3 9.3	130 130	9.9 9.9	570 590
	Celtic Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.6 1.0	0.08 0.1	31 33	35 41	230 230	29 44	1.5 88	1.4 1.5	38 38	2.1 2.1	39 39	2.1 2.1	270 270
	Irish Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.9 1.6	0.3 1.0	48 50	27 33	310 310	13 46	7.3 190	6.3 6.3	35 35	2.8 2.8	43 45	3.0 3.1	150 150
	Atlantic (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.4 4.5	0.2 1.1	46 290	23 190	120 1340	35 50	0.4 440	3.0 3.2	17 17	1.2 1.3	21 21	1.9 2.0	220 240
	Total non-North (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.9 7.1	1.4 3.9	320	220	1350	170 280	40 1130	16 16	200 200	15 16	230 230	17 17	1210 1240

<sup>a</sup> For explanation of data and reasons for lack of information, see Tables 1a and 1b

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) Suspended particulate matter

(3): Loire and Gironde (incomplete figures)

(4): Seine only

**Table 4a. Summary of Direct (Table 2) and Riverine (Table 3) Inputs to the Maritime Area of the Paris Convention in 1996 by Cou**

**Table 4a Continued**

Country	Sea Area	Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]	
<b>Spain</b>	Atlantic	NI	NI	NI	NI	125	NI	NI	0.7	6.6	0.5	NI	NI	823	
<b>Sweden</b>	Kattegat	0.2	0.02	21	7.0	70	NI	NI	2.9	12	0.1	22	0.4	2.3	
	Skagerrak	0.04	0.001	3.2	0.9	10	NI	NI	0.3	1.1	0.02	2.3	0.1	0.1	
<b>United Kingdom</b>	N Sea (Eas (lower estimate)	3.1	0.9	230	136	1040	142	30	30	103	16	147	18	920	
	(upper estimate)	12	2.0	230	151	1050	178	551	30	104	16	147	18	940	
	N Sea (Ch $\ddot{\text{e}}$ (lower estimate)	0.4	0.02	54	15	169	15	0	8.7	22	2.6	29	2.6	70	
	(upper estimate)	0.4	0.04	54	15	169	23	1.5	8.8	22	2.6	29	2.6	70	
	North Sea (lower estimate)	3.5	1.0	280	150	1210	160	30	39	125	19	180	20	990	
	(upper estimate)	13	2.0	290	170	1220	200	550	39	126	19	180	20	1010	
	Celtic Sea (lower estimate)	2.2	0.1	37	45	328	32	34	7	40	3.2	47	3.2	300	
	(upper estimate)	2.6	0.1	40	50	329	47	133	7	40	3.2	47	3.2	300	
	Irish Sea (lower estimate)	4.5	0.6	62	62	400	18	7.4	11	36	6	54	6.4	210	
	(upper estimate)	5.3	1.3	66	69	400	56	190	11	36	6	56	6.5	210	
	Atlantic (lower estimate)	1.3	0.3	70	31	151	49	0.8	7.1	18	2.2	27	3.6	270	
	(upper estimate)	6.0	1.2	76	46	157	66	533	7.3	18	2.3	27	3.6	280	
	non-North (lower estimate)	8.0	1.0	170	140	880	98	43	25	94	11	130	13	770	
	(upper estimate)	14	2.6	180	170	890	170	860	25	95	11	130	13	780	
<b>Total reported:</b>		(lower estimate)	<b>69</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2221</b>	<b>1607</b>	<b>10695</b>	<b>2286</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1026</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1459</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>16988</b>
		(upper estimate)	<b>90</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2270</b>	<b>1694</b>	<b>10837</b>	<b>2410</b>	<b>2048</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>1032</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1473</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>17145</b>

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) Data provided comprise approx. 90% of the total pollution loads of the Netherlands into Convention Waters

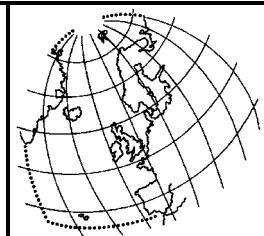
**Table 4b. Summary of Direct and Riverine Inputs to the Maritime Area of the Paris Convention in 1996 by Sea Area**

Sea Area		Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs(1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]
North East	<i>Arctic Ocean</i>	0.2	0.02	37	7.6	64	3.9	0.0	0.5	1.5	0.1	5.0	0.4	1539
Atlantic Ocean	Barents Sea	0.3	0.03	37	7.7	64	3.9	4.2	0.5	1.5	0.1	5.0	0.4	1539
	<i>Atlantic Ocean</i> (main body)	1.4	0.3	90	45	259	49	0.8	7.5	37	2	58	4.9	350
		6.8	1.2	96	64	265	66	533	7.7	37	2.6	58	4.9	360
	<i>Bay of Biscay and Iberian Coast</i>	32	0.5	725	535	2981	1300	111	25.0	159	5.2	195	10	3211
North Sea	Kattegat	(lower estimate) 0.2	0.02	23	7.0	70			2.9	26	0.3	41	1.0	2.3
		(upper estimate) 0.2	0.02	23	7.0	70			2.9	26	0.3	41	1.0	2.3
	Skagerrak	(lower estimate) 3.1	0.1	104	26	511	34	0	6.5	18	0.3	37	1.0	272
		(upper estimate) 3.2	0.1	104	26	511	34	10	6.5	18	0.3	37	1.0	272
	North Sea	(lower estimate) 19	7.2	778	686	4544	690	285	75	499	30	729	53	8376
	(main body)	(upper estimate) 33	8.4	812	733	4679	735	959	78	505	32	741	54	8523
	Channel	(lower estimate) 2.4	0.5	151	81	475	135	95	21	87	8	109	10	550
		(upper estimate) 2.4	0.5	151	81	475	143	97	21	87	8	109	10	550
Norwegian Sea		(lower estimate) 0.7	0.2	122	18	238	24	0.0	4.8	11	0.7	26	1.4	1778
		(upper estimate) 1.0	0.2	122	18	238	24	12	4.8	11	0.7	26	1.4	1778
Irish Sea		(lower estimate) 5.7	0.6	101	75	723	18	7.4	12	68	6.3	100	8.9	340
		(upper estimate) 6.6	1.3	105	83	723	56	190	12	68	6.3	102	9.0	340
Celtic Sea		(lower estimate) 3.7	0.1	90	127	829	32	34	10	120	5.0	160	9.1	570
		(upper estimate) 4.9	0.1	100	140	830	47	133	10	120	5.0	160	9.1	570

Note: Some Contracting Parties have not submitted information on direct inputs because under the current Principles of the Comprehensive Study, these inputs do not fall under the 90 % (of total inputs) monitoring requirement.

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## Part II

# Overview of the Results of the Comprehensive Study on Riverine Inputs and Direct Discharges (RID) in 1997<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Extract of:

Data Report on the Comprehensive Study on Riverine Inputs and Direct Discharges (RID) in 1997, available on request from the Secretariat of the OSPAR Commission.



## INTRODUCTION

Good input data for substances carried to the maritime area of the Paris Convention by rivers and direct discharges are essential in order to allow an assessment of the effectiveness of the Paris Commission's policies. They are equally essential for the interpretation of monitoring data such as those collected under the Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme (JAMP) of the Oslo and Paris Commissions, which replaced the former Joint Monitoring Programme in 1995.

The riverine discharges to the landward ends of estuaries and direct discharges to estuaries and coastal waters are combined to give estimates of the gross input of each substance to the maritime area. It is not feasible at the present time to estimate how much of these inputs are retained within estuaries and near-shore areas and how much passes into the open sea. Several major research projects are in hand to address this issue. The riverine loads reported also represent the loads coming from the whole of the river catchment areas. In the case of international rivers, loads from upstream countries are ascribed to the most downstream countries. No attempt has been made to identify the sources of these loads or whether these loads are of natural or anthropogenic origins. Again research aimed at differentiating between anthropogenic and natural contributions to riverine loads is needed to put the information into perspective for management purposes. As regards inputs to sea areas the considerable maritime fluxes across sea boundaries have not been taken into account.

## RESULTS OF THE 1997 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY

For the 1997 study, data sets on riverine inputs and direct discharges were provided by Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK). Only riverine inputs were reported by Belgium<sup>2</sup>, Ireland<sup>3</sup> and Spain<sup>4</sup>. France and Iceland<sup>5</sup> did not provide input data for 1997.

The geographical coverage for 1997 was similar to the coverage in previous years. Significant gaps occur in the data from Portugal and Spain. The part of the maritime area best covered remains the OSPAR Region II, the Greater North Sea, and especially the main body of the North Sea, although even here gaps exist.

The reporting of mandatory and voluntary determinands (cf. Table 1b) in 1997 was similar to 1996. Not all Contracting Parties reported data for all mandatory parameters. All reporting Contracting Parties provided data on inputs of heavy metals with the exception of Denmark (no metal data for 1997) and Spain (only riverine inputs). There are a number of gaps as regards the reporting of data for inputs of  $\gamma$ -HCH and PCBs (Denmark, Ireland and Sweden for all inputs, Norway and Spain for direct inputs) and suspended particulate matter (Denmark, Sweden for rivers). A number of additional parameters, not summarised in the overview Tables 3 and 4, were reported by Ireland and Norway (cf. Table 1b).

<sup>2</sup> Previously existing direct discharges no longer exist.

<sup>3</sup> 1990 data for direct inputs are included, since the basis for the calculation remains unchanged.

<sup>4</sup> Rivers Guadalquivir, Guadiana and Miño.

<sup>5</sup> Iceland stated in 1988 that it had no plans to monitor riverine inputs; however, Iceland announced in 1996 that it was setting up a monitoring plan which would also result in calculation of riverine inputs.

## PRESENTATION OF THE 1997 DATA

**Table 1a** gives an overview of the information provided by Contracting Parties for 1997 and shows how the information was categorised:

- Direct inputs:
  - Sewage effluents
  - Industrial effluents
- Coastal areas: Data reported under "coastal areas" include discharges and run-off from coastal areas between rivers and also polder effluents. Depending on their nature, discharges from "coastal areas" are either counted under direct discharges or under riverine inputs.
- Riverine inputs:
  - Main rivers
  - Tributary rivers

**Table 1b** gives an overview of the determinands reported by Contracting Parties and shows where there are gaps in the reporting of mandatory determinands. Table 1b also indicates the precision of the estimate where the relevant information was provided by Contracting Parties. The last column of Table 1b informs on any additional determinands reported.

The data from Contracting Parties have in many cases<sup>6</sup> been rounded to one significant number for data reported less than the unit in which they appear and to two significant numbers for data reported greater than one unit; the following examples illustrate this rounding convention:

Amount reported by Contracting Party	Figure reported in the tables
0,0011	0,001
0,011	0,01
0,11	0,1
1,11	1,1
11,1	11
111 and above	not rounded

Due to this procedure, there are sometimes slight differences between the calculated totals given in this report and those calculated by Contracting Parties.

Overviews of the input information by country and sea area are given in **Tables 2 to 4a and b**. Table 2 gives an overview of direct inputs to Paris Convention Waters in 1997. Table 3 gives an overview of riverine inputs to Paris Convention waters in 1997. Table 4a summarises the information contained in Tables 2 and 3 and gives overall figures on inputs from land-based sources. Table 4b contains the same information as Table 4a but lists inputs by sea area. Please note that, due to major gaps in the reporting, no totals for the Convention area are given in Tables 2 to 4a and b.

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<sup>6</sup> Secretariat note: Not all Contracting Parties wished to have their data rounded in accordance with this procedure. Totals in the summary tables are not rounded.

**Table 1a. Information Received on Inputs to the Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 1997**

Country	Direct Discharges		Coastal Areas (2)	Riverine Inputs	
	Sewage Effluents	Industrial Effluents		Main Rivers	Tributary Rivers (1)
Belgium	NA	NA	(3)	+	+
Denmark					
- Kattegat	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Skagerrak	+	+	NI	+	NI
- North Sea	+	+	NI	+	NI
France					
- North Sea	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
- Channel	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
- Atlantic	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
Germany	+	+	(4)	+	+
Iceland	No 1997 input data available (5)				
Ireland					
- Irish Sea	+ (6)	+ (6)		+	+
- Celtic Sea	+ (6)	+ (6)		+	+
- Atlantic	+ (6)	+ (6)		+	+
Netherlands	+	+	(3)	+	+
Norway					
- Skagerrak	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
- North Sea	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
- Norwegian S	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
- Barents Sea	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
Portugal	Very limited 1997 input data available				
Spain	NI	NI	NI	+	+
Sweden					
- Kattegat	+	+	(3)	+	+
- Skagerrak	+	+	(3)	+	+
United Kingdom					
- East Coast	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Channel	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Celtic Sea	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Irish Sea	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Atlantic	+	+	NI	+	NI

+ = Information available

NI = No information

NA = Not applicable

(1) Tributary River - any tributary river flowing into (the estuary of) a main river, downstream from the sampling point

- any minor river which was not deemed to be a main river.

(2) Coastal areas: - 'downstream areas' of main and tributary rivers and rivers not monitored;

- areas discharging to the maritime area which, however, are located outside the catchment area of

(3) Included in data on riverine inputs ("tributary rivers")

(4) Included in data on direct inputs

(5) Iceland stated in 1988 that it had no plans to monitor riverine inputs; however, Iceland announced

in 1996 that it was setting up a monitoring plan which would also result in calculations of riverine inputs

(6) 1990 data

(7) cf. category "run-off" in Table 6b. for Norway and explanation under [D.4] of the Norwegian Annual Report.

**Table 1b. Determinands Reported by Contracting Parties in 1997**

Country	Determinands													
	Cd	Hg	Cu	Pb	Zn	g-HCH (voluntary)	PCBs (1)	NH4-N	NO3-N	PO4-P	Total N	Total P	SPM (2)	Others
Belgium														
- direct inputs	NA R (4)	NA R (3)	NA R (4)	NA R (4)	NA R (3)	NA R (3)	NA R (4)	NA R (3)	NA R (3)	NA R (3)	NA R (3)	NA R (3)	NA R (3)	
- riverine inputs														
Denmark														
- direct inputs	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI +	NI +	NI +	+	+	+	NI NI
- riverine inputs														
France	no data submitted for 1997													
- direct inputs														
- riverine inputs														
Germany														
- direct inputs	R +(3)(4)	R +(3)	R +(3)	R +(3)	R +(3)	R +(3)	R +(4)	+	+	+	+	+	+	
- riverine inputs														
- riverine inputs														
*) Elbe **) Other main rivers														
Iceland	No 1997 input data available (6)													
- direct inputs														
- riverine inputs														
Ireland														
- direct inputs	+ (8) R (3)(4)	NI NI	+ (8) R (3)(4)	+ (8) R (3)(4)	+ (8) R	NI NI	NI NI	NI +(3)	NI +	NI +	+ (8) + (3)	+ (8) + (3)	+ (8) + (3)	organic N (TKN)
- main riv. input														
- tributary rivers	R	NI	R	R	R	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	organic N (TKN)
Netherlands														
- direct inputs	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	+	+	NI	+	+	+	
- main riv. input	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)(4)	+ (4)	+ (3)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	
- tributary rivers	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Norway														
- direct inputs	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	+	+	+	+	+	+	As, Cr, Ni, TOC
- main riv. input	+ (3)(4)	+ (4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	As, Cr, Ni, TOC
- tributary rivers	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	+ (5)	+ (5)	+ (5)	+ (5)	+ (5)	+ (5)	As, Cr, Ni, TOC
Portugal														
- direct inputs	NI R(4)	+	NI R(4)	NI R(3)	NI R(4)	NI R(4)	NI R(4)	NI NI	NI +	NI +	+	+	+	
- main riv. Input	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
- tributary rivers	R							NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
Spain														
- direct inputs	NI R(4)	NI R(4)	NI R(4)	NI R(4)	NI +(3)(4)	NI R(4)	NI NI	NI R(3)(4)	NI R(3)	NI R(3)	NI NI	NI NI	NI +(3)	
- riverine inputs														
Sweden														
- sewage effluent	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	+	+	NI	+	+	+	+
- industrial efflu	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	+(3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	NI NI
- main riv. input	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	NI	NI	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	(?) no '96 conc.data
- tributary rivers	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	+	+	+	+	+	+	NI NI
United Kingdom														
- direct inputs	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	
- riverine inputs	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	R R	

+: Data provided

R: Estimate given as a range

NI: No information

NA: Not applicable; riverine inputs > 90% total inputs

DL: Detection limit

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) Suspended particulate matter

(3) 70 % of measurements above detection limit

(4) Less than 70 % of measurements above detection limit

(5) Includes run-off

(6) Iceland stated in 1988 that it had no plans to monitor riverine inputs; however, Iceland announced

in 1996 that it was setting up a monitoring plan which would also result in calculations of riverine inputs

(7) River Tejo only

(8) 1990 data, since the basis for calculation remained unchanged

(9) In England and Wales Total-P was not measured. To avoid anomalies, a value equal to the orthophosphate-P has been used.

**Table 2<sup>^</sup>. Direct Discharges to the Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 1997 by Country**

Country	Region	Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]		
Belgium	North Sea (upper estimate) (upper estimate)	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA		
Denmark	North Sea Skagerrak Kattegat	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	0.7 0.08 1.3	0.07 0.009 0.1	NI NI NI	NI NI NI		
France	Channel/North Sea Atlantic	no data submitted for 1997		no data submitted for 1997												
Germany	North Sea	0.06 0.1	0.01 0.07	2.3 3.0	2.2 2.8	21 26	0.02 0.3	0.05 2.9	2.0 2.0	2.0 2.0	0.1 0.1	4.3 4.3	0.5 0.5	2.0 2.0		
Iceland	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1997														
Ireland	Irish Sea Celtic Sea Atlantic	0.06 0.02 0.01	NI NI NI	7.5 3.2 0.8	3.3 4.4 0.4	63 22 7.7	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	6.8 2.7 0.7	1.6 0.7 0.2	38 19 4.3			
Netherlands	North Sea	0.2	0.08	2.4	2.9	28	0	0	3.3	1.5	NI	6.4	0.6	9.6		
Norway	Skagerrak North Sea Norwegian Sea Barents Sea	0.1 1.0 0.1 0.00	0.05 0.04 0.02 0.000	27 8.7 27 0.4	0.6 4.2 0.9 0.01	21 58 61 0.4	NI NI NI NI	NI NI NI NI	4.0 2.7 3.4 0.3	0.1 0.02 0.02 0.002	0.1 0.2 0.3 0.03	6.6 4.8 6.1 0.4	0.3 0.4 0.7 0.05	10 1408 1403 377		
Portugal	Atlantic	NI NI	0.03 0.03	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	7.4 7.4	2.2 2.2	45 45		
Spain	Atlantic	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI		
Sweden	Kattegat Skagerrak	0.09 0.001	0.03 0.002	2.6 0.08	0.6 0.03	7.1 0.2	NI NI	NI NI	0.1 0.1	0.1 0.1	0.006 0.002	2.8 0.5	0.1 0.01	NI NI		
United Kingdom	N Sea (East Coast) (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.0 1.1	0.2 0.3	92 93	37 37	344 344	109 124	0.6 84	26 26	10 10	8.0 8.0	42 42	8.9 8.9	447 447		
	N Sea (Channel) (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.5 0.5	0.001 0.001	21 21	4.5 4.5	34 34	9.4 9.4	0.000 0.000	7.9 7.9	1.6 1.7	1.8 1.8	9.6 9.7	1.8 1.8	9.7 9.7		
	<i>Total North Sea</i> (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.4 1.5	0.2 0.3	114 114	41 42	378 378	118 134	0.6 84	34 34	12 12	9.8 9.8	52 52	11 11	457 457		
	Celtic Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.4 1.4	0.04 0.04	10.7 10.7	8.7 8.7	142 142	1.9 2.8	2.2 5.4	7.1 7.1	1.4 1.4	1.3 1.3	8.8 8.8	1.3 1.3	59 59		
	Irish Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	2.9 3.2	0.3 0.3	14 14	37 38	79 79	3.3 7.5	0.003 0.6	6.8 6.8	1.3 1.4	3.3 3.3	11 11	3.9 3.9	29 29		
	Atlantic (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.09 0.9	0.009 0.04	18 25	6.0 8.9	35 36	52 53	0.4 0.4	4.2 4.2	2.5 2.5	1.2 1.2	7.5 7.6	2.0 2.0	25 25		
	<i>Total Non-North Sea</i> (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	4.4 5.5	0.3 0.4	42 49	52 56	256 257	57 63	2.6 94	18 18	5.2 5.3	5.7 5.7	27 28	7.2 7.2	113 113		

<sup>^</sup> For explanation of data and reasons for lack of information, see Tables 1a and 1b

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) Suspended particulate matter

**Table 3^.** Riverine Inputs to the Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 1997 by Country

Country	Sea area	Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]
Belgium	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.1 5.2	0.2 0.3	26 63	18 62	325 456	56 76	0.0 132	6.6 8.8	21 27	1.8 2.4	34 44	2.6 6.4	221 309
Denmark	North Sea Skagerrak Kattegat	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	10 1.3 17	0.09 0.03 0.3	12 1.6 20	0.3 0.07 0.6	NI NI NI	
France	Channel/North Sea Atlantic	no data submitted for 1997			no data submitted for 1997									
Germany	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	6.2 6.3	1.9 1.9	149 149	149 149	1051 1051	370 370	37 178	7.2 7.2	149 149	2.5 2.5	201 201	8.2 8.2	1527 1566
Iceland	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1997												
Ireland	Irish Sea	0.6 0.7	NI NI	22 22	24 24	209 209	NI NI	NI NI	1.9 1.9	23 23	0.4 0.4	NI NI	1.2 1.2	134 134
	Celtic Sea	0.9 1.7	NI NI	58 58	69 72	279 279	NI NI	NI NI	2.9 2.9	67 67	1.8 1.8	NI NI	4.6 4.6	369 369
	Atlantic	0.3 0.9	NI NI	20 22	18 19	111 112	NI NI	NI NI	0.4 0.5	14 14	0.3 0.3	NI NI	1.2 1.2	124 124
Note: NO3 = total oxidised N														
Netherlands	North Sea	3.7 4.0	2.6 2.6	280 280	230 230	1200 1300	300 300	140 200	14 14	210 210	8.7 8.7	280 280	17 17	2210 2220
Norway	Skagerrak	1.4 1.6	0.04 0.07	76 76	18 18	281 281	28 28	0.04 11.2	1.5 1.5	18 18	0.2 0.2	28 28	0.6 0.6	254 254
	North Sea	0.9 1.1	0.02 0.05	26 26	16 16	186 186	18 18	0.0 10.6	1.0 1.1	15 14.9	0.2 0.2	25 25	0.5 0.5	3.1 3.1
	Norwegian Sea	0.8 1.2	0.2 0.2	128 128	18 18	235 235	29 29	0.0 19	1.6 1.6	14 14	0.3 0.3	26 26	0.9 0.9	35 35
	Barents Sea	0.6 0.7	0.01 0.03	34 34	5.6 5.7	63 63	3.7 3.7	0.0 4.3	0.2 0.2	1.6 1.6	0.05 0.05	4.4 4.4	0.2 0.2	3.0 3.0
Portugal	Atlantic	1.3 1.4	0.7 1.4	41 41	43 43	116 285	NI NI	NI NI	1.9 1.9	26 26	2.9 2.9	NI NI	3.7 3.7	302 302
Spain	Atlantic	11 18	2.6 2.6	94 153	16 18	3063 3063	157 250	NI NI	6.5 6.5	80 80	1.1 1.1	123 123	2.1 2.1	1174 1174
Sweden	Kattegat Skagerrak	0.3 0.07	0.05 0.007	25 4.5	7.3 0.8	87 21	NI NI	NI NI	0.9 0.09	13 1.0	0.1 0.009	22 2.2	0.5 0.03	NI NI
United Kingdom	N Sea (East Coast)	(lower estimate) 2.6	(upper estimate) 6.5	1.6 2.4	140 140	159 164	597 609	61 92	53 118	3.7 3.8	81 82	8.6 8.6	95 96	9.0 9.0
	N Sea (Channel)	(lower estimate) 0.6	(upper estimate) 0.6	0.04 0.06	37 37	7.3 7.5	168 169	9.7 16	0.00 0.00	0.7 0.7	24 24	1.1 1.1	25 25	1.1 1.1
	Total North Sea	(lower estimate) 3.2	(upper estimate) 7.1	1.6 2.5	177 178	166 172	765 778	70 108	53 118	4.4 4.5	105 105	9.6 9.7	120 120	10.1 10.1
	Celtic Sea	(lower estimate) 0.9	(upper estimate) 1.2	0.07 0.1	42 42	35 40	295 295	17 29	32 61	1.8 1.8	35 35	2.4 2.4	37 37	2.4 2.4
	Irish Sea	(lower estimate) 0.9	(upper estimate) 1.6	0.3 1.0	48 50	27 33	310 310	13 46	7.3 190	6.3 6.3	35 35	2.8 2.8	43 45	3.0 3.1
	Atlantic	(lower estimate) 0.7	(upper estimate) 2.6	1.0 1.2	54 54	33 35	154 159	21 33	2.3 75	3.4 3.7	16 12	1.4 1.2	17 97	2.2 7.7
	Total non-North Sea	(lower estimate) 2.5	(upper estimate) 5.4	1.0 2.4	144 147	95 108	759 765	51 108	42 326	12 12	86 86	5.6 6.6	97 99	267 983

<sup>^</sup> For explanation of data and reasons for lack of information, see Tables 1a and 1b

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) Suspended particulate matter

**Table 4a. Summary of Direct (Table 2) and Riverine (Table 3) Inputs to the Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 1997 by Country**

Country	Sea Area	Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]
<b>Belgium</b>	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.1 5.2	0.2 0.3	26 63	18 62	325 456	56 76	0.0 132	6.6 8.8	21 27	1.8 2.4	34 44	2.6 6.4	221 309
<b>Denmark</b>	North Sea Skagerrak Kattegat	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	10 1.3 17	0.09 0.03 0.32	13 1.7 21	0.4 0.08 0.7	NI NI NI	
<b>France</b>	Channel/North Sea Atlantic	no data submitted for 1997		no data submitted for 1997										
<b>Germany</b>	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	6.3 6.4	1.9 2.0	151 152	151 152	1072 1077	370 370	37 181	9.2 9.2	151 151	2.6 2.6	205 205	8.7 8.7	1529 1568
<b>Iceland</b>	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1997												
<b>Ireland (2)</b>	Irish Sea (lower estimate)	0.6	NI	30	27	272	NI	NI	1.9	23	0.4	6.8	2.8	170
	(upper estimate)	0.7	NI	30	27	272	NI	NI	1.9	23	0.4	6.8	2.8	170
	Celtic Sea (lower estimate)	0.9	NI	62	73	301	NI	NI	2.9	67	1.8	2.7	5.2	390
	(upper estimate)	1.7	NI	62	77	301	NI	NI	2.9	67	1.8	2.7	5.2	390
<b>Netherlands(3)</b>	Atlantic (lower estimate)	0.3	NI	21	18	119	NI	NI	0.4	14	0.3	0.7	1.4	130
	(upper estimate)	0.9	NI	22	19	119	NI	NI	0.4	14	0.3	0.7	1.4	130
<b>Netherlands(3)</b>	North Sea	3.9 4.2	2.7 2.7	283 283	233 233	1228 1328	300 300	140 200	17 17	211 211	8.7 8.7	286 286	18 18	2220 2230
<b>Norway</b>	Skagerrak (lower estimate)	1.5	0.09	102	19	303	28	0.04	5.5	18	0.3	35	0.8	265
	(upper estimate)	1.6	0.12	102	19	303	28	11.2	5.5	18	0.3	35	0.8	265
	North Sea (lower estimate)	1.8	0.06	35	20	244	18	0.0	3.7	15	0.4	29	0.9	1411
	(upper estimate)	2.0	0.09	35	20	244	18	10.6	3.7	15	0.4	29	0.9	1411
	Norwegian Sea (lower estimate)	0.9	0.2	155	19	297	29	0.0	5.0	14	0.7	32	1.6	1439
	(upper estimate)	1.3	0.2	155	19	297	29	19	5.0	14	0.7	32	1.6	1439
<b>Barents Sea</b>	Barents Sea (lower estimate)	0.6	0.01	34	5.6	64	3.7	0.0	0.5	1.6	0.1	4.8	0.2	380
	(upper estimate)	0.7	0.03	34	5.7	64	3.7	4.3	0.5	1.6	0.1	4.8	0.2	380
<b>Portugal</b>	Atlantic	1.3 1.4	0.8 1.5	41 41	43 43	116 285	NI NI	NI NI	1.9 1.9	26 26	2.9 2.9	7.4 7.4	5.9 5.9	347 347

**Table 4a Continued**

Country	Sea Area	Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]	
<b>Spain</b>	Atlantic	11 18	2.6 2.6	94 153	16 18	3063 3063	157 250	NI NI	6.5 6.5	80 80	1.1 1.1	123 123	2.1 2.1	1174 1174	
<b>Sweden</b>	Kattegat Skagerrak	0.4 0.07	0.08 0.009	28 4.6	7.8 0.9	94 21	NI NI	NI NI	1.0 0.2	13 1.1	0.1 0.01	25 2.6	0.6 0.04	NI NI	
<b>United Kingdom</b>	N Sea (East Coast) (lower estimate)	3.1	1.8	232	136	1040	170	53	30	91	17	137	18	935	
	(upper estimate)	7.5	2.7	233	136	953	216	202	30	92	17	138	18	956	
	N Sea (Channel) (lower estimate)	1.1	0.04	59	12	202	19	0.0	8.5	25	2.8	34	2.8	99	
	(upper estimate)	1.1	0.07	59	12	203	25	0.0	8.5	25	2.9	34	2.9	100	
	North Sea (lower estimate)	4.6	1.8	291	207	1143	189	53	38	117	19	171	21	1034	
	(upper estimate)	8.6	2.7	292	214	1156	242	202	38	117	19	172	21	1056	
	Celtic Sea (lower estimate)	2.3	0.1	53	44	437	19	35	9.0	36	3.7	46	3.7	624	
	(upper estimate)	2.7	0.2	53	49	437	32	66	9.0	36	3.7	46	3.7	625	
	Irish Sea (lower estimate)	3.8	0.6	62	64	389	16	7.3	13	36	6.1	54	6.9	179	
	(upper estimate)	4.8	1.3	64	71	389	53	191	13	36	6.1	56	7.0	179	
	Atlantic (lower estimate)	0.8	0.7	72	39	189	73	2.7	7.6	19	1.6	24	4.2	279	
	(upper estimate)	3.5	1.3	79	44	195	86	163	7.9	19	2.5	24	4.3	292	
	non-North Sea (lower estimate)	6.9	1.3	186	147	1015	109	45	30	91	11	124	15	1082	
	(upper estimate)	11	2.7	196	164	1021	172	420	30	91	12	126	15	1096	
<b>Total reported:</b>		(lower estimate)	<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1543</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>9774</b>	<b>1261</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1126</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>11790</b>
		(upper estimate)	<b>64</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1653</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>10100</b>	<b>1489</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>11964</b>

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) NH4-N, NO3-N, PO4-P: riverine inputs only; Total N: direct discharge only

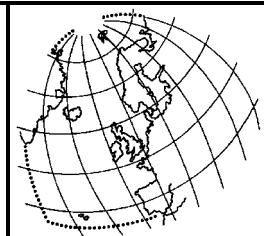
(3) Data provided comprise approx. 90% of the total pollution loads of the Netherlands into Convention Waters

**Table 4b. Summary of Direct and Riverine Inputs to the Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 1997 by Sea Area**

Sea Area		Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs(1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]	
<b>North-East Atlantic Ocean</b>	<i>Arctic Ocean</i>	0.6	0.01	34	5.6	64	3.7	0.0	0.5	1.6	0.1	4.8	0.2	380	
	Barents Sea	0.7	0.03	34	5.7	64	3.7	4.3	0.5	1.6	0.1	4.8	0.2	380	
	<i>Atlantic Ocean</i> (main body)	1.1	0.7	93	57	308	73	2.7	8.0	33	1.9	25	5.7	409	
		4.3	1.3	101	63	314	86	163	8.3	33	2.8	25	5.7	422	
	<i>Bay of Biscay and Iberian Coast</i>	13	3.4	135	59	3179	157	NI	8.4	106	4.0	130	8.0	1521	
		19	4.1	194	61	3348	250	NI	8.4	106	4.0	130	8.0	1521	
<b>North Sea</b>	Kattegat	(lower estimate)	0.4	0.08	28	7.8	94	NI	NI	1.0	30	0.4	46	1.3	0.0
		(upper estimate)	0.4	0.08	28	7.8	94	NI	NI	1.0	30	0.4	46	1.3	0.0
	Skagerrak	(lower estimate)	1.5	0.1	107	20	323	28	0.0	5.7	21	0.4	39	0.9	265
		(upper estimate)	1.7	0.1	107	20	323	28	11	5.7	21	0.4	39	0.9	265
	North Sea	(lower estimate)	15	6.6	727	558	3909	915	230	67	500	30	705	48	6315
	(main body)	(upper estimate)	25	7.7	766	603	4059	981	725	69	506	31	716	52	6473
	Channel	(lower estimate)	1.1	0.04	59	12	202	19	0.0	8.5	25	2.8	34	2.8	99
		(upper estimate)	1.1	0.07	59	12	203	25	0.0	8.5	25	2.9	34	2.9	100
<b>Norwegian Sea</b>		(lower estimate)	0.9	0.2	155	19	297	29	0.0	5.0	14	0.7	32	1.6	1439
		(upper estimate)	1.3	0.2	155	19	297	29	19	5.0	14	0.7	32	1.6	1439
<b>Irish Sea</b>		(lower estimate)	4.4	0.6	91	91	661	16	7.3	15	59	6.6	61	9.7	349
		(upper estimate)	5.5	1.3	94	99	661	53	191	15	59	6.6	63	9.8	349
<b>Celtic Sea</b>		(lower estimate)	3.2	0.1	114	117	737	19	35	12	103	5.5	48	8.9	1014
		(upper estimate)	4.4	0.2	115	125	738	32	66	12	103	5.5	49	8.9	1015

Note: Some Contracting Parties have not submitted information on direct inputs because under the current Principles of the Comprehensive Study, these inputs do not fall under the 90 % (of total inputs) monitoring requirement.

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## Part III

### Overview of the Results of the Comprehensive Study on Riverine Inputs and Direct Discharges (RID) in 1998<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Extract of:

Data Report on the Comprehensive Study on Riverine Inputs and Direct Discharges (RID) in 1998, available on request from the Secretariat of the OSPAR Commission.



## INTRODUCTION

Good input data for substances carried to the maritime area of the Paris Convention by rivers and direct discharges are essential in order to allow an assessment of the effectiveness of the Paris Commission's policies. They are equally essential for the interpretation of monitoring data such as those collected under the Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme (JAMP) of the Oslo and Paris Commissions, which replaced the former Joint Monitoring Programme in 1995.

The riverine discharges to the landward ends of estuaries and direct discharges to estuaries and coastal waters are combined to give estimates of the gross input of each substance to the maritime area. It is not feasible at the present time to estimate how much of these inputs are retained within estuaries and near-shore areas and how much passes into the open sea. Several major research projects are in hand to address this issue. The riverine loads reported also represent the loads coming from the whole of the river catchment areas. In the case of international rivers, loads from upstream countries are ascribed to the most downstream countries. No attempt has been made to identify the sources of these loads or whether these loads are of natural or anthropogenic origins. Again research aimed at differentiating between anthropogenic and natural contributions to riverine loads is needed to put the information into perspective for management purposes. As regards inputs to sea areas the considerable maritime fluxes across sea boundaries have not been taken into account.

## RESULTS OF THE 1998 COMPREHENSIVE STUDY

For the 1998 study, data sets on riverine inputs and direct discharges were provided by Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK). Only riverine inputs were reported by Belgium<sup>2</sup>, Ireland<sup>3</sup>. France and Iceland<sup>4</sup> did not provide input data for 1998.

The geographical coverage for 1998 was similar to the coverage in previous years, with additions to the range of rivers reported by Spain. Significant gaps occur in the data from Portugal and Spain. The part of the maritime area best covered remains the OSPAR Region II, the Greater North Sea, and especially the main body of the North Sea, although even here gaps exist.

The reporting of mandatory and voluntary determinands (cf. Table 1b) in 1998 was similar to 1997. Not all Contracting Parties reported data for all mandatory parameters. All reporting Contracting Parties provided data on inputs of heavy metals with the exception of Denmark (no metal data for 1998) and Spain (mainly riverine inputs). There are a number of gaps as regards the reporting of data for inputs of  $\gamma$ -HCH and PCBs (Denmark, Ireland, Spain and Sweden for all inputs, Norway for direct inputs) and suspended particulate matter (Denmark, Sweden for rivers). A number of additional parameters, not summarised in the overview Tables 3 and 4, were reported by Ireland and Norway (cf. Table 1b).

### Presentation of the 1998 data

**Table 1a** gives an overview of the information provided by Contracting Parties for 1998 and shows how the information was categorised:

- Direct inputs:
  - Sewage effluents

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<sup>2</sup> Previously existing direct discharges no longer exist.

<sup>3</sup> 1990 data for direct inputs are included, since the basis for the calculation remains unchanged.

<sup>4</sup> Iceland stated in 1988 that it had no plans to monitor riverine inputs; however, Iceland announced in 1996 that it was setting up a monitoring plan which would also result in calculation of riverine inputs.

- Industrial effluents
- Coastal areas: Data reported under "coastal areas" include discharges and run-off from coastal areas between rivers and also polder effluents. Depending on their nature, discharges from "coastal areas" are either counted under direct discharges or under riverine inputs.
- Riverine inputs:
  - Main rivers
  - Tributary rivers

**Table 1b** gives an overview of the determinands reported by Contracting Parties and shows where there are gaps in the reporting of mandatory determinands. Table 1b also indicates the precision of the estimate where the relevant information was provided by Contracting Parties. The last column of Table 1b informs on any additional determinands reported.

The data from Contracting Parties have in many cases<sup>5</sup> been rounded to one significant number for data reported less than the unit in which they appear and to two significant numbers for data reported greater than one unit; the following examples illustrate this rounding convention:

Amount reported by Contracting Party	Figure reported in the tables
0,0011	0,001
0,011	0,01
0,11	0,1
1,11	1,1
11,1	11
111 and above	not rounded

Due to this procedure, there are sometimes slight differences between the calculated totals given in this report and those calculated by Contracting Parties.

Overviews of the input information by country and sea area are given in **Tables 2 to 4a and b**. Table 2 gives an overview of direct inputs to OSPAR Convention Waters in 1998. Table 3 gives an overview of riverine inputs to OSPAR Convention waters in 1998. Table 4a summarises the information contained in Tables 2 and 3 and gives overall figures on inputs from land-based sources. Table 4b contains the same information as Table 4a but lists inputs by sea area. Please note that, due to major gaps in the reporting, no totals for the Convention area are given in Tables 2 to 4a and b.

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<sup>5</sup> Secretariat note: Not all Contracting Parties wished to have their data rounded in accordance with this procedure.

**Table 1a. Information Received on Inputs to the Maritime Area  
of the OSPAR Convention in 1998**

Country	Direct Discharges		Coastal Areas (2)	Riverine Inputs	
	Sewage Effluents	Industrial Effluents		Main Rivers	Tributary Rivers (1)
Belgium	NA	NA	(3)	+	+
Denmark					
- Kattegat	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Skagerrak	+	+	NI	+	NI
- North Sea	+	+	NI	+	NI
France					
- North Sea	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
- Channel	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
- Atlantic	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI
Germany	+	+	(4)	+	+
Iceland	No 1998 input data available (5)				
Ireland					
- Irish Sea	+ (6)	+ (6)		+	+
- Celtic Sea	+ (6)	+ (6)		+	+
- Atlantic	+ (6)	+ (6)		+	+
Netherlands	+	+	(3)	+	+
Norway					
- Skagerrak	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
- North Sea	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
- Norwegian Sea	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
- Barents Sea	+	+	+ (7)	+	+
Portugal	Very limited 1998 input data available				
Spain	+	+	+	+	+
Sweden					
- Kattegat	+	+	(3)	+	+
- Skagerrak	+	+	(3)	+	+
United Kingdom					
- East Coast	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Channel	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Celtic Sea	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Irish Sea	+	+	NI	+	NI
- Atlantic	+	+	NI	+	NI

+ = Information available

NI = No information

NA = Not applicable

(1) Tributary Rive - any tributary river flowing into (the estuary of ) a main river, downstream from the sampling point;  
- any minor river which was not deemed to be a main river.

(2) Coastal areas: - 'downstream areas' of main and tributary rivers and rivers not monitored;  
- areas discharging to the maritime area which, however, are located outside the catchment area of a river.

(3) Included in data on riverine inputs ("tributary rivers")

(4) Included in data on direct inputs

(5) Iceland stated in 1988 that it had no plans to monitor riverine inputs; however, Iceland announced  
in 1996 that it was setting up a monitoring plan which would also result in calculations of riverine inputs

(6) 1990 data

(7) cf. category "run-off" in Table 6b. for Norway

**Table 1b. Determinands Reported by Contracting Parties in 1998**

Country	Determinands													
	Cd	Hg	Cu	Pb	Zn	g-HCH	PCBs (1) (voluntary)	NH4-N	NO3-N	PO4-P	Total N	Total P	SPM (2)	Others
Belgium														
- direct inputs	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
- riverine inputs	R (4)	R (4)	R (3)	R (3)	R (3)	R (3)	R (4)	R (3)	R (3)	R (3)	R (3)	R (3)	R (3)	
Denmark														
- direct inputs	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	+	+	+	NI
- riverine inputs	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	+	+	+	+	+	+	NI
France	no data submitted for 1998													
- direct inputs														
- riverine inputs														
Germany														
- direct inputs	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	
- riverine inputs <sup>3</sup>	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	
- riverine inputs <sup>*4</sup>	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	
*) Elbe **) Other main rivers														
Iceland	No 1998 input data available (6)													
- direct inputs														
- riverine inputs														
Ireland														
- direct inputs	+ (8)	NI	+ (8)	+ (8)	+ (8)	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	+ (8)	+ (8)		
- main riv. inputs	R (3)(4)	NI	+ (3)	R (3)(4)	R	+ (3)	NI	NI	NI	NI	+ (3)	+ (3)		organic N (TKN)
- tributary rivers	R	NI	R	R	R	+	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	organic N (TKN)
Netherlands														
- direct inputs	+	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	NI	NI	+	+	+	
- main riv. inputs	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	
- tributary rivers	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Norway														
- direct inputs	+	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	NI	NI	+	+	+	As, Cr, Ni, TOC
- main riv. inputs	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	R (4)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	As, Cr, Ni, TOC
- tributary rivers	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	+ (5)	+ (5)	+ (5)	+ (5)	+ (5)	As, Cr, Ni, TOC
Portugal														
- direct inputs	NI	+	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	
- main riv. inputs (7)	R	R	R	R	R	R	NI	NI	R	NI	+	+	+	
- tributary rivers	R	R	R	R	R	R	NI	NI	R	NI	+	+	+	
Spain														
- direct inputs	NI	NI	+	NI	+	NI	NI	NI	NI	NI	+	+	+	
- riverine inputs	+ (3)(4)	R(4)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)(4)	+ (3)(4)	R(4)	NI	NI	R(3)(4)	R(3)	R(3)	R(3)	R(3)	
Sweden														
- sewage effluent:	+	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	+	NI	+	+	+	
- industrial effluents	+	+	+	+	+	+	NI	NI	NI	NI	+	+	+	NI
- main riv. inputs	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	NI	NI	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	+ (3)	NI
United Kingdom														
- direct inputs	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R(9)	R	
- riverine inputs	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R(9)	R	

+ : Data provided

R: Estimate given as a range

NI: No information

NA: Not applicable; riverine inputs > 90% total inputs

DL: Detection limit

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) Suspended particulate matter

(3) 70 % of measurements above detection limit

(4) Less than 70 % of measurements above detection limit

(5) Includes run-off

(6) Iceland stated in 1988 that it had no plans to monitor riverine inputs; however, Iceland announced

in 1996 that it was setting up a monitoring plan which would also result in calculations of riverine inputs

(7) River Tejo only

(8) 1990 data, since the basis for calculation remained unchanged

(9) In England and Wales Total-P was not measured. To avoid anomalies, a value equal to the orthophosphate-P has been used.

**Table 2<sup>^</sup>. Direct Discharges to the Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 1998 by Country**

Country	Region	Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]	
Belgium	North Sea (upper estimate)	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	
Denmark	North Sea Skagerrak Kattegat	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	0.9 0.09 1.4	0.09 0.009 0.2	NI NI NI		
France	Channel/North Sea Atlantic	no data submitted for 1998		no data submitted for 1998											
Germany	North Sea	0.01 0.06	0.01 0.07	2.3 3.0	1.1 1.7	12 17	0.02 0.3	0.05 2.8	2.0 2.0	2.0 2.0	0.1 0.1	4.3 4.3	0.5 0.5	2.0 2.0	
Iceland	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1998													
Ireland (1990 data)	Irish Sea Celtic Sea Atlantic	0.06 0.02 0.01	NI NI NI	7.5 3.2 0.8	3.3 4.4 0.4	63 22 7.7	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	6.8 2.7 0.7	1.6 0.7 0.2	38 19 4.3		
Netherlands	North Sea	0.1	0.08	3.5	2.4	30	0	0	0.4	1.3	NI	6.8	0.6	14	
Norway	Skagerrak North Sea Norwegian Sea Barents Sea	0.1 1.0 0.1 0.001	0.05 0.04 0.02 0.000	25 8.5 27 0.4	0.7 4.8 0.9 0.01	20 54 61 0.4	NI NI NI NI	NI NI NI NI	3.9 2.7 3.0 0.3	0.02 0.02 0.02 0.002	0.08 0.2 0.3 0.03	6.3 5.1 4.8 0.3	0.2 0.4 0.6 0.05	10 1554 1540 379	
Portugal	Atlantic	NI NI	0.04 0.04	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	NI NI	
Spain	Atlantic	NI	NI	1.3	NI	4.3	NI	NI	4.5	NI	0.1	2.3	1.2	82	
Sweden	Kattegat Skagerrak	0.05 0.001	0.02 0.01	2.0 0.13	0.4 0.01	3.5 0.5	NI NI	NI NI	1.3 0.2	0.7 0.1	0.02 0.007	2.4 0.5	0.1 0.03	NI NI	
United Kingdom	N Sea (East Coast (lower estimate) (upper estimate) N Sea (Channel) (lower estimate) (upper estimate) Total North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate) Celtic Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate) Irish Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate) Atlantic (lower estimate) (upper estimate) Total Non-North (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.3 1.5 0.1 0.1 1.4 1.6 1.6 1.6 2.9 3.2 0.1 0.7 4.6 5.5	0.2 0.3 0.0 0.0 0.2 0.3 0.03 0.04 0.3 0.3 0.1 0.1 0.4 0.4	87 87 16 16 103 103 21 21 14 14 12 14 47 49	41 41 2.7 2.7 44 44 21 21 37 38 10 14 68 71	313 313 22 22 335 335 139 139 79 79 21 21 239 239	57 105 2.9 3.0 60 108 2.5 4.42 3.3 7.5 1.2 1.5 7.0 26	358 442 0.00 0.2 358 442 0.6 10.0 0.003 0.6 21 21.6 48	24 24 6.8 6.8 31 31 10.0 1.6 6.8 1.2 2.9 20 20	12 12 1.1 1.1 13 13 1.6 1.6 1.3 1.4 0.9 3.8 3.9	6.8 6.8 1.6 1.6 8.4 8.4 1.8 1.8 3.3 3.3 1.0 6.1 6.1	40 40 8.1 8.1 48 48 12.0 12.0 11 11 3.8 3.8 3.9	8.5 8.5 1.6 1.6 10 10 1.8 1.8 11 11 1.9 27 27	417 418 6.1 6.1 423 424 67 67 29 29 26 26 122 122	

<sup>^</sup> For explanation of data and reasons for lack of information, see Tables 1a and 1b

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) Suspended particulate matter

**Table 3^.** Riverine Inputs to the Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 1998 by Country

Country	Sea area	Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]	
Belgium	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	2.1 2.8	0.02 1.2	65 83	47 56	449 548	101 120	0.0 270	6.5 8.5	40 46	2.0 2.3	54 65	3.2 5.2	298 365	
Denmark	North Sea Skagerrak Kattegat	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	18.5 2.54 29	0.16 0.05 0.4	22 3.0 34	0.5 0.08 0.8	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	
France	Channel/North Sea Atlantic	no data submitted for 1998		no data submitted for 1998											
Germany	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	6.1 6.3	2.1 2.1	200 200	180 180	1266 1266	261 261	6.0 167	8.7 8.9	190 190	3.7 3.7	248 248	10 10	1631 1708	
Iceland	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1998													
Ireland	Irish Sea	0.9 1.0	NM NM	28 28	43 43	219 219	NM	NM	1.0 1.0	27	0.3	NM	1.4	NM	
	Celtic Sea	1.0 2.0	NM NM	53 54	54 61	296 296	NM	NM	2.8 2.9	71	1.6	NM	3.6	NM	
Note: NO3 = total oxidised N	Atlantic	0.6 1.3	NM NM	44 48	30 39	91 91	NM	NM	0.5 0.6	22	0.4	NM	1.5	NM	
Netherlands	North Sea	9.6 9.6	2.0 2.1	328 328	255 256	1267 1467	258 261	179 183	15 15	281 281	9.5 9.5	368 368	19 19	1982 1984	
Norway	Skagerrak	4.8 4.8	2.5 2.6	111 111	111 111	340 340	39 39	0.10 14.0	1.5 1.5	19 19	0.2 0.2	31 31	0.6 0.6	221 221	
	North Sea	0.7 0.9	0.03 0.06	23 23	10 10	149 149	18 18	0.2 11	0.7 0.7	11 11	0.06 0.07	17 17	0.3 0.3	40 40	
	Norwegian Sea	0.3 0.9	0.04 0.08	90 90	18 18	541 541	24 24	0.2 15	0.5 0.5	4.4 4.4	0.09 0.09	12 12	0.3 0.3	171 171	
	Barents Sea	0.3 0.4	0.02 0.02	24 24	4.0 4.0	98 99	3.8 3.8	0.0 4.3	1.4 1.4	0.5 0.5	0.1 0.1	5.1 5.1	0.3 0.3	36 36	
Portugal	Atlantic	0.5 0.7	0.3 1.2	26 26	4.5 5.3	1.2 138	NI NI	NI NI	0.5 0.6	13 13	1.2 1.3	NI NI	2.1 2.1	211 211	
Spain	Atlantic	5.2 8.4	0.09 0.7	52 191	27 81	1239 1318	0 30	NI NI	3.2 3.3	77 77	0.8 0.8	34 34	1.5 1.7	712 712	
Sweden	Kattegat Skagerrak	0.5 0.06	0.09 0.01	38 4.6	13 1.3	148 18	NI NI	NI NI	1.3 0.09	25 1.8	0.3 0.03	41 3.5	0.9 0.1	NI NI	
United Kingdom	N Sea (East Coast) (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	4.6 9.6	2.0 2.6	201 201	254 258	804 804	56 115	1.0 490	4.8 4.9	149 149	10 10	164 164	11 11	610 635	
	N Sea (Channel) (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.6 0.6	0.01 0.04	58 58	18 18	255 255	4.6 14	0.0 0.0	0.6 0.7	27 27	1.2 1.2	28 28	1.2 1.2	126 127	
	Total North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	5.2 10.3	2.0 2.7	259 259	272 276	1058 1059	61 130	1.0 490	5.5 5.6	176 176	11.6 11.6	192 192	12.3 12.3	736 762	
	Celtic Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.4 2.2	0.1 0.2	77 77	81 81	405 405	61 131	0.0 167	1.7 1.7	67 67	3.0 3.0	69 69	3.0 3.0	1072 1073	
	Irish Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.8 2.3	0.5 1.2	102 103	107 109	515 516	6.8 126	32 398	32 398	45 47	7.9 8.0	56 57	8.3 8.4	488 496	
	Atlantic (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.7 2.7	0.3 1.1	68 68	23 26	128 137	20 73	0.9 220	2.7 2.8	15 18	1.5 1.6	18 21	2.7 2.9	358 376	
	Total non-North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	3.9 7.2	0.9 2.5	247 249	211 217	1047 1058	88 330	33 785	36 403	127 132	12.4 12.7	144 148	14.0 14.3	1918 1945	

<sup>^</sup> For explanation of data and reasons for lack of information, see Tables 1a and 1b

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(2) Suspended particulate matter

**Table 4a. Summary of Direct (Table 2) and Riverine (Table 3) Inputs to the Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 1998 by Country**

Country	Sea Area	Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]
<b>Belgium</b>	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	2.1 2.8	0.02 1.2	65 83	47 56	449 548	101 120	0.0 270	6.5 8.5	40 46	2.0 2.3	54 65	3.2 5.2	298 365
<b>Denmark</b>	North Sea Skagerrak Kattegat	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	NI NI NI	18.5 2.5 29	0.2 0.05 0.4	22 3.1 35	0.6 0.09 1.0	NI NI NI	
<b>France</b>	Channel/North Sea Atlantic	no data submitted for 1998			no data submitted for 1998									
<b>Germany</b>	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	6.1 6.4	2.1 2.2	202 203	181 182	1278 1283	261 261	6 170	10.7 10.9	192 192	3.8 3.8	252 252	10.5 10.5	1633 1710
<b>Iceland</b>	Atlantic	no data submitted for 1998												
<b>Ireland (2)</b>	Irish Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.0 1.0	NI NI	35 35	46 47	282 282	NI NI	NI NI	1.0 1.0	27 27	0.3 0.3	6.8 6.8	3.0 3.0	38 38
	Celtic Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.0 2.0	NI NI	57 57	58 65	317 317	NI NI	NI NI	2.8 2.9	71 71	1.6 1.6	2.7 2.7	4.2 4.2	19 19
	Atlantic (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.6 1.3	NI NI	45 49	30 40	99 99	NI NI	NI NI	0.5 0.6	22 22	0.4 0.4	0.7 0.7	1.7 1.7	4.3 4.3
<b>Netherlands(3)</b>	North Sea	9.7 9.7	2.1 2.2	332 332	257 258	1297 1497	258 261	179 183	15 15	282 282	9.5 9.5	375 375	20 20	1996 1998
<b>Norway</b>	Skagerrak (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	4.9 4.9	2.6 2.7	136 136	112 112	360 360	39 39	0.1 14.0	5.4 5.4	19 19	0.3 0.3	37 37	0.8 0.8	231 231
	North Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	1.7 1.9	0.07 0.10	32 32	15 15	203 203	18 18	0.2 11.0	3.4 3.4	11 11	0.3 0.3	22 22	0.7 0.7	1594 1594
	Norwegian Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.4 1.0	0.1 0.1	117 117	19 19	602 602	24 24	0.2 15	3.5 3.5	4 4	0.4 0.4	17 17	0.9 0.9	1711 1711
	Barents Sea (lower estimate) (upper estimate)	0.3 0.4	0.02 0.02	24 24	4.0 4.0	98 99	3.8 3.8	0.0 1.7	1.7 0.5	0.5 0.5	0.1 0.1	5.4 5.4	0.3 0.3	415 415
<b>Portugal</b>	Atlantic	0.5 0.7	0.3 1.2	26 26	4.5 5.3	1.2 138	NI NI	NI NI	0.5 0.6	13 13	1.2 1.3	NI NI	2.1 2.1	211 211

**Table 4a Continued**

Country	Sea Area		Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs (1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]
Spain	Atlantic		5.2 8.4	0.09 0.7	53 192	27 81	1243 1322	0 30	NI NI	7.7 7.8	77 77	0.9 0.9	36 36	2.7 2.9	794 794
Sweden	Kattegat Skagerrak		0.5 0.06	0.1 0.03	40 4.8	13 1.3	151 18	NI NI	NI NI	2.6 0.3	26 1.9	0.3 0.04	43 4.0	1.0 0.1	NI NI
United Kingdom	N Sea (East Coast)	(lower estimate)	5.9	2.2	288	295	1117	113	359	29	161	17	204	20	1027
		(upper estimate)	11.1	2.9	288	299	1117	220	932	29	161	17	204	20	1053
	N Sea (Channel)	(lower estimate)	0.7	0.01	74	21	277	7.5	0.0	7.4	28	2.8	36	2.8	132
		(upper estimate)	0.7	0.04	74	21	277	17	0.2	7.5	28	2.8	36	2.8	133
	North Sea	(lower estimate)	6.6	2.2	362	316	1393	121	359	36	189	20	240	22	1159
		(upper estimate)	11.9	2.9	362	320	1394	238	932	36	189	20	240	22	1186
	Celtic Sea	(lower estimate)	3.0	0.1	98	102	544	63	0.6	11.7	69	4.8	81	4.8	1139
		(upper estimate)	3.8	0.3	98	102	544	135	172	11.7	69	4.8	81	4.8	1140
	Irish Sea	(lower estimate)	4.6	0.7	115	144	594	10	32.0	39	46	11.2	67	12.2	517
		(upper estimate)	5.5	1.5	117	148	595	133	399	405	48	11.3	68	12.3	525
	Atlantic	(lower estimate)	0.8	0.4	80	33	149	21	21.9	5.6	16	2.5	22	4.6	384
		(upper estimate)	3.4	1.2	82	38	158	88	262	5.7	19	2.6	25	4.8	402
	non-North Sea	(lower estimate)	8.4	1.3	294	279	1286	95	55	56	131	19	171	22	2041
		(upper estimate)	13	2.9	298	288	1297	356	832	422	135	19	175	22	2067
<b>Total reported:</b>		(lower estimate)	<b>49</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1823</b>	<b>1411</b>	<b>9079</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1328</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>12144</b>
		(upper estimate)	<b>66</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1506</b>	<b>9611</b>	<b>1352</b>	<b>2432</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>1167</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1343</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>12343</b>

(1) IUPAC Nos 28, 52, 101, 118, 153, 138, 180

(2) NH4-N, NO3-N, PO4-P: riverine inputs only; Total N: direct discharge only

(3) Data provided comprise approx. 90% of the total pollution loads of the Netherlands into Convention Waters

**Table 4b. Summary of Direct and Riverine Inputs to the Maritime Area of the OSPAR Convention in 1998 by Sea Area**

Sea Area		Cd [t]	Hg [t]	Cu [t]	Pb [t]	Zn [t]	g-HCH [kg]	PCBs(1) [kg]	NH4-N [kt]	NO3-N [kt]	PO4-P [kt]	Total N [kt]	Total P [kt]	SPM(2) [kt]	
North-East Atlantic Ocean	<i>Arctic Ocean</i>	0.3	0.02	24	4.0	98	3.8	0.0	1.7	0.5	0.1	5.4	0.3	415	
	Barents Sea	0.4	0.02	24	4.0	99	3.8	4.3	1.7	0.5	0.1	5.4	0.3	415	
	<i>Atlantic Ocean</i> (main body)	1.4	0.4	125	64	247	21	21.9	6.1	37	2.9	23	6.3	389	
North Sea	<i>Bay of Biscay and Iberian Coast</i>	4.7	1.2	131	78	257	88	262	6.3	40	3.0	26	6.5	407	
		5.7	0.4	79	32	1245	0.0	NI	8.2	90	2.1	36	4.8	1005	
North Sea	Kattegat	9.1	1.9	218	86	1460	30	NI	8.4	90	2.2	36	5.0	1005	
		(lower estimate)	0.5	0.11	40	13.3	151	NI	NI	2.6	55	0.7	78	2.1	0.0
	Skagerrak	(upper estimate)	0.5	0.11	40	13.3	151	NI	NI	2.6	55	0.7	78	2.1	0.0
		(lower estimate)	5.0	2.6	141	113	378	39	0.1	5.7	23	0.4	44	1.0	231
	North Sea (main body)	(upper estimate)	5.0	2.7	141	113	378	39	14	5.7	23	0.4	44	1.0	231
		(lower estimate)	25	6.4	919	795	4344	752	544	65	705	33	929	54	6548
	Channel	(upper estimate)	32	8.5	937	810	4648	881	1566	67	711	33	940	56	6720
		(lower estimate)	0.7	0.01	74	21	277	8	0.0	7.4	28	2.8	36	2.8	132
Norwegian Sea		(upper estimate)	0.7	0.04	74	21	277	17	0.2	7.5	28	2.8	36	2.8	133
		(lower estimate)	0.4	0.1	117	19	602	24	0.2	3.5	4	0.4	17	0.9	1711
Irish Sea		(upper estimate)	1.0	0.1	117	19	602	24	15	3.5	4	0.4	17	0.9	1711
		(lower estimate)	5.6	0.7	151	190	876	10	32	40	73	11.5	74	15	555
Celtic Sea		(upper estimate)	6.5	1.5	153	194	877	133	399	406	75	11.6	75	15	563
		(lower estimate)	4.0	0.1	155	161	861	63	0.6	15	139	6.4	84	9.0	1158
		(upper estimate)	5.8	0.3	155	167	861	135	172	15	139	6.4	84	9.0	1158

Note: Some Contracting Parties have not submitted information on direct inputs because under the current Principles of the Comprehensive Study, these inputs do not fall under the 90 % (of total inputs) monitoring requirement.