OSPAR’S NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY 2010–2020: PROGRESS MADE BUT MORE TO DO

Why is this important?
The evaluation of OSPAR’s North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy (NEAES) 2010–2020 was an important and necessary step in the development of OSPAR’s NEAES 2030. It shows the progress that OSPAR made against the objectives of the Strategy and where more work is needed to realise OSPAR’s vision of a clean, healthy, and biologically diverse North-East Atlantic, used sustainably.

What is OSPAR doing?
Under the NEAES 2010–2020, OSPAR took forward work related to the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach and a suite of five thematic strategies: biodiversity and ecosystems, eutrophication, hazardous substances, the offshore industry, and radioactive substances.

How will this benefit the North-East Atlantic?
The evaluation of the Strategy demonstrates the successes that OSPAR Contracting Parties have made in implementing the NEAES 2010–2020, but also highlights the gaps in objectives that have not yet been fully fulfilled and lessons in how its implementation was monitored. These gaps and lessons learnt, along with emerging issues and challenges, have informed the development of OSPAR’s new NEAES 2030 with the aim that it is more focused on the challenges facing the ocean and that its implementation will be more effectively managed.

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For more information on the review of OSPAR’s NEAES 2010–2020, please visit the OSPAR website.