

OSPAR Recommendation 2020/01 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2011/5, OSPAR Recommendation 2013/4, OSPAR Recommendation 2013/5, OSPAR Recommendation 2014/1

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RECALLING Article 2(1) of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North East Atlantic (“the OSPAR Convention”);

RECALLING Annex V to the OSPAR Convention on the protection and conservation of the ecosystems and biological diversity of the maritime area, and in particular Article 3(1)(b)(ii), which makes it a duty of the OSPAR Commission to develop means, consistent with international law, for instituting protective, conservation, restorative or precautionary measures related to specific areas or sites or related to specific species or habitats; and Article 3(1)(b)(iv), which aims for the application of an integrated ecosystem approach, subject to Article 4;

RECALLING Article 4(1) of Annex V, which provides that, in accordance with the penultimate recital of the OSPAR Convention, no programme or measure concerning a question relating to the management of fisheries shall be adopted under that Annex, while recognising that where the OSPAR Commission considers that action is desirable in relation to such a question, it shall draw that question to the attention of the authority or international body competent for that question;

RECALLING OSPAR Recommendation 2011/5 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Black-legged kittiwake;

RECALLING OSPAR Recommendation 2013/4 on furthering the protection and conservation of *Ostrea edulis* and *Ostrea edulis* beds;

RECALLING OSPAR Recommendation 2013/5 on furthering the protection and restoration of the ocean quahog;

RECALLING OSPAR Recommendation 2014/1 on furthering the protection and conservation of the common or European sturgeon;

RECALLING the OSPAR List of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats (OSPAR Agreement 2008-06);

RECALLING the Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme (OSPAR Agreement 2014-02) as amended in 2020 to include a description of the OSPAR Regions;

WISHING to update the scope of application of OSPAR Recommendations 2011/5, 2013/4, 2013/5 and 2014/1 to take into account the change of limit between OSPAR Regions II and III as set out in OSPAR Agreement 2014-02, as amended in 2020.

The Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic RECOMMEND:

1. Purpose and Scope

1.1 The purpose of this Recommendation is to amend and update Recommendations 2011/5, 2013/4, 2013/5 and 2014/1.

2. Provisions

Title

2.1 The title of OSPAR Recommendation 2013/4 is amended as follows:

“OSPAR Recommendation 2013/4 on furthering the protection and conservation of *Ostrea edulis* in Region II and III¹ of the OSPAR maritime area and *Ostrea edulis* beds in Regions II, III and IV of the OSPAR maritime area”

2.2 The title of OSPAR Recommendation 2013/5 is amended as follows:

“OSPAR Recommendation 2013/5 on furthering the protection and conservation of the ocean quahog (*Arctica islandica*) in Regions II and III¹ of the OSPAR maritime area”

2.3 The title of OSPAR Recommendation 2014/1 is amended as follows:

“OSPAR Recommendation 2014/1 on furthering the protection and conservation of the common or European sturgeon (*Acipenser sturio*) in Regions II, III¹ and IV of the OSPAR maritime area”

2.4 The following footnote is included after “Region III” in the titles of OSPAR Recommendation 2013/4, OSPAR Recommendation 2013/5, OSPAR Recommendation 2014/1:

“The present Recommendation applies to the part of Region III eastwards of 5° West of the OSPAR maritime area”

2.5 The title of OSPAR Recommendation 2011/5 is not amended as there is no reference to the Regions in the title and therefore no amendment is needed.

2.6 The following preambular paragraph is included after the preambular paragraph recalling the OSPAR List of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats (OSPAR Agreement 2008-6):

RECALLING the Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme (OSPAR Agreement 2014-02) as amended in 2020 to include a description of the OSPAR Regions;

Section 2: Purpose and scope

2.7 Section 2 (Purpose and Scope), paragraph 2.1 of Recommendation 2011/5 is amended as follows:

The purpose of this Recommendation is to strengthen the protection at all life stages of the Black-legged kittiwake in Region I, II and the part of Region III eastwards of 5° West of the OSPAR maritime area.

2.8 Section 2 (Purpose and Scope), paragraph 2.1 of Recommendation 2013/4 is amended as follows:

The purpose of this Recommendation is to strengthen the protection of the threatened and/or declining *Ostrea edulis* in Region II, and in the part of Region III eastwards of 5° West of the OSPAR maritime area as well as *Ostrea edulis* beds in Regions II, III and IV of the OSPAR maritime area, in order to recover the species and the habitat it provides, to improve their status and ensure they are effectively conserved in the OSPAR maritime area.

2.9 Section 2 (Purpose and Scope), paragraph 2.1 of Recommendation 2013/5 is amended as follows:

The purpose of this Recommendation is to strengthen the protection of the ocean quahog at all life stages in order to recover its population, to improve its status and to ensure that the population is

effectively conserved in Region II and in the part of Region III eastwards of 5° West of the OSPAR maritime area.

2.10 Section 2 (Purpose and Scope), paragraph 2.1 of Recommendation 2014/1 is amended as follows:

The purpose of this Recommendation is to strengthen the protection of the European sturgeon at all life stages in order to recover its population, to improve its status and to ensure that the population is effectively conserved in Regions II and IV, and in the part of Region III eastwards of 5° West of the OSPAR maritime area.

3. Entry into Force

3.1 This Recommendation has effect from 10 December 2020.