

Roadmap for further development of the North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Sea basin Marine Protected Area

OSPAR Agreement 2021-08¹

Objective of the roadmap:

This 2021-2023 roadmap sets out an evidence review process to consider the further development of protection for the deep-sea ecosystem at the NACES MPA. There is an intention by the OSPAR Commission to enhance the protection by including additional OSPAR listed features and the seabed, ocean floor and subsoil thereof in the scope of the NACES MPA as supported by the review process.

This roadmap does not set a precedent for future MPA designations by OSPAR.

Time:	Responsible body:	Tasks:
OSPAR Commission 2021		
October 2021	OSPAR Commission	Designation of North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Sea basin MPA (NACES MPA) Agreement on the Roadmap Agreement to inform the relevant competent organizations, in writing of the process and to inform the relevant competent organizations under the collective arrangement at their meeting
Intersessional Work		
October 2021	BDC HOD/	Establishment of a NACES MPA Extension task group or task ICG-MPA to carry out the work Consideration of terms of reference for a workshop, if needed
November 2021	ICG-MPA	
	GOBI Secretariat	Collection of available scientific evidence and compilation of document(s)
April 2022	BDC	Consideration of the evidence collected so far, and the need for further work, as appropriate
April/May	Co-Leads and consultant	Drafting of sections on proposed additional features to the conservation objectives as part of a revised nomination proforma for the NACES MPA

¹ Revised in 2022 (HOD(1) 22/12/1, Annex 2)

13 June	Workshop	At the workshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discuss the revised nomination proforma and available evidence - discuss comments received and agree on their incorporation
summer	Co-leads and consultant	Finalise draft nomination proforma
OSPAR Commission 2022		
June 2022	OSPAR Commission	Receive update
Intersessional work		
September 2022	BDC(extra)	Submission of a proposal for a revised nomination proforma to OSPAR including a recommendation for revised conservation objectives
17 November	OSPAR(extra) (extended HOD(2)2022)	Consideration of and agreement on a revised nomination proforma Agreement on peer review and External Consultation procedure (Agreement 2019-09) on the revised nomination proforma
December 2022 – February 2023	Consultation procedure	Agreement 2019-09 stipulates a 3 month period
January-February 2023	Peer-review	Peer-review of the updated nomination proforma carried out
spring 2023	Co-leads and consultant	Take into account all comments received through the review procedure, develop final text to be included in a revised nomination proforma and Prepare draft Amending Decision and draft Amending Recommendation, as needed
Spring 2023	ICG-MPA(extra)	Expert review of nomination proforma, draft Amending Decision and draft Amending Recommendation
Spring 2023	BDC	Consider proposal from NACES MPA lead and ICG-MPA Agree final text for revised nomination proforma Agree draft Amending Decision and draft Amending Recommendation Draft a recommendation to OSPAR Commission on the extension of the conservation objectives and the scope of the NACES MPA
OSPAR 2023		
June 2023	OSPAR Commission	Consideration of the following actions: Agree to publish revised nomination proforma Adoption of Amending Decision and Amending Recommendation