



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

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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:
<b>OSPAR Commission 2021</b>		
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
<b>Intersessional Work</b>		
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	
	NACES MPA Extension task group/ ICG-MPA	Collection of available scientific evidence and compilation of document(s)  Drafting of sections on proposed additional features to the conservation objectives as part of a revised nomination proforma for the NACES MPA
February 2022	ICG-MPA Workshop organised for Contracting	Before the workshop, invite:  - comments on the evidence compilation

	Parties and Observers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- comments on the draft sections of the revised nomination proforma</li> </ul> <p>At the workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- discuss the revised nomination proforma and available evidence</li> <li>- discuss comments received and agree on their incorporation</li> </ul>
April 2022	BDC	<p>Consideration of the evidence collected so far, and the need for further work, as appropriate</p> <p>Submission of a proposal for a revised nomination proforma to OSPAR including a recommendation for revised conservation objectives</p>
<b>OSPAR Commission 2022</b>		
June 2022	OSPAR Commission	<p>Consideration of and agreement on a revised nomination proforma</p> <p>Agreement on peer review and External Consultation procedure (Agreement 2019-09) on the revised nomination proforma</p>
<b>Intersessional work</b>		
Autumn 2022	NACES MPA Extension task group/ ICG-MPA	<p>Take into account all comments received through the review procedure, develop final text to be included in a revised nomination proforma and</p> <p>Prepare draft Amending Decision and draft Amending Recommendation, as needed</p>
Spring 2023	BDC	<p>Consider proposal from NACES MPA Extension Task Group / ICG-MPA</p> <p>Agree final text for revised nomination proforma Agree draft Amending Decision and draft Amending Recommendation</p> <p>Draft a recommendation to OSPAR Commission on the extension of the conservation objectives and the scope of the NACES MPA</p>
<b>OSPAR 2023</b>		
June 2023	OSPAR Commission	<p>Consideration of the following actions:</p> <p>Agree to publish revised nomination proforma</p> <p>Adoption of Amending Decision and Amending Recommendation</p>