

List of Decisions, Recommendations and Other Agreements Applicable within the Framework of the OSPAR Convention - Update 2026¹

Work to implement the OSPAR Convention and its strategies is taken forward through the adoption of Decisions, which are legally binding on the Contracting Parties, Recommendations and Other Agreements. Decisions and Recommendations set out actions to be taken by the Contracting Parties. These measures are complemented by Other Agreements setting out:

- issues of importance;
- agreed programmes of monitoring, information collection or other work which the Contracting Parties commit to carry out;
- guidelines or guidance setting out the way that any programme or measure should be implemented;
- actions to be taken by the OSPAR Commission on behalf of the Contracting Parties.

In 2024 clarification was prepared on the differences between OSPAR Decisions, Recommendations, Agreements. This has been included in the “Guidelines for the preparation of draft OSPAR Decisions, Recommendations and other Arrangements, draft OSPAR Background Documents and other Reports ([Agreement 2019-01](#))”.

OSPAR 2010 reviewed the applicability of Decisions, Recommendations and Other Agreements within the framework of the OSPAR Convention and agreed that a number of measures could be considered as fulfilled or overtaken by measures adopted at national level or within other forums and therefore not followed by OSPAR anymore. As a consequence, while being set aside, they are retained as part of OSPAR’s ‘acquis’. The list of these measures together with an explanation of why they have been set aside is at [Annex 5 to OSPAR 10/23/1](#). Further reviews are undertaken regularly and as a result:

- OSPAR 2018 agreed to set aside Agreement 2006-04 on the application of the EcoQO system and Agreement 2011-01 on a Voluntary Marine Beach Litter Monitoring Programme.
- OSPAR 2019 agreed to set aside OSPAR Recommendations 2000/1 and 2000/2.
- OSPAR 2020 agreed to set aside PARCOM Decision 90/3 and PARCOM Decision 95/1.
- OSPAR 2024 agreed to set aside PARCOM Recommendation 93/2 on Further Restrictions on the Discharge of Mercury from Dentistry.
- OSPAR 2026 agreed to set aside PARCOM Recommendation 87/2 on Discharges from Reception Facilities and Oil Terminals.

¹ **Secretariat note:**

Ministers adopted at OSPAR/MMC 1998 an OSPAR Decision 98/1 Concerning the Status of Decisions and Recommendations and Other Agreements Adopted under the Former Oslo Convention and Paris Convention within the Framework of the OSPAR Convention, which entered into force and became binding on 9 February 1999. Upon entry into force, OSPAR Decision 98/1 revoked certain Decisions, Recommendations and Other Agreements, which were adopted under the former Oslo Convention and under the former Paris Convention and which are listed in OSPAR Decision 98/1.

Measures that have been set aside are indicated by blue shaded text in the attached list.

PART A - Decisions and Recommendations adopted under the former Oslo Convention, under the former Paris Convention and under the OSPAR Convention²

Decision / Recommendation	Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
1. OSCOM Recommendation on the Disposal of Pipes, Metal Shavings and Other Material Resulting from Offshore Hydrocarbon Exploration and Exploitation Operations, 1977		
2. PARCOM Recommendation that No New Waste Brine Plants be Built, 1978		
3. PARCOM Decision on Limit Values for Mercury Emissions in Water from Existing and New Brine Recirculation Chloralkali Plants (exit of the purification plant), 1980		
4. OSCOM Recommendation to Take all Possible Steps to Reduce at Source the Contamination of Sewage Sludge with Heavy Metals, 1980		
5. PARCOM Decision on Environmental Quality Standard for Mercury in Organisms, 1980		
6. PARCOM Decision on Limit Values for Existing Waste Brine Chlor-Alkali Plants, 1981		
7. PARCOM Decision on Limit Values for Existing Brine Recirculation Chlor-Alkali Plants (exit of the factory site), 1981		
8. PARCOM Recommendation on Other Land-Based Sources of Mercury Pollution (Thermometers, Batteries, Dental Filters), 1981		
9. PARCOM Recommendation on the Production, Collection, Regeneration and Disposal of Waste Oils, 1981		
10. PARCOM Decision on New Chlor-Alkali Plants Using Mercury Cells, 1982		
11. PARCOM Recommendation on Other Land-Based Sources of Mercury Pollution, 1982		
12. PARCOM Recommendation on Reduction Programmes for Discharges from Existing Refineries, 1983		

² Measures no. 1-68 were adopted prior to 1998 under the former Oslo Convention or under the former Paris Convention. Measures from number 69 onwards have been adopted under the OSPAR Convention from 1998 onwards.

³ The entry into force of the 1992 OSPAR Convention on 25 March 1998 required Contracting Parties which were not Contracting Parties to the former Oslo Convention (European Community, Luxembourg, Switzerland) and the former Paris Convention (Finland, Luxembourg, Switzerland) to indicate their position with respect to the Decisions, Recommendations and other agreements adopted under those Conventions, which continue to be applicable within the framework of the OSPAR Convention.

Finland, Luxembourg and Switzerland stated that their national legislation now contains more stringent provisions than those in some of the measures previously adopted under the former Paris Convention. For this reason, Finland considered it inappropriate now to accept measures which are, or have become, outdated by reference to its current legislation. Furthermore, Luxembourg is still in the process of examining whether or not it can accept certain Decisions and Recommendations adopted under the former Paris Convention. Until this examination is completed, Luxembourg has indicated, on a provisional basis, its non-acceptance of certain PARCOM Decisions and Recommendations.

Finland, Luxembourg and Switzerland also stated that these Contracting Parties could accept OSCOM, PARCOM and OSPAR measures related to sea-based activities. However, because Finland, Luxembourg and Switzerland do not border the maritime area, any OSCOM, PARCOM and OSPAR measures related to sea-based activities are not applicable for Finland, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

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13. PARCOM Recommendation for Reducing Cadmium Pollution, 1984 14. PARCOM Recommendation on Pollution by Titanium Dioxide Wastes, 1984 15. PARCOM Decision 85/1: Programmes and Measures of 31 December 1985 on Limit Values and Quality Objectives for Mercury Discharges by Sectors other than the Chlor-alkali Industry 16. PARCOM Decision 85/2: Programmes and Measures on Limit Values and Quality Objectives for Cadmium Discharges 17. PARCOM Recommendation on Limit Values for Mercury Emissions in Water from Existing Brine Recirculation Chlor-Alkali Plants (exit of factory site), 1985	4	UK
18. PARCOM Recommendation of a 40 mg/l Emission Standard for Platforms, 1986		
19. OSCOM Recommendation 86/1 Concerning the Control of the Execution of Dumping Operations at Sea		
20. PARCOM Recommendation 87/1 on the Use of Tributyl-Tin Compounds		
21. PARCOM Recommendation 87/2 on Discharges from Reception Facilities and Oil Terminals		
22. OSCOM Recommendation 88/1 Concerning the Export of Wastes for Disposal at Sea		
23. PARCOM Recommendation 88/1 on Measures to Reduce Organotin Compounds Reaching the Aquatic Environment through Docking Activities		
24. PARCOM Recommendation 88/2 on the Reduction in Inputs of Nutrients to the Paris Convention Area		
25. PARCOM Recommendation 88/4 on Nuclear Reprocessing Plants		
26. PARCOM Recommendation 89/3 on Programmes and Measures for Reducing Mercury Discharges from Various Sources		
27. PARCOM Recommendation 89/4 on a Coordinated Programme for the Reduction of Nutrients		
28. PARCOM Recommendation 89/5 Concerning Refineries		
29. PARCOM Decision 90/2 on Programmes and Measures for Mercury and Cadmium Containing Batteries		
30. PARCOM Decision 90/3 on Reducing Atmospheric Emissions from Existing Chlor-Alkali Plants	5	
31. PARCOM Recommendation 90/1 on the Definition of the Best Available Technology for Secondary Iron and Steel Plants		
32. PARCOM Recommendation 91/2 on the Definition of Best Available Technology in the Primary Iron and Steel Industry		
33. PARCOM Recommendation 91/3 on Measures to be taken and Investigations to be Carried out in order to Reduce Pollution from Secondary Iron and Steel Production		
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⁴ PARCOM Recommendation of a 40 mg/l Emission Standard for Platforms, 1986 was revoked (for produced water only) by OSPAR Recommendation 2001/1 for the Management of Produced Water from Offshore Installations. However, this measure is still applicable in relation to ballast water, drainage water and displacement water from offshore installations.

⁵ Set aside by OSPAR 2020

⁶ PARCOM Recommendation 91/4 superseded by OSPAR Recommendation 2018/01

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35. PARCOM Recommendation 91/5 on the Disposal of Radioactive Wastes into Sub-Seabed Repositories Accessed from Land		
36. PARCOM Decision 92/1 on the Reduction of Discharges of Chlorinated Organic Substances from the Production of Bleached Kraft and Sulphite Pulp		Finland
37. PARCOM Decision 92/3 on the Phasing Out of PCBs and Hazardous PCB Substitutes		
38. PARCOM Recommendation 92/1 on Best Available Technology for Plants Producing Anodes and for New Electrolysis Installations in the Primary Aluminium Industry. Supplemented by OSPAR Recommendation 2005/1	7	
39. PARCOM Recommendation 92/2 Concerning Limitation of Pollution from New Primary Iron and Steel Production Installations		
40. PARCOM Recommendation 92/3 Concerning Limitation of Pollution from New Secondary Steel Production and Rolling Mills		
41. PARCOM Recommendation 92/4 on the Reduction of Emissions from the Electroplating Industry		
42. PARCOM Recommendation 92/5 Concerning Best Available Technology in the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry		
43. PARCOM Recommendation 92/7 on the reduction of nutrient inputs from agriculture into areas where these inputs are likely, directly or indirectly, to cause pollution.		
44. PARCOM Recommendation 92/8 on Nonylphenol-Ethoxylates		
45. PARCOM Recommendation 93/1 concerning the Limitation of Pollution from Existing Primary Iron and Steel Production Installations		Belgium
46. PARCOM Recommendation 93/2 on Further Restrictions on the Discharge of Mercury from Dentistry		Spain
47. PARCOM Recommendation 93/4 on the Phasing Out of Cationic Detergents DTDMAC, DSDMAC and DHTDMAC in Fabric Softeners		
48. PARCOM Recommendation 93/5 Concerning Increases in Radioactive Discharges from Nuclear Reprocessing Plants		France, UK
49. PARCOM Recommendation 94/1 on Best Available Techniques for New Aluminium Electrolysis Plants. Amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2005/1	8	
50. PARCOM Recommendation 94/2 on Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practice for the Integrated and Non-Integrated Sulphite Paper Pulp Industry		
51. PARCOM Recommendation 94/3 on Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practice for the Integrated and Non-Integrated Kraft Pulp Industry		
52. PARCOM Recommendation 94/4 on Best Available Techniques for the Organic Chemical Industry		UK
53. PARCOM Recommendation 94/5 Concerning Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practice for Wet Processes in the Textile Processing Industry		UK
54. PARCOM Recommendation 94/6 on Best Environmental Practice (BEP) for the Reduction of Inputs of Potentially Toxic Chemicals from Aquaculture Use		Switzerland

⁷ Section on implementation reporting amended by the adoption of OSPAR Recommendation 2005/1.

⁸ Section on implementation reporting amended by the adoption of OSPAR Recommendation 2005/1.

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55. PARCOM Recommendation 94/7 on the Elaboration of National Action Plans and Best Environmental Practice (BEP) for the Reduction of Inputs to the Environment of Pesticides from Agricultural Use		
56. PARCOM Recommendation 94/8 Concerning Environmental Impact Resulting from Discharges of Radioactive Substances		
57. PARCOM Recommendation 94/9 Concerning the Management of Spent Nuclear Fuel		
58. PARCOM Decision 95/1 on the Phasing Out of Short-Chained Chlorinated Paraffins	9	UK
59. PARCOM Decision 95/2 on Discharge and Emission Limit Values for the Integrated and Non-Integrated Sulphite Paper Pulp Industry		Finland
60. PARCOM Decision 95/3 on Discharge and Emission Limit Values for the Integrated and Non-Integrated Kraft Pulp Industry		Finland
61. PARCOM Decision 96/1 on the Phasing-Out of the Use of Hexachloroethane in the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry		
62. PARCOM Recommendation 96/1 on Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practice for Existing Aluminium Electrolysis Plants. Supplemented by Recommendation 2005/1.	10	France
63. PARCOM Decision 96/2 on the Phasing-Out of Processes Using Molecular Chlorine (Cl ₂) in the Bleaching of Kraft and Sulphite Pulp	11	
64. PARCOM Recommendation 96/2 Concerning Best Available Techniques for the Manufacture of Vinyl Chloride Monomer		
65. PARCOM Recommendation 96/3 Concerning Best Available Techniques for the Manufacture of Suspension-PVC from Vinyl Chloride Monomer		
66. PARCOM Recommendation 96/4 for the Phasing Out of the Use of One-Component Coal Tar Coating Systems for Inland Ships		Belgium
67. PARCOM Recommendation 97/1 Concerning Reference Values for Effluent Discharges for Wet Processes in the Textile Processing Industry		
68. PARCOM Recommendation 97/2 on Measures to be Taken to Limit Emissions of Heavy Metals and Persistent Organic Pollutants due to Large Combustion Plants (≥50 MWth)	12	Germany
69. OSPAR Decision 98/1 Concerning the Status of Decisions and Recommendations and Other Agreements Adopted under the Former Oslo Convention and Paris Convention within the Framework of the OSPAR Convention		
70. OSPAR Decision 98/2 on Dumping of Radioactive Waste		
71. OSPAR Decision 98/3 on the Disposal of Disused Offshore Installations	13	
72. OSPAR Decision 98/4 on Emission and Discharge Limit Values for the Manufacture of Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM) including the Manufacture of 1,2-dichloroethane (EDC). Amended by OSPAR Decision 2006/1		

⁹ Set aside by OSPAR 2020

¹⁰ Section on implementation reporting amended by the adoption of OSPAR Recommendation 2005/1.

¹¹ Switzerland lifted its reservation in 2004.

¹² Adopted on 10 March 1998 by written vote. OSPAR 1998 corrected a typographical error in this PARCOM Recommendation (cf. OSPAR 98/14/1, § A-4.4)

¹³ Amended by OSPAR Decision 2024/01

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73.	OSPAR Decision 98/5 on Emission and Discharge Limit Values for the Vinyl Chloride Sector, Applying to the Manufacture of Suspension-PVC (s-PVC) from Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM). Amended by OSPAR Decision 2006/1.	14	France
74.	OSPAR Recommendation 98/1 concerning Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practice for the Primary Non-Ferrous Metal Industry (Zinc, Copper, Lead and Nickel Works). Supplemented by Recommendation 2005/1.		
75.	OSPAR Recommendation 98/2 on Emission and Discharge Limit Values for Existing Aluminium Electrolysis Plants		
76.	OSPAR Recommendation 99/1 on the Best Available Techniques for the Manufacture of Emulsion PVC (e-PVC)		
77.	OSPAR Decision 2000/1 on Substantial Reductions and Elimination of Discharges, Emissions and Losses of Radioactive Substances, with Special Emphasis on Nuclear Reprocessing	15	
78.	OSPAR Decision 2000/2 on a Harmonised Mandatory Control System for the Use and Reduction of the Discharge of Offshore Chemicals. Amended by Decision 2005/1	16	
79.	OSPAR Decision 2000/3 on the Use of Organic-phase Drilling Fluids (OPF) and the Discharge of OPF-contaminated Cuttings		
80.	OSPAR Recommendation 2000/1 on Best Environmental Practice (BEP) for the Reduction of Inputs of Agricultural Pesticides to the Environment through the Use of Integrated Crop Management Techniques	17	
81.	OSPAR Recommendation 2000/2 on Best Environmental Practice (BEP) for the Use of Pesticides on Amenity Areas	18	
82.	OSPAR Recommendation 2000/3 on Emission and Discharge Limit Values for the Manufacture of Emulsion PVC (e-PVC) from Vinyl Chloride Monomer		
83.	OSPAR Decision 2001/1 on the Review of Authorisations for Discharges or Releases of Radioactive Substances from Nuclear Reprocessing Activities	19	
84.	OSPAR Recommendation 2001/1 for the Management of Produced Water from Offshore Installations. Amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2006/04, Recommendation 2011/08 and Recommendation 2020/02		
85.	OSPAR Recommendation 2002/1 on Discharge Limit Values for Existing Aluminium Electrolysis Plants. Amended by Recommendation 2005/1	20, 21	France

¹⁴ Section on implementation reporting amended by the adoption of OSPAR Recommendation 2005/1.

¹⁵ Adopted at OSPAR 2000 by three quarters majority. France and the UK abstained from voting. Luxembourg was not present at the vote, but the delegation of Luxembourg informed the Secretariat after the meeting that Luxembourg could accept this OSPAR Decision.

¹⁶ Amended by OSPAR Decision 2023/02

¹⁷ Set aside by OSPAR 2019

¹⁸ Set aside by OSPAR 2019

¹⁹ Adopted at OSPAR 2001 by three quarters majority. France, Switzerland and the UK abstained from voting.

²⁰ This Recommendation supersedes some sections of OSPAR Recommendation 98/2.

²¹ Section on implementation reporting amended by the adoption of OSPAR Recommendation 2005/1.

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86. OSPAR Recommendation 2003/3 on a Network of Marine Protected Areas. Amended by Recommendation 2010/2		
87. OSPAR Recommendation 2003/4 on Controlling the Dispersal of Mercury from Crematoria. Amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2006/2.		
88. OSPAR Recommendation 2003/5 to Promote the Use and Implementation of Environmental Management Systems by the Offshore Industry	22	
89. OSPAR Decision 2005/1 Amending OSPAR Decision 2000/2 on a Harmonised Mandatory Control System for the Use and Reduction of the Discharge of Offshore Chemicals		
90. OSPAR Recommendation 2005/1 on Reporting Formats on the Implementation and Effectiveness of OSPAR Measures Relating to the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry		
91. OSPAR Recommendation 2005/2 on Environmental Goals for the Discharge by the Offshore Industry of Chemicals that Are, or Contain Added Substances, Listed in the OSPAR 2004 List of Chemicals for Priority Action		
92. OSPAR Decision 2006/1 Amending OSPAR Decisions 98/4 and 98/5 on the Vinyl Chloride Sector		
93. OSPAR Recommendation 2006/1 on Reporting Formats on OSPAR Measures relating to the Vinyl Chloride Industry		
94. OSPAR Recommendation 2006/2 Amending OSPAR Recommendation 2003/4 on Mercury Emissions from Crematoria.		
95. OSPAR Recommendation 2006/3 on Environmental Goals for the Discharge by the Offshore Industry of Chemicals that Are, or Which Contain Substances Identified as Candidates for Substitution.	23	
96. OSPAR Recommendation 2006/4 Amending OSPAR Recommendation 2001/1 on the Management of Produced Water.		
97. OSPAR Recommendation 2006/5 on a Management Regime for Offshore Cuttings Piles		
97. OSPAR Decision 2007/1 to Prohibit the Storage of Carbon Dioxide Streams in the Water Column or on the Sea-bed		
98. OSPAR Decision 2007/2 on the Storage of Carbon Dioxide Streams in Geological Formations		
99. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/2 amending Recommendation 2003/3 on a Network of Marine Protected Areas		
100. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/3 on a Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification Format	24	
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102. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/05 on the Assessment of Environmental Impacts on Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats		

²² Amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2021/06

²³ Amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2019/02

²⁴ Amended by OSPAR Recommendations 2014/17, 2019/03, 2021/07, 2023/03

²⁵ Recommendation 2010/4 - superseded by Recommendation 2016/04 from 1 January 2017, and superseded by Recommendation 2017/01 from 1 January 2018

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103. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/06 on Furthering the Protection and Restoration of the Common Skate Species Complex, the White Skate, Angel Shark and Basking Shark in the OSPAR Maritime Area		
104. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/07 on Furthering the Protection and Restoration of Orange Roughy in the OSPAR Maritime Area		
105. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/08 on Furthering the Protection and Restoration of <i>Lophelia pertusa</i> Reefs in the OSPAR Maritime Area		
106. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/09 on Furthering the Protection and Restoration of Coral Gardens in the OSPAR Maritime Area		
107. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/10 on Furthering the Protection and Restoration of Deep-Sea Sponge Aggregations in the OSPAR Maritime Area		
108. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/11 on Furthering the Protection and Restoration of Seapen and Burrowing Megafauna Communities in the OSPAR Maritime Area		
109. OSPAR Decision 2010/1 on the Establishment of the Milne Seamount Complex Marine Protected Area		
110. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/12 on the Management of the Milne Seamount Complex Marine Protected Area		
111. OSPAR Decision 2010/02 on the Establishment of the Charlie Gibbs South Marine Protected Area		
112. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/13 on the Management of the Charlie Gibbs South Marine Protected Area		
113. OSPAR Decision 2010/3 on the Establishment of the Altair Seamount High Seas Marine Protected Area		
114. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/14 on the Management of the Altair Seamount High Seas Marine Protected Area		
115. OSPAR Decision 2010/04 on the Establishment of the Antialtair Seamount High Seas Marine Protected Area		
116. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/15 on the Management of the Antialtair Seamount High Seas Marine Protected Area		
117. OSPAR Decision 2010/05 on the Establishment of the Josephine Seamount High Seas Marine Protected Area		
118. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/16 on the Management of the Josephine Seamount High Seas Marine Protected Area		
119. OSPAR Decision 2010/6 on the Establishment of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge North of the Azores High Seas Marine Protected Area		
120. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/17 on the Management of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge North of the Azores High Seas Marine Protected Area		
121. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/18 on the Prevention of Significant Acute Oil Pollution from Offshore Drilling Activities		

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122. OSPAR Recommendation 2010/20 on an OSPAR Framework for Reporting Encounters with Conventional and Chemical Munitions in the OSPAR Maritime Area		
123. OSPAR Recommendation 2011/01 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Lesser black-backed gull		
124. OSPAR Recommendation 2011/2 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Ivory Gull		
125. OSPAR Recommendation 2011/3 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Little Shearwater		
126. OSPAR Recommendation 2011/4 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Balearic Shearwater		
127. OSPAR Recommendation 2011/5 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Black-legged kittiwake, amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2020/01		
128. OSPAR Recommendation 2011/6 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Roseate Tern		
129. OSPAR Recommendation 2011/7 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Thick-billed murre		
130. OSPAR Recommendation 2011/8 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2001/1 for the Management of Produced Water from Offshore Installations as amended		
131. OSPAR Decision 2012/1 on the creation of the Charlie Gibbs North High Seas Marine Protected Area		
132. OSPAR Recommendation 2012/1 on the management of the Charlie Gibbs North High Seas Marine Protected Area		
133. OSPAR Recommendation 2012/2 on furthering the protection and conservation of the short-snouted seahorse		
134. OSPAR Recommendation 2012/3 on furthering the protection and conservation of the long-snouted seahorse		
135. OSPAR Recommendation 2012/4 on furthering the protection and conservation of <i>Zostera</i> beds		
136. OSPAR Recommendation 2012/5 for a risk-based approach to the management of produced water discharges from offshore installations, amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2020/03		
137. OSPAR Recommendation 2013/1 on furthering the protection and conservation of littoral chalk communities in Region II of the OSPAR maritime area		
138. Recommendation 2013/2 on furthering the protection and conservation of <i>Sabellaria spinulosa</i> reefs in Regions II and III of the OSPAR maritime area		
139. OSPAR Recommendation 2013/3 on furthering the protection and recovery of <i>Modiolus modiolus</i> beds in the OSPAR maritime area		

²⁶ Supersedes Recommendation 2003/2. Recommendation 2010/20 was amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2023/02

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140. OSPAR Recommendation 2013/4 on furthering the protection and conservation of <i>Ostrea edulis</i> in Region II of the OSPAR maritime area and <i>Ostrea edulis</i> beds in Regions II, III and IV of the OSPAR maritime area, amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2020/01		
141. OSPAR Recommendation 2013/5 on furthering the protection and restoration of the ocean quahog (<i>Arctica islandica</i>) in Region II of the OSPAR maritime area, amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2020/01		
142. OSPAR Recommendation 2013/6 on furthering the protection and conservation of the leatherback turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>) in the OSPAR maritime area		
143. OSPAR Recommendation 2013/7 on furthering the protection and conservation of the loggerhead turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>) in Regions IV and V of the OSPAR maritime area		
144. OSPAR Recommendation 2013/8 on furthering the protection and conservation of the bowhead whale (<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>) in Region I of the OSPAR maritime area		
145. Recommendation 2013/9 on furthering the protection and conservation of the North Atlantic blue whale (<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>) in the OSPAR maritime area		
146. OSPAR Recommendation 2013/10 on furthering the protection and conservation of the northern right whale (<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>) in the OSPAR maritime area		
147. OSPAR Recommendation 2013/11 on furthering the protection and restoration of the harbour porpoise (<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>) in Regions II and III of the OSPAR maritime area		
148. OSPAR Recommendation 2013/12 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Steller's eider (<i>Polysticta stelleri</i>) in Region I of the OSPAR maritime area		
149. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/1 on on furthering the protection and restoration of the common or European sturgeon (<i>Acipenser sturio</i>) in Regions II and IV of the OSPAR maritime area, amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2020/01		
150. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/2 on furthering the protection and conservation of the spurdog (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>) in the OSPAR maritime area		
151. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/3 on furthering the protection and conservation of the gulper shark (<i>Centrophorus granulosus</i>) in Regions IV and V of the OSPAR maritime area		
152. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/4 on furthering the protection and conservation of the leafscale gulper shark (<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i>) in the OSPAR maritime area		
153. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/5 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Portuguese dogfish (<i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i>) in the OSPAR maritime area		

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154. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/6 on furthering the protection and conservation of the porbeagle shark (<i>Lamna nasus</i>) in the OSPAR maritime area		
155. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/7 on furthering the protection and conservation of the spotted ray (<i>Raja montagui</i>) in Regions II, III, IV and V of the OSPAR maritime area		
156. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/8 on furthering the protection and conservation of the thornback ray (<i>Raja clavata</i>) in the OSPAR maritime area		
157. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/9 on furthering the protection and conservation of seamounts in Regions I, IV and V of the OSPAR maritime area		
158. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/10 on furthering the protection and conservation of carbonate mounds in Region V of the OSPAR maritime area		
159. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/11 on furthering the protection and conservation of hydrothermal vents/fields occurring on oceanic ridges in Region V of the OSPAR maritime area		
160. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/12 on furthering the protection and conservation of Cymodocea meadows in Region IV of the OSPAR maritime area		
161. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/13 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Maerl beds in Region III of the OSPAR Maritime Area		
162. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/14 on furthering the protection and restoration of Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>) in Regions II and III of the OSPAR Maritime Area		Denmark
163. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/15 on furthering the protection and restoration of the European eel in Regions I, II, III and IV of the OSPAR Maritime Area		Denmark
164. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/16 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Iberian guillemot (<i>Uria aalge</i>) in Region IV of the OSPAR Maritime Area		
165. OSPAR Recommendation 2014/17 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2010/3 on a Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification Format (HOCNF)		
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167. OSPAR Recommendation 2015/01 on furthering the protection and conservation of Intertidal <i>Mytilus edulis</i> beds on mixed and sandy sediments in Regions II and III of the OSPAR maritime area		
168. OSPAR Recommendation 2015/02 on furthering the protection and conservation of Azorean limpet (<i>Patella ulyssiponensis aspera</i>) in Region V of the OSPAR maritime area		

²⁷ Supersedes Recommendation 2010/1. Recommendation 2014/18 superseded by OSPAR Recommendation 2024/01

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169. OSPAR Recommendation 2015/03 on furthering the protection and conservation of the sea lamprey (<i>Petromyzon marinus</i>) in Regions I, II, III and IV of the OSPAR maritime area		
170. OSPAR Recommendation 2015/04 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Allis shad (<i>Alosa alosa</i>) in Regions II, III and IV of the OSPAR maritime area		
171. OSPAR Recommendation 2016/01 on the reduction of marine litter through the implementation of fishing for litter initiatives	28	
172. OSPAR Recommendation 2016/02 on furthering the protection and conservation of intertidal mudflats in Regions I, II, III and IV or the OSPAR maritime area		
173. OSPAR Recommendation 2016/03 on furthering the protection and conservation of the Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) in Regions 1, II, III and IV of the OSPAR maritime area	29	
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175. OSPAR Recommendation 2017/01 on a harmonised pre-screening scheme for offshore chemicals	31	
176. OSPAR Recommendation 2018/01 on Radioactive Discharges, amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2022/01	32	
187. OSPAR Recommendation 2019/01 on the reduction of marine litter through the implementation of sustainability education programmes for fishers		
188. OSPAR Recommendation 2019/02 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2006/03 on environmental goals for the discharge by the offshore industry of chemicals that are, or which contain substances identified as candidates for substitution		
189. OSPAR Recommendation 2019/03 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2010/03 on a harmonised offshore chemical notification format (as amended by OPAR Recommendation 2014/17)	33	
190. OSPAR Recommendation 2019/04 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2017/01 on a harmonised pre-screening scheme for offshore chemicals		
191. OSPAR Recommendation 2020/01 amending OSPAR Recommendations 2011/05, 2013/04, 2013/05, 2014/01		
192. OSPAR Recommendation 2020/02 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2001/01, as amended		
193. OSPAR Recommendation 2020/03 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2012/05		

²⁸ Supersedes Recommendation 2010/19

²⁹ Superseded by Recommendation 2017/01 from 1 January 2018

³⁰ Supersedes Recommendation 2016/04 from 1 January 2018

³¹ Supersedes PARCOM Recommendation 91/4. Amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2022/01

³² Amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2024/03

³³ Has effect from 1 January 2020

Decision / Recommendation	Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
194. OSPAR Decision 2021/01 on the establishment of the North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Sea basin Marine Protected Area, amended by OSPAR Decision 2023/01	34	
195. OSPAR Recommendation 2021/01 on the management of the North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Sea basin Marine Protected Area, amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2021/01	35	
196. OSPAR Recommendation 2021/02 on futhering the protection and conservation of <i>Megabalanus azoricus</i> (Azorean barnacle) in Region V of the OSPAR maritime area		
197. OSPAR Recommendation 2021/03 on further the protection and conservation of the houting, Wadden Sea populations of <i>Coregonus oxyrinchus</i> in Region II of the OSPAR maritime area		
198. OSPAR Recommendation 2021/04 on furthering the protection and conservation of Haploops habitat in Region II of the OSPAR maritime area		
199. OSPAR Recommendation 2021/05 on furthering the protection and conservation of kelp forest habitat in Region II, III an dIV of the OSPAR maritime area		
200. OSPAR Recommendation 2021/06 on the reduction of plastic pellet loss into the marine environment		
200. OSPAR Recommendation 2021/07 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2003/05 to promote the use and implementation of Environmental Management Systems by the offshore industry		
201. OSPAR Recommendation 2021/08 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2010/03 on a Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification format		
202. OSPAR Recommendation 2022/01 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2018/01 on Radioactive Discharges		
203. OSPAR Decision 2023/01 amending OSPAR Decision 2021/01		
204. OSPAR Recommendation 2023/01 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2021/01		
205. OSPAR Decision 2023/02 amending OSPAR Decision 2000/02		
206. OSPAR Recommendation 2023/02 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2010/20		
207. OSPAR Recommendation 2023/03 amending OSPAR Recommendation 2010/03		
208. OSPAR Decision 2024/01 amending OSPAR Decision 98/3 on the Disposal of Disused Offshore Installations		
209. OSPAR Recommendation 2024/01 on the Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme	36	

³⁴ Amended by OSPAR Decision 2023/01

³⁵ Amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2023/01

³⁶ Supersedes OSPAR Recommendation 2014/18

Decision / Recommendation	Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
210. OSPAR Recommendation 2024/02 on reducing marine bird bycatch		
211. OSPAR Recommendation 2024/03 amending OSPAR Recommendation on the reduction of marine litter through implementation of sustainability training programmes for fishers		
212. OSPAR Recommendation 2024/04 on the management of expanded polystyrene (EPS) and extruded polystyrene (XPS) fish boxes in ports to prevent release of EPS/XPS into the marine environment		
213. OSPAR Decision 2025/01 on management of discharge water from exhaust gas cleaning systems on board ships in internal waters and port areas	37	
214. OSPAR Recommendation 2025/01 on management of discharge water from exhaust gas cleaning systems on board ships in territorial seas	38	
215. OSPAR Decision 2025/02 to prevent the release of expanded polystyrene (EPS), extruded polystyrene (XPS), and other foamed plastic from pontoons and buoys	39	
216. OSPAR Recommendation 2025/02 on the application of best practice for reducing marine litter in the OSPAR maritime area		

³⁷ By letter dated 15 December 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Gender Equality of the Kingdom of Denmark, informed the OSPAR Commission's Executive Secretary that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Culture of the Faroe Islands wished to take a national reservation to the adopted Decision 2025/01

³⁸ By letter dated 15 December 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Gender Equality of the Kingdom of Denmark, informed the OSPAR Commission's Executive Secretary that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Culture of the Faroe Islands wished to take a national reservation to the adopted Recommendation 2025/01

³⁹ By letter dated 15 December 2025, the Ministry of Environment and Gender Equality of the Kingdom of Denmark, informed the OSPAR Commission's Executive Secretary that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Culture of the Faroe Islands wished to take a national reservation to the adopted Decision 2025/02

PART B - Other agreements adopted under the former Oslo Convention, under the former Paris Convention and under the OSPAR Convention ⁴⁰

Other Agreements		Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
1974-1	Interpretation of the Convention – Arrangements for tank washing		
1980-2	PARCOM Binding Guidelines for Discharges from New Refineries		Finland
1980-3	Adoption of a "standstill principle" for mercury concentrations in water		
1981-1	Methods and Procedures for Monitoring Discharges of Titanium Dioxide Waste to the Sea		
1984-2	Considerations Relevant to Selection and Monitoring of Dumping Grounds		
1988-3	Interpretation of the Paris Convention - Repositories for radioactive wastes		
1989-2	Monitoring of Dumping Grounds		
1989-4	Parameters (for monitoring)		
1990-1	Reporting Format for the Evaluation of Data with Respect to Airborne Deposition to the Area of the Paris Convention		
1990-2	Methods of Monitoring Dumping Grounds for Sewage Sludge		
1990-3	Quality Assurance Procedures		
1991-2	Memorandum of Understanding with the Economic Commission for Europe		
1995-2	PARCOM Guidelines for Calculating Mineral Balances		
1995-6	JAMP Guidelines on standard methodology for the use of oiled beached birds as indicators of marine oil pollution		
1997-7	JAMP Guidelines for General Biological Effects Monitoring	41	
1997-8	JAMP Guidelines for the sampling and analysis of mercury in air and precipitation		
1997-9	Guidance note on the sampling and analysis of PCBs in air and precipitation		
1997-10	OSPAR policy with regard to two-component coating systems containing PAHs (cf. OSPAR 97/15/1, §§ 4.25-4.26)		
1997-15	Agreed Ecotoxicological Assessment Criteria for Trace Metals, PCBs, PAHs, TBT and some Organochlorine Pesticides		
1998-15.1	The Protection and Conservation of the Ecosystems and Biological Diversity of the Maritime Area (cf. Annex 31 of OSPAR 98/14/1)		
1998-15.2	Meaning of certain concepts in Annex V to the 1992 OSPAR Convention		
1998-21	OSPAR Guidelines for the Dumping of Fish Waste from Land-Based Industrial Fish Processing Operations		
1998-22	Memorandum of Understanding with the European Environment Agency		

⁴⁰ Agreements prior to 1998 were made under the former Oslo Convention or under the former Paris Convention. Agreements from 1998 onwards were made under the OSPAR Convention.

⁴¹ Revised – technical annexes – 2007. Annex 6 replaced - 2013

Other Agreements		Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
1999-2	CEMP Guidelines for monitoring contaminants in biota	42, 43, 44 45	
1999-3	Format and procedures for reporting basic information on national monitoring programmes in the maritime area		
1999-15	Agreement of Cooperation between IMO and OSPAR	46	
2000-14	Staff Regulations of the Secretariat of the OSPAR Commission		
2000-17	Procedure for Committees to decide on issues of a technical or scientific nature and to adopt “other agreements” that have no budgetary consequences for OSPAR		
2000-18	Working procedures for workshops		
2001-3	Programme for the More Detailed Implementation of the OSPAR Strategy with regard to Radioactive Substances	47, 48	
2001-5	Agreement on those Parts of the OSPAR Maritime Area to which the Comprehensive Procedure will be Applied		
2001-13	Procedure for Publication of OSPAR Reports	49 50	
2002-5	OSPAR List of Substances/Compounds Liable to Cause Taint		
2002-6	Common Interpretation on Which Chemicals Are Covered and Not Covered by the Harmonised Mandatory Control System under OSPAR Decision 2000/2. Updated in 2008 to take account of amendments to HMCS	51	
2002-8	Guidelines for the Consideration of the Best Environmental Option for the Management of OPF-Contaminated Cuttings Residue		
2002-10	Guidance on How to Apply the Safety Net Procedure for the Inclusion of Substances in the OSPAR List of Substances of Possible Concern		
2002-12	JAMP Guidelines for the estimation of riverine PAH inputs	52	
2002-15	Guidelines on Quality Assurance for Biological Monitoring in the OSPAR Area		

⁴² Addition of a technical Annex on the determination of PAHs.

⁴³ Addition of technical Annexes on PBDEs in biota and HBCD in biota

⁴⁴ 2010: Revised technical annex 1 (organic contaminants) and addition of technical annex 8 (chlorobiphenyls) and 9 (dioxins/furans and planar CBs)

⁴⁵ Revised in 2018

⁴⁶ Update 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

⁴⁷ Revision of previous Agreement 2000-11 that the deadline of 31 December 2002, for the provision of the details of national plans set out in the Programme for the More Detailed Implementation of the OSPAR Strategy with regard to Radioactive Substances should be brought forward to 1 July 2002.

⁴⁸ At OSPAR 2001 France declared that it was able to meet the revised deadline for the submission of a national plan, but that it might need until 31 December 2002, to complete its full report as agreed at OSPAR 2000.

⁴⁹ Replaces agreement 2000-16.

⁵⁰ Agreement 2002-04 replaced by Agreement 2021-07

⁵¹ Amended in 2023

⁵² Updated in 2019

Other Agreements		Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
2002-16	JAMP Guidelines for monitoring contaminants in sediments.	53, 54, 55, 56 57 58 59	
2002-17		60, 61 62	
2002-19	Further Guidance on the Role of Marine Risk assessment within the Framework of the OSPAR Strategy with regard to Hazardous Substances		
2003-2	Programme for the Establishment of Environmental Goals for Chemicals Discharged Offshore and the Implementation of such Goals		
2003-4	Minimisation of discharges and, where appropriate, the achievement of zero discharges of displacement water		
2003-5		63	
2003-8	JAMP Guidelines on methods and criteria for harmonised sampling and analysis of PAHs in air and precipitation	64 65	
2003-9	JAMP Guidance on input trend assessment and the adjustment of loads	66	
2003-11	Requirements for the submission of national comments to ICES when submitting monitoring data. Revised in 2007	67	
2003-12	Guidance on a common framework for the establishment of the monitoring strategies for each of the substances (or groups of substances) on the OSPAR List of Chemicals for Priority Action	68	
2003-15	Agreement on Sand and Gravel Extraction		
2003-17	Guidelines for the Identification and Selection of Marine Protected Areas in the OSPAR Maritime Area.	69	

⁵³ Update of the previous Agreement 1999-1; addition of Technical Annex 5 (normalisation of contaminant concentrations in sediments) and Technical Annex 6 (determination of metals in sediments - analytical methods).

⁵⁴ Additional technical Annexes on PBDEs in sediment and HBCD in sediment.

⁵⁵ Addition (in 2009) of technical Annexes on PBDEs in sediment and HBCD in sediment

⁵⁶ Addition (in 2009) of technical Annexes on PBDEs in biota and HBCD in biota

⁵⁷ 2010: Revised technical annex 2 (chlorobiphenyls) and Addition of technical annex 9 (perfluorinated compounds). 2011: Addition of technical annex 10

⁵⁸ 2015: Revision of text of Guideline and technical annex 5

⁵⁹ Revised in 2018

⁶⁰ Only published on the OSPAR website as a separate webpage and kept up-to-date on a continuous basis.

⁶¹ Supplemented in 2004 by Agreement 2004-13: Substances removed from the List of Substances of Possible Concern.

⁶² Updated in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2023. OSPAR 2023 agreed to include the List of Substances of Possible Concern (Agreement 2002-17 as an Annex to the List of Chemicals for Priority Action (Agreement 2004-12)

⁶³ Reporting on chlor alkali has ceased (2020)

⁶⁴ Replacement of the previous agreement 2000-2.

⁶⁵ Updated in 2005.

⁶⁶ Updated in 2005 and 2017.

⁶⁷ Amended by ASMO 2007.

⁶⁸ Replaces agreement 2000-3. Replaced by Agreement 2019-03

⁶⁹ Revised in 2007 and 2016

Other Agreements		Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
2003-18	Guidelines for the Management of Marine Protected Areas in the OSPAR Maritime Area. Revised in 2006		
2003-20	Common OSPAR/EU approach on risk assessment methodology for the marine environment		
2003-23	OSPAR's Standard Implementation Reporting and Assessment Procedure		
2003-24			
2003-25			
2003-26	Procedure for the development, publication and review of OSPAR background documents on hazardous substances identified for priority action		
2004-01		70	
2004-02	OSPAR Guidelines for Harmonised Quantification and Reporting Procedures for Nutrients (HARP-NUT)	71, 72, 73, 74	
2004-09	OSPAR Guidelines for fishermen and other users of the sea and its coastline	75	
2004-12	OSPAR List of Chemicals for Priority Action.	76 77	
2004-13	Deselection of substances from the OSPAR List of Substances of Possible Concern. (Update 2005 and 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009)	78	
2004-14	Agreement on Monitoring Strategies for OSPAR Chemicals for Priority Action. Updated in 2006		
2004-15	Provisional Assessment Criteria for TBT – Specific Biological Effects	79	
2005-04	Agreement on the Eutrophication Monitoring Programme	80	
2005-06	Agreement on Background Concentrations for Contaminants in Seawater, Biota and Sediments. Updated in 2006		
2005-08	Monitoring programme for concentrations of radioactive substances in the marine environment. Updated in 2018		

⁷⁰ Replaced by Agreement 2019-01

⁷¹ Revisions to Guidelines, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9.

⁷² Guideline 6:

⁷³ 2018: Revisions to Guidelines 2, 3, 4, 7.

⁷⁴ 2026: Revisions to Guidelines 1, 5, 8, 9 (pending)

⁷⁵ Agreement 2004-03 - replaced by Agreement 2018-01

⁷⁶ Replaces Agreement 2003-19. An edited presentation of the Agreement was adopted by OSPAR 2004.

⁷⁷ Updated 2000, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2023, 2026

⁷⁸ Supplements Agreement 2002-17 and lists the substances that have been removed from the List of Substances of Possible Concern in 2003 and 2004.

⁷⁹ Amended by ASMO 2008.

⁸⁰ Updated in 2013

Other Agreements		Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
2005-09	Cut-off values for the Selection Criteria of the OSPAR Dynamic Selection and Prioritisation Mechanism for Hazardous Substances		
2005-10	Agreement for further work in relation to the DYNAMEC Mechanism		
2005-11	Protocols on Methods for Testing of Chemicals Used in the Offshore Industry.	81	
		82	
2005-15	Reference method of analysis for the determination of the dispersed oil content in produced water. Replaces 1997-16 from 1 January 2007.	83	
2005-18	Baseline figures for Recommendation 2001/1		
2006-03	Guidance on developing ecological coherent network of MPAs		
2006-04	Agreement on the application of the EcoQO system. Update 2007	84	
2006-06	Oil in produced water analysis. Guideline on criteria for alternative methods acceptance and general guidelines on sample taking and handling.	85	
2006-07	Harmonised reporting format to compile environmental monitoring data and information related to offshore oil and gas activities		
2006-08	Memorandum of Understanding with ICES		
2006-09	Agreement on further work on substances of possible concern		
2007-02	CEMP monitoring manual		CEMP Manual to become a webpage, number not assigned
2007-05	Guidance to assess management effectiveness of OSPAR MPAs: a self-assessment scorecard		
2007-06	Guidance for the design of the OSPAR Network of MPAs: a self-assessment checklist		
2007-08	HARP-NUT Guideline 6 – adopted in 2010	86	
2007-11	Handling of confidential documents		
2007-12	OSPAR Guideline for risk assessment and management of CO2 in sub-seabed geological formations		
2007-13	Confidentiality agreements (Offshore Industry)		
2008-01	OSPAR Code of Conduct for Responsible Marine Research in the Deep Seas and High Seas of the OSPAR Maritime Area		
2008-02	Guidance for good practice for communicating with stakeholders on the establishment and management of marine protected areas		
2008-03	OSPAR Guidance on Environmental Considerations for Offshore Wind Farm Development	87	

⁸¹ Amended in 2006

⁸² Agreement 2005-12 replaced by Agreement 2021-07

⁸³ Amended in 2011

⁸⁴ Set aside by OSPAR 2018

⁸⁵ Replaces agreement 2005-16.

⁸⁶ Revision in 2026 (pending)

⁸⁷ Replaces agreements 2003-16, 2005-02, 2006-05, 2007-09.

Other Agreements		Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
2008-04	Memorandum of Understanding between OSPAR and NEAFC		
2008-06	OSPAR List of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats – correction 2014	88	
2008-07	Descriptions of habitats on the OSPAR list of threatened and/or declining species and habitats	89	
2008-09	JAMP Guidelines on Contaminant specific biological effects monitoring	90	
2008-10	General guidance on the voluntary interim application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard in the North-East Atlantic and the Baltic Sea		
2009-02	CEMP assessment criteria		
2009-05	General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by vessels leaving the Baltic Sea and transiting through the North-East Atlantic to other destinations		
2009-06		91	
2010-02	Guidelines for monitoring litter on the beaches in the OSPAR Maritime Area		
		92	
2010-07	General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by Vessels Operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the NE Atlantic and/or the Baltic		
2010-08	CEMP Guidelines for the analysis of PFAS in seawater	93	
2010-09	Memorandum of Understanding with the International Seabed Authority		
2011-01	Agreement on a Voluntary Marine Beach Litter Monitoring Programme	94 95	
2011-03	JAMP Guideline for estimation of a measure of uncertainty in OSPAR monitoring		
2011-04		96	
2012-01	OSPAR Guidelines for the Implementation of Article 7 and 9 of Annex II (force majeure)		
2012-02	OSPAR Guidelines for Best Environmental Practice in Cable-Laying and Operation	97	
2012-03	OSPAR Guidelines on Artificial Reefs in relation to Living Marine Resources	98	
2012-04	Joint Notice to Shipping from the Contracting Parties of the		
88	Replaces agreement 2004-06.		
89	Replaces agreement 2004-07.		
90	Replaces agreement 2003-10 (Addition of new technical annex on oestrogen-specific effects monitoring).		
91	Replaced by Agreement 2025-19		
92	Replaces 2003-21, extended to cover the period until the adoption of the 2020-2030 NEAES (see HOD(2) 20/11/1). Replaced by Agreement 2021-01		
93	Amended in 2020. Previous title: JAMP Guidelines for the analysis of PFCs in seawater		
94	Replaces 2010-06		
95	Set aside by OSPAR 2018		
96	Replaces 2001-04. Revised in 2015 and 2017. Replaced by Agreement 2022-02		
97	Updated in 2017		
98	Replaces 1999-13		

Other Agreements	Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
Barcelona Convention, OSPAR and HELCOM on: General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by Vessels Operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or the Baltic Sea		
2012-05 OSPAR Guidelines for Completing the Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification Format (HOCNF)	99	
2012-07 OSPAR Guidelines in support of Recommendation 2012/5 for a Risk-based Approach to the Management of Produced Water Discharges from Offshore Installations	100	
2012-08 Revised data collection format for the Annual OSPAR Report on Discharges, Spills and Emissions from Offshore Oil and Gas Installations	101	
2012-09 JAMP Integrated Guidelines for the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment of Contaminants		
2012-10	102	
2012-11 JAMP Eutrophication Monitoring Guidelines: Chlorophyll a in water	103	
2012-12 JAMP Eutrophication Monitoring Guidelines: Benthos	104	
2013-01 Memorandum of Understanding with NASCO		
2013-02 Rules of Procedure	105	
2013-03 JAMP Guidelines for monitoring contaminants in seawater		
2013-04	106	
2013-05 JAMP Eutrophication Monitoring Guidelines – Oxygen	107	
2013-06 OSPAR List of Substances Used and Discharged Offshore which Are Considered to Pose Little or No Risk to the Environment (PLONOR)	108	
2013-07 Explanatory notes for reporting – offshore installations inventory	109	
2013-08	110	
2013-10 Reporting format the Collection of Data on Liquid Discharges from Nuclear Installations	111	
2013-11 Reporting format – non-nuclear sectors	112	
2013-12 Memorandum of understanding with the Secretariat of the Abidjan Convention		

⁹⁹ Replaces 2010-05. Update 2015, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025

¹⁰⁰ Amended in 2021

¹⁰¹ Replaces 2005-14. Updated in 2019, 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026

¹⁰² Replaced by Agreement 2024-02

¹⁰³ Replaces Agreement 1997-04

¹⁰⁴ Replaces Agreement 1997-06

¹⁰⁵ Replaces 2005-17, amended in 2016, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025

¹⁰⁶ Replaces 1997-02. Replaced by Agreement 2025-18

¹⁰⁷ Replaces 1997-03

¹⁰⁸ Replaces 2012-06. Update 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2024, 2025, 2026

¹⁰⁹ Updated in 2019, 2024, 2025, 2026

¹¹⁰ Replaces 2005-03. Replaced by Agreement 2022-07

¹¹¹ Replaces 1996-02. Updated in 2019 and 2021

¹¹² Replaces 2005-07. Updated in 2021 and 2

Other Agreements		Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
2013-13	Statement on the Common understanding of the Recommendations on species and habitats		
2014-01	Regional Action Plan for Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in the North-East Atlantic	113	
2014-02		114	
2014-03		115	
2014-04	Riverine Inputs and Direct Discharges Monitoring Programme (RID) (Applicable from 1/1/15)	116	
2014-05	Establishment of a list of Predicted No Effect Concentrations (PNECs) for naturally occurring substances in produced water		
2014-06	OSPAR Guidelines for the Management of Dredged Material at Sea	117	
2014-08	Monitoring Guidance for Underwater Noise in European Seas		Norway (reservation lifted at EIHA 2015)
2014-09	Collective arrangement between competent international organisations on cooperation and coordination regarding selected areas in areas beyond national jurisdiction in the North-East Atlantic	118	
2014-10	Explanatory notes - Impulsive noise monitoring reporting format		
2014-11	Intra North Sea Ballast Water Exchange Areas		
2015-01		119	
		120	
2015-03	Guidelines for Monitoring and Assessment of plastic particles in stomachs of Fulmars in the North Sea area	121	
2015-04	Guidance for the Comprehensive Atmospheric Monitoring Programme (CAMP)	122	
2015-05	Ambient noise monitoring strategy		
2015-06		123	
2015-07	Guidance on form of national reports and arrangements for the work of the ICG EUT in preparing a draft of the 2017 OSPAR Integrated Report		
2015-08	Guidelines to reduce the impact of offshore installations lighting on birds in the OSPAR maritime area		
2015-09	OSPAR data format for the fulmar indicator	124	

¹¹³ Amended in 2018 – addition of paragraph 64bis. Note, this Plan ran from 2014-2021. A 2nd Regional Action Plan was adopted in 2022 (Agreement 2022-05)

¹¹⁴ Replaces 2010-04. Updated annually. In addition, OSPAR 2020 adopted an Annex to the JAMP on the description of the Regions. Replaced by OSPAR Agreement 2024-01

¹¹⁵ Replaced by Agreement 2026-03

¹¹⁶ Replaces 1998-05

¹¹⁷ Replaces 2009-04. Update 2024

¹¹⁸ Update to Annex 2 in 2018. Update to Annex 1b in 2022, 2023. Addition of Rules of procedure for the participation of observers at Collective Arrangement meetings in 2024

¹¹⁹ Replaces 2013-09. Replaced by Agreement 2020-01

¹²⁰ Agreement 2015-02 replaced by Agreement 2018-03

¹²¹ Updated in 2019

¹²² Replaces 2001-07

¹²³ Agreement 2015-06 is made obsolete by the update to OSPAR Agreement 2014-06 (management of dredged material)

¹²⁴ Updated in 2019

Other Agreements		Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
2015-10	Target species list for Agreement 2015-01		
2016-01	Coordinated Environmental Monitoring Programme (CEMP)	125	
2016-02		126	
2016-03	Reporting format and explanatory notes – Fishing for Litter		
2016-04	CEMP Guidelines for coordinated monitoring for hazardous substances	127	
2016-05	CEMP Guidelines for coordinated monitoring for eutrophication, CAMP and RID	128	
2016-06	CEMP Guidelines: Phytoplankton monitoring	129	
2016-07	Methodology for deriving Environmental Assessment Criteria and their application	130	
		131 132	
2016-09	CEMP Guideline: Common Indicator B1: Marine bird abundance (English only)	133	
2016-10	CEMP Guideline: Common Indicator B3: Marine bird breeding Productivity (English only)	134	
2016-11	CEMP Guideline: Common Indicator M3: Seal abundance and distribution (English only)	135	
2016-12	CEMP Guideline: Common Indicator M5: Grey seal pup production (English only)	136	
2017-01	Agreement on contaminants' criteria and methods for the Intermediate Assessment 2017		
2017-02	OSPAR Guidelines for Monitoring the Environmental Impact of Offshore Oil and Gas Activities	137	
2017-03	Guidelines for the Sampling and Analysis of Cuttings Piles		
2017-04	CEMP Guidelines: Trend assessment of annual data on dumping and placement of waste or other matter at sea		
2017-05		138	
2017-06	CEMP Guidelines on Litter on the Seafloor	139	
2017-07	CEMP Guidelines for Monitoring and Assessment of loud, low and mid-frequency impulsive sound sources in the OSPAR Maritime Region		
2017-08	Fishing for Litter Guidelines	140	
2017-09	CEMP Guidelines: Common Indicator: BH3 Extent of Physical	141	

¹²⁵ Replaces 2010-01. Updated annually. Update 2020 included the removal of the CEMP appendices which are now published in OAP. Appendices updated in 2022, 2023. Editorial amendments in 2023/2024. Update 2025. Update 2026 (pending)

¹²⁶ Replaced by Agreement 2019-04

¹²⁷ Updated 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021

¹²⁸ Revised in 2018, 2020, 2021

¹²⁹ Replaces 1997-05

¹³⁰ Update 2022

¹³¹ Replaces 2014-07

¹³² Agreement 2016-08 replaced by Agreement 2018-02

¹³³ Updates 2022, 2025

¹³⁴ Update 2022

¹³⁵ Update 2022

¹³⁶ Update 2022

¹³⁷ Replaces Agreement 2004-11

¹³⁸ Replaced by Agreement 2020-02

¹³⁹ Update 2023

¹⁴⁰ Replaces Agreement 2007-10

Other Agreements		Notes	Reservations/ Non-Acceptance ³
	damage to predominant and special habitats		
2018-01	Guidelines for the submission of Information about, and Assessment of, the Application of BAT and BEP in Nuclear Facilities	142	
2018-02	Revised OSPAR Reporting Format for Dumping at Sea and revised supplementary Explanatory Notes	143	
2018-03	Explanatory Notes to the Reporting Format for the OSPAR Database on Offshore Renewable Energy Developments	144	
2018-04	CEMP Guidelines: Common Indicator: Changes to non-indigenous species communities (NIS3)	145	
2018-05	CEMP Guideline: Combined guideline for the common indicators for fish and food webs (FC1, FC2, FC3 and FW3)	146	
2018-06	CEMP Guideline: Common indicator: Condition of benthic habitat communities (BH2) – common approach	147	
2018-07	CEMP Guideline: Common indicator: Plankton lifeforms (PH1/FW5)	148	
2018-08	CEMP Guideline: Common indicator in Region IV: Change in average trophic level of marine predators (FW4)	149	
2018-09	CEMP Guideline: Abundance at the relevant temporal scale of cetacean species regularly present (M4)	150	
2018-10	MoU between the IMO and OSPAR on the promotion of the London Convention and London Protocol		
2019-01	OSPAR Guidelines for the Preparation of draft OSPAR Decisions, Recommendations and other Arrangements Draft OSPAR Background Documents and Other Reports	151	
2019-02	Guidance on the production of the QSR 2023	152	
2019-03	Criteria for the Identification of Species and Habitats in need of Protection and their Method of Application (Texel-Faial Criteria)	153	
2019-04	Guidelines for the revision of the OSPAR List of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats	154	
2019-05	Guidance on the development of status assessments for the OSPAR List of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats	155	
2019-06	CEMP Guideline: PH2 “Changes in Phytoplankton Biomass and Zooplankton Abundance”	156	

141	Update 2023
142	Replaces Agreement 2004-03
143	Replaces Agreement 2016-08. Update 2025
144	Replaces Agreement 2015-02. Update 2025
145	Update 2022 and 2026 (pending)
146	Update 2022
147	Update 2023
148	Update 2023
149	Update 2023 and 2026 (pending)
150	Update 2019, 2022 and 2026 (pending)
151	Replaces Agreement 2004-01. Update 2021, 2024
152	Update 2021
153	Replaces Agreement 2003-13
154	Replaces Agreement 2016-02
155	Update 2021, 2023, 2025
156	Update 2023

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2019-07	CEMP Guideline: PH3 “Changes in Plankton Diversity”	157	
2019-08	OSPAR Guidelines on the reduction of marine litter through Sustainability Education Programmes for fishers	158	
2019-09	General consultation procedures for establishing Marine Protected Areas in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction of the OSPAR Maritime Area		
2020-01	Joint Harmonised Procedure on the granting of exemptions under International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships’ Ballast Water and Sediments	159	
2020-02	CEMP Guidelines for marine monitoring and assessment of beach litter	160	
2020-03	CEMP Guidelines for monitoring and assessment of marine litter ingested by sea turtles		
2020-04	The OSPAR maritime area and its Regions	161	
2021-01	North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy 2030	162	
2021-02	NEAES Implementation Plan – status and guidance		
2021-03	MoU with the Cartagena Convention		
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2021-05	CEMP Guidelines on ambient noise		
2021-06	OSPAR Guidelines in support of OSPAR Recommendation 2021/06 on the reduction of plastic pellet loss into the marine environment		
2021-07	Guidance on the assessment of the toxicity of substances used and discharged offshore under the Harmonised Pre-Screening Scheme for offshore chemicals of OSPAR Recommendation 2017/01, as amended by OSPAR Recommendation 2019/04	163	
2021-08	Roadmap for further development of the North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Sea basin Marine Protected Area	164	
2022-01	Roadmap to support OSPAR’s objectives in the Arctic	165	
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2022-03	CEMP Guidelines for marine mammal bycatch (M6)	167	

¹⁵⁷ Update 2023

¹⁵⁸ Update 2024

¹⁵⁹ Replaces Agreement 2015-01

¹⁶⁰ Replaces Agreement 2017-05. Update 2025

¹⁶¹ Previously included as an Annex to the Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme (Agreement 2014-02 – now replaced by Agreement 2024-01)

¹⁶² Replaces Agreement 2010-03. Revised by Agreement 2025-01

¹⁶³ Replaces Agreements 2002-04 and 2005-12

¹⁶⁴ Update 2022

¹⁶⁵ Editorial amendment in 2023

¹⁶⁶ Replaces Agreement 2011-04. Editorial amendment 2023. Replaced by Agreement 2025-02

¹⁶⁷ Update 2026 (pending)

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2022-04	CEMP Guidelines for sensitive fish species (FC1)	168	
2022-05	2 nd Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter	169	
2022-06	Joint ambient noise monitoring programme for the North Sea		
2022-07	Common Procedure for the Identification of the Eutrophication Status of the OSPAR Maritime Area	170	
2022-08	Procedure for responding to queries on Marine Protected Areas in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction	171	
2023-01	CEMP Guideline – Cumulative Effects Assessment for the QSR 2023 (Bow Tie Analysis)		
2023-02	CEMP Guidelines – BH1 – Sentinels of the Seabed		
2023-03	CEMP Guideline – MPA Assessment Calculation Methodology		
2023-04	CEMP Guideline – Integration methodology Marine Birds		
2023-05	CEMP Guideline – Integration methodology Marine Mammals		
2023-06	CEMP Guideline – Integration methodology Fish		
2023-07	CEMP Guideline – Integration methodology Pelagic Habitats		
2023-08	Reporting format for encounters with munitions	172	
2023-09	Harmonised Offshore Chemical Notification Format	173	
2024-01	Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme	174	
2024-02	Memorandum of Understanding with Sargasso Sea Commission	175	
2024-03	Management of OSPAR Data		
2024-04	Guidance on the application of OSPAR Decision 98/3 on the Disposal of Disused Offshore Installations		
2024-05	CEMP Guideline Area of Habitat Loss (BH4)	176	
2024-06	CEMP Guidelines for the monitoring of microliter (including microplastics) in seafloor sediments for the OSPAR maritime area		
2024-07	Guidance document: processes for aiding decisions on the adoption, development and assessment of OSPAR Biodiversity Common Indicators	177	
2024-08	Ways of working: Biodiversity Expert Groups		

¹⁶⁸ Update 2026 (pending)

¹⁶⁹ Note: 1st Regional Action Plan 2014-2021 is Agreement 2014-01

¹⁷⁰ Replaces Agreement 2013-08

¹⁷¹ Agreed by OSPAR(Extra) 2022 (17 November 2022)

¹⁷² Update 2025

¹⁷³ Update 2025. Update 2026 (pending)

¹⁷⁴ Replaces Agreement 2014-02. Update 2026

¹⁷⁵ Replaces Agreement 2012-10

¹⁷⁶ Update 2025

¹⁷⁷ Replaced by Agreement 2025-05

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2024-09	Regional Action Plan for Marine Birds		
2024-10	Best practice for the reduction and life cycle management of expanded polystyrene (EPS) and extruded polystyrene (XPS), as a means to reduce EPS and XPS becoming marine litter		
2025-01	Revision of the North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy (Agreement 2021-01)		
2025-02	Terms of Reference for the Coordination Group and Committees	178	
2025-03	Data and Information Strategy to 2030		
2025-04	Guidance on the production of the Intermediate Assessment 2029	179	
2025-05	Guidance on the processes for aiding decisions on the development, adoption, and assessment of OSPAR Common Indicators	180	
2025-06		181	
2025-07	Guidance on identifying and recognising Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) in the North-East Atlantic		
2025-08	CEMP Guideline for bycatch of marine turtles – MT1		
2025-09	CEMP Guideline for Loggerhead turtle abundance – MT2		
2025-10	CEMP Guideline for marine bird bycatch – B5	182	
2025-11	CEMP Guideline for the Management Effectiveness of Protected and Conserved Areas (MEPCA) Indicator		
2025-12		183	
2025-13	List of best environmental practice for reducing marine litter	184	
2025-14	Best practice guidance to prevent the loss or leakage of plastic biomedica in wastewater treatment plants		
2025-15	Regional Action Plan to reduce underwater noise		
2025-16	CEMP Guidelines for monitoring and assessment of plastic litter ingested by fledglings of Cory's shearwaters (<i>Calonectris borealis</i>) in Region V		
2025-17	Roadmap for the consideration of an extension of the scope of OSPAR Decision 2025/01 on management of discharge water from exhaust gas cleaning systems on board ships in territorial seas		

¹⁷⁸ Replaces Agreement 2022-02

¹⁷⁹ Update 2026

¹⁸⁰ Replaces Agreement 2024-07. Update 2026

¹⁸¹ Replaced by Agreement 2026-01

¹⁸² Update 2026 (pending)

¹⁸³ Replaced by Agreement 2026-02

¹⁸⁴ Update 2026

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2025-18	CEMP Guideline for eutrophication monitoring: nutrients	185	
2025-19	Memorandum of Understanding between the IAEA and OSPAR	186	
2025-20	CEMP Guidelines for assessment of discharges of radioactive substances from the nuclear sector		
2025-21	CEMP Guidelines for assessment of environmental concentrations of artificial radionuclides		
2026-01	Guidance on the maintenance of the OSPAR Science Agenda	187	
2026-02	Regional Action Plan for Benthic Habitats	188	
2026-03	CEMP Guideline for monitoring chemical aspects of ocean acidification	189	
2026-04	Guidance on the development of an OSPAR CEMP Guideline		
2026-05	Best environmental practice for the handling of expanded polystyrene (EPS) and extruded polystyrene (XPS) on building and demolition sites, as a means to reduce EPS and XPS becoming marine litter		
2026-06	Best environmental practice guidance on the prevention, reporting, and management of end-of-life recreational vessels in the OSPAR maritime area		
2026-07	Best environmental practice for the reduction of inputs from net cuttings waste into the marine environment		
2026-08	CEMP Guidelines for Status and Trends of Persistent Chemicals in Marine Mammals (M7)	190	

185 Replaces Agreement 2013-04
186 Replaces Agreement 2009-06
187 Replaces Agreement 2025-06
188 Replaces Agreement 2025-12
189 Replaces Agreement 2014-03 (pending)
190 Pending