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Cc: OSPAR Heads of Delegation

29 January 2020

## Data call 2020

# OSPAR Threatened and/or Declining Habitats

Dear Colleagues,

This is the 2020 data call for contributions to the OSPAR Threatened and/or Declining Habitats database. The data call is carried out under Action 2 'Improve the OSPAR habitat mapping database' (Action sheet [available online](#)) of the 'Roadmap for the implementation of collective actions within the Recommendations for the protection of OSPAR listed Species and Habitats'. Nominated contributors to Action 2 are in Annex 1, Contracting Parties are requested to inform of any updates needed to the list.

Reporting is to be completed by **29 May 2020**. All Contracting Parties are to respond to the call, also if there is no new information to report.

Details on this data call and all other OSPAR data calls for biodiversity are [available online](#).

### Use of the reported information

The UK (via JNCC as the Task Lead for Habitat Mapping) are about to undertake an update of the OSPAR T&D habitats database, accepting new contributions and amendments to existing data. The current public version of the OSPAR T&D habitats database can be [viewed](#) and [downloaded](#) from the EMODnet Seabed Habitats portal.

**This will be the final update of Threatened and/or Declining Habitats database which will contribute to the QSR 2023.** It is therefore critical that the information in this database is both up to date and as complete as possible. The information will be used for status assessments of OSPAR Listed habitats ([Agreement 2019-05](#)) and in common indicator assessments of the seabed.

JNCC will collate the reported data and share with ICG-POSH members a draft updated OSPAR T&D habitats database for use in the habitat status assessments by July 2020. Data provided through this call will be approved by BDC 2021 before being published on the portal.

### Components of the datacall including reporting formats

This OSPAR data call is for Distribution and Occurrence data for all OSPAR Listed habitats.

**Is it essential that you follow the reporting formats and guidance in the [zip-folder](#) available online when preparing your submission.** The zip-folder with the reporting formats are made available through the [online page](#) with all BDC related reporting formats.

### Submission of reports

Contracting Parties are invited to respond to the data call by reporting information using the specified reporting formats to [lewis.castle@jncc.gov.uk](mailto:lewis.castle@jncc.gov.uk) and to [data@ospar.org](mailto:data@ospar.org).

**End of business 29 May 2020.**

### Assistance

JNCC will host **webinars** in March and April to guide you through the reporting format and process. If you would like to attend, please fill out this [Doodle poll](#) by **Friday 21 February 2020** for the March webinar or by **Tuesday 31 March 2020** for the April webinar.

The European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) is a network of organisations working together to make marine data freely available. Part of its remit is to support regional sea conventions such as OSPAR. Through EMODnet, then, you may request **free assistance with habitat data collection and formatting in your country's waters**. The relevant contact details can be found in Annex 1 and they are expecting your email.

Queries on the reporting are to be addressed to [lewis.castle@jncc.gov.uk](mailto:lewis.castle@jncc.gov.uk) and to [data@ospar.org](mailto:data@ospar.org); [lana.avellan@ospar.org](mailto:lana.avellan@ospar.org).

Yours sincerely,



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## Annex 1

### Representatives from each Contracting Party who participate in Collective Action 2

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Plain	other contacts (to CC in emails)
<i>Italics</i>	Uncertain/temporary

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## EMODnet Seabed Habitats partners with responsibility for data collation within OSPAR CPs

The people listed below may be able to provide some additional resource to help seek out and format OSPAR T&D habitat data for submission to the database. CP representatives are encouraged to get in touch with them to find out how they can help.

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