

OSPAR Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic  
 Meeting of the Heads of Delegation (HOD)  
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## Interim draft programme of work for the Environmental Impacts of Human Activities Committee – 2020/2021

### 1. Strategic, cross-cutting and coordination issues

<b>20120/21 Product 1</b>	<b>Overview of how guidelines developed as OSPAR Other Agreements have been used nationally as potential input to the MAP Matrix</b>
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Secretariat
<u>Based on:</u>	Advice from TG-MAP on draft questionnaire; Contracting Party responses to questionnaire
<u>Target Date:</u>	Three weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §2.4-2.6; CoG 2019(1) Summary Record §2.10a
<u>Resource:</u>	In place

<b>2020/21 Product 2</b>	<b>Prepare for QSR 2023, including developing and implementing project plans for thematic assessments (on (c) and (d)), covering: (a) marine litter, (b) underwater noise, (c) seabed disturbance, (d) non-indigenous species, (e) impacts of human activities, (f) cumulative effects</b>
<u>Task Manager:</u>	(a) ICG-ML; (b) ICG-Noise; (c) OSPAR Benthic Habitat Expert Group (OBHEG, supported by ICG-EcoC); (d) NIS expert group; (e) Task lead/contractor supported by Task group (Jonas Pålsson (SE), tbc Netherlands, tbc UK), supported by ICG-ESA, ICG-EcoC; (f) ICG-EcoC
<u>Based on:</u>	EIHA outcome and advice from ICG-QSR and CoG, associated JAMP products
<u>Target Date:</u>	Three weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §4; EIHA 2020 Summary Record §x
<u>Resource:</u>	In place through ICGs and expert groups, may need extra input on assessment of measures.

### 2. Assessment and Management of Human activities (where OSPAR is competent) (Biodiversity Strategy (§ 4.2 a and 4.2 g))

<b>2020/21 Product 3</b>	<b>Reporting of data on Dumping and Placement of Wastes or other matter at Sea in 2018 and three year assessment</b>
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Chair of EAP [Netherlands]
<u>Target Date:</u>	Three weeks before EIHA (2) 2020
<u>Drawing on:</u>	Reports by Contracting Parties to Secretariat
<u>Task manager:</u>	Heads of Delegation (for reporting)
<u>Target date:</u>	1 October 2019
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §5.1-5.6
<u>Resources:</u>	In place for national reporting, EAP chair needed for next cycle

<b>20120/21 Product 4</b>	<b>Annual report on encounters with munitions</b>
<u>Task Managers:</u>	Belgium
<u>Based on:</u>	Data submissions from Contracting Parties
<u>Target date:</u>	01 September 2020 reporting deadline, document submission 3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	In place through Task Lead
<u>Resources:</u>	

<b>2020/21 Product 5</b>	<b>Review of Recommendation 2010/20 on encounters with munitions and overview of issues and priorities for the management of dumped munitions</b>
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Belgium
<u>Based on:</u>	National work presented at EIHA 2019, views and input from ICG-Noise
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §5.10-5.14
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through Task Lead

<b>2020/21 Product 6</b>	<b>Environmental impacts of CCS report on national implementation reporting and research into the assessment of environmental impact</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Draft assessment of national implementation reporting
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Rob Gerits (NL), with input from the Secretariat and OIC
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §5.15-5.16
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through Task Lead

***Assessment and Management of Human activities (in the context of Annex V, article 4)) (Biodiversity Strategy § 4.2 h)***

<b>2020/21 Product 7</b>	<b>Annual update of the OSPAR Offshore renewable developments data via the OSPAR data portal</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Contracting Parties national data reports
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Secretariat
<u>Target Date:</u>	1 January 2021 reporting deadline, document submission 3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	In place
<u>Resources:</u>	

<b>2020/21 Product 8</b>	<b>Collaboration with HASEC INPUT Working Group to quantify discharges to the marine environment from Human Activities, including 1) offshore renewables and 2) develop a short scoping document inputs from open circuit flue gas scrubbers</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	EIHA 18/5/12 Rev.1
<u>Task Manager:</u>	1) Secretariat to seek input from WindEurope 2) Benedicte Jenot (FR), Jonas Pålsson (SE) supported by Philip Axe Chair of HASEC
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §6.12-6.14
<u>Resources:</u>	1) Task lead needed for eventual scoping document 2) In place through task leads

<b>2020/21 Product 9</b>	<b>Annual update on data on sand and gravel extraction</b>
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<u>Based upon:</u>	Report from task manager, based on national data reported to ICES WGEXT
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Brigitte Lauwaert (BE)
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	In place through task lead
<u>Resources:</u>	

<b>2020/21 Product 10</b>	<b>Progress report from Joint OSPAR/HELCOM task group on granting of exemptions under the Ballast Water Management Convention</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Work by the joint OSPAR/HELCOM Task Group
<u>Task Manager:</u>	OSPAR and HELCOM Secretariats
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	In place
<u>Resources:</u>	

<b>2020/21 Product 11</b>	<b>Explore basis for a regional approach to hull fouling</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	National workshop in Netherlands in 2019, discussions at EIHA 2019
<u>Task Manager:</u>	N.N (NL) OSPAR NIS EG
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §6.24-6.26
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead;

<b>2020/21 Product 12</b>	<b>Information collection on monitoring and enforcement for mandatory prewash of tanks containing high-viscosity and persistent floating (HVPF) products</b>
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Netherlands, Secretariat through Bonn Agreement and NSN
<u>Target Date:</u>	tbc data request circulated by Secretariat, 3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §6.27-6.31
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task leads

<b>2020/21 Product 13</b>	<b>Explore need for Scoping study on mariculture based on recommendations set out in the ICES advice on interactions between wild and captive fish stocks and advice from NASCO</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	EIHA 16/4/10
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Secretariat to draft proposed scope of work, [NO, UK, IE]
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §6.32-6.34
<u>Resources:</u>	task lead not in place

<b>2020/21 Product 14</b>	<b>Report on progress of ICG-POSH on the implementation of species and habitats recommendations</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Report from ICG-POSH
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Lex Oosterbaan (NL) and Michael McLeod (UK)
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	In place through co-conveners
<u>Resources:</u>	

<b>2020/21 Product 15</b>	<b>Progress against the roadmap for the implementation of the Recommendations for protection and conservation of OSPAR listed Species and habitats</b>
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Michael McLeod (UK) and Lex Oosterbaan (NL) as co-conveners of ICG-POSH
<u>Based upon:</u>	Reports from ICG-POSH
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §6.35-6.42

**Resources:** In place through co-conveners

**2020/21 Product 16** **implementation reporting on OSPAR Recommendation 2010/5 on the Assessment of Environmental Impacts on Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats.**

**Task Manager:** Secretariat to issue reporting call

**Based upon:** National reports

**Target Date:** 3 weeks before EIHA 2021

**Reference:** EIHA(1) 2020 Summary Record §x

**Resources:** Contracting Parties

**2020/21 Product 17** **Support human activities assessment component of JAMP B3 status assessments of (i) Maerl beds (ii) Deep-sea sponge aggregation (iii) Allis Shad (iv) Houting (v) Sea Lamprey (vi) Sturgeon (vii) Blue whale (viii) Bowhead Whale (ix) Northern Right Whale (x) Balearic Shearwater (xi) Iberian guillemot (xii) Lesser Black-Backed gull (xiii) Leatherback Turtle (xiv) Loggerhead Turtle**

**Based upon:** Guidance on status assessments, BDC 2019 guidance

**Task Managers:** (i) Maerl beds (tbc, UK), (ii) Deep-sea sponge aggregation (N.N) (iii) Allis Shad (iv) Houting (tbc, Dk) (v) Sea Lamprey (tbc, NO) (vi) Sturgeon (tbc, DE) (vii) Blue whale (tbc NL) (xi) Bowhead Whale (tbc Be, NL) (xii) Northern Right Whale (tbc Be, NL) (xiii) Balearic Shearwater (N.N) (xiv) Iberian guillemot(N.N) (xv) Lesser Black-Backed gull (N.N) (xvi) Leatherback Turtle (tbc FR) (xvii) Loggerhead Turtle (tbc FR)

**Target Date:** via ICG-POSH 2019, 3 weeks before BDC 2020 and 3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020

**Reference:** EIHA 2019 Summary record §6.35-6.42

**Resource:** Lead parties required. Resources in place for Contracting Parties intersessional work. EIHA HODs to contribute with contacts for information on national human activity data.

**2020/21 Product 18** **Scoping document on deep sea mining impacts, finalisation and follow up**

**Task Manager:** Sarah Jones (UK), Harald Brekke (NO) and Hans-Peter Damian (DE), N.N (DK), N.N (BE)

**Based upon:** EIHA 18/4/14; EIHA 19/06/06

**Target Date:** 3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020

**Reference:** EIHA 2019 Summary Record §6.5-6.7

**Resources:** In place through task lead

**2020/21 Product 19** **Progress report of task group on deep sea mining**

**Task manager:** Sarah Jones (UK)

**Based upon:** OSPAR 19/13/4

**Target date:** 3 weeks before EIHA (2) 2020

**Reference:** OSPAR 2019 Summary Record §13.9-13.11

**Resources:** In place through task lead

**2020/21 Product 20** **Explore the need for OSPAR guidelines to support national regulators on wet renewables and consider how any information could be used in future assessments**

**Task Manager:** Adrian Judd (UK), supported by [FR tbc]

**Based upon:** ICES advice on wet-renewables 19/6/11

**Target Date:** 3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020

**Reference:** EIHA 2019 Summary Record §6.16-6.17

**Resources:** In place through task lead

**2020/21 Product 21** **Scoping study on wind-farms**

<u>Task Managers:</u>	Rob Gerits (Netherlands)
<u>Based upon:</u>	Background document developed in 2010
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §3.8
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

### 3. Management of specific human pressures (Biodiversity Strategy § 4.2 j, k, l)

<b>2020/21 Product 22</b>	<b>Progress report on the work of ICG-Marine Litter (update if necessary)</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Report from ICG-ML
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Mareike Erfeling (NL), Pedro Sepulveda (PO), Jesus Gago (SP) in cooperation with ICG-Marine Litter
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA(1) 2020 Summary Record §xIn place through co-conveners
<u>Resources:</u>	

<b>20120/21 Product 23</b>	<b>Revision of beach litter monitoring guidelines</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Agreement 2010-02
<u>Task Manager:</u>	ICG-Marine Litter
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §7.4-7.6
<u>Resources:</u>	In place for Contracting Parties work at ICG-ML

<b>2020/21 Product 24</b>	<b>Assessment of the OSPAR Common Indicator on Seabed Litter</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	CEMP Guideline
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Thomas Maes (UK) ICG-Marine Litter
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA(1)2020
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

<b>2020/21 Product 25</b>	<b>Assessment of the OSPAR Common Indicator on Beach Litter</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	CEMP Guideline
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Camille Lacroix (Fr) ICG-Marine Litter
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	xxx
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

<b>2020/21 Product 26</b>	<b>Assessment of the OSPAR Common Indicator on Plastic particles in Fulmar stomachs</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	CEMP Guideline
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Willem van Loon (NL) ICG-Marine Litter
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	xxx
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

<b>2020/21 Product 27</b>	<b>CEMP guidelines on the OSPAR Common Indicator on Ingestion of plastic particles in turtles</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Francois Galgani (FR) ICG-Marine Litter

<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §7.17
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

<b>2020/21 Product 28</b>	<b>Assessment of the OSPAR Common Indicator on Ingestion of plastic particles in turtles</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	CEMP Guideline
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Francois Galgani (FR) ICG-Marine Litter
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	In place through task lead
<u>Resources:</u>	

<b>2020/21 Product 29</b>	<b>Update on the development of the candidate indicator on microplastics in sediment</b>
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Thomas Maes (UK), Jakob Strand (DK) and Henk Zemmeling (NL), with the support of ICG-ML
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §7.18-7.20
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead and Contracting Parties work at ICG-ML

<b>2020/21 Product 30</b>	<b>Update on the implementation of the Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter</b>
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Co-convenors , ICG Marine Litter
<u>Based upon:</u>	The Marine Litter Regional Action Plan
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA (2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §7.23-7.51
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task leads

<b>2020/21 Product 31</b>	<b>Review of the Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter</b>
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Co-convenors , ICG Marine Litter
<u>Based upon:</u>	The Marine Litter Regional Action Plan
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	xxx
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task leads

<b>2020/21 Product 32</b>	<b>Development of a report on a strategic approach to reduce the use of single use items, which impact the marine environment</b>
<u>Task Managers:</u>	Conall O'Connor (IE) and Stefanie Werner (DE)
<u>Based on:</u>	EIHA 18/6/18
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §7.27-7.31
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task leads

<b>2020/21 Product 33</b>	<b>Update from OSPAR on plastic carrier bags to inform EU discussions</b>
<u>Task Managers:</u>	Benedicte Jenot (FR)
<u>Based upon:</u>	Draft scoping study report, information exchange at ICG-ML
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA (2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §7.47-7.49
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

<b>2020/21 Product 34</b>	<b>Annual report on Fishing for Litter Implementation</b>
<u>Task Managers:</u>	Secretariat

<u>Based upon:</u>	Contracting Parties national reports
<u>Target Date:</u>	1 October 2020 reporting deadline, document 3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	In place through task lead
<u>Resources:</u>	

<b>2020/21 Product 35</b>	<b>Progress report from ICG-Noise</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Report from ICG-Noise
<u>Task managers:</u>	Thomas Merck (DE), Niels Kinneging (NL) and Nathan Merchant (UK) as co-convenors of the ICG
<u>Target date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	In place through co-conveners
<u>Resources:</u>	

<b>2020/21 Product 36</b>	<b>Assessment of the OSPAR Common Indicator on pressure from impulsive noise</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	CEMP Guideline
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Nathan Merchant (UK) ICG-Noise
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	xxx
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

<b>2020/21 Product 37</b>	<b>Assessment of the OSPAR [Common] Indicator on risk of impact from impulsive noise</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	CEMP Guideline
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Nathan Merchant (UK) ICG-Noise
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	xxx
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

<b>2020/21 Product 38</b>	<b>Assessment of the OSPAR [Common] Indicator on pressure from continuous noise</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	CEMP Guideline
<u>Task Manager:</u>	Niels Kinneging (NL) ICG-Noise
<u>Target Date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	xxx
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

<b>2020/21 Product 39</b>	<b>Inventory of underwater noise mitigation measures</b>
<u>Based upon</u>	Development of additional annexes
<u>Task managers:</u>	Thomas Merck (DE) in cooperation with ICG-Noise
<u>Target date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA (2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §7.52-7.63
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

<b>2020/21 Product 40</b>	<b>Implementation of the ambient noise monitoring strategy (including data management)</b>
<u>Task managers:</u>	Niels Kinneging (NL) in cooperation with ICG-Noise
<u>Target date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA(2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §7.52-7.63
<u>Resources:</u>	In place through task lead

#### 4. Integrating management actions (Biodiversity Strategy § 4.2 m)

<b>2020/21 Product 41</b>	<b>Progress report from ICG-Ecosystem Assessment Outlook - Cumulative Effects Assessment (ICG-EcoC)</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Outcome of ICG-EcoC
<u>Task managers:</u>	Adrian Judd (UK) and Rob Gerits (Netherlands)
<u>Target date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	In place through convener
<u>Resources:</u>	

<b>2020/21 Product 42</b>	<b>Progress report from ICG-Economic and Social Analysis</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Outcome of ICG-ESA
<u>Task managers:</u>	Rob van der Veeren (Netherlands) N.N.
<u>Target date:</u>	3 weeks before EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	In place through co-conveners
<u>Resources:</u>	

## 5. Programme of work and working arrangements

<b>2020/21 Product 43</b>	<b>Draft EIHA programme of work for remainder of 2020/2021 and future years</b>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Draft from Secretariat
<u>Task Managers:</u>	Secretariat
<u>Target Date:</u>	During EIHA (2) 2020
<u>Reference:</u>	
<u>Resources:</u>	In place

## 6. ICES Programmes of work

<b>2020/21 Product 44</b>	<i>Proposals to CoG for the 2021 ICES Programme of work, including consideration of possibilities for joint work with ICES in particular through joint working groups and with regard to specific areas for strategic collaboration</i>
<u>Based upon:</u>	Report by ICES on progress with 2020 ICES Programme of work, and draft proposals from Secretariat on the basis of discussions at the meeting
<u>Task Managers:</u>	Secretariat
<u>Target Date:</u>	During EIHA 2021
<u>Reference:</u>	EIHA 2019 Summary Record §9.3
<u>Resources:</u>	n/a

### Memorandum

- (2) *Update on climate change adaptation strategies*
- (3) *Further methodological development and testing of proposed common indicators for GES Descriptor 7 (hydrographic conditions).*
- (5) *Consideration of additional peer reviewed information in relation to the environmental impacts of cables as set out in annex 2 of EIHA 17/04/04 in relation to JAMP Product B9*

*Develop background document Best Available Technology on the disposal of deep sea mine tailings, Norway working on the issue under the London Convention and keep OSPAR informed of work as in EIHA 19/11/1 §§6.5-6.8*



*Reporting on implementation of Recommendations*

Recommendation	Implementation reporting and review requirements	Past implementation reports
<p>OSPAR Recommendation 2010/5 on the Assessment of Environmental Impacts on Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats (EIHA )</p>	<p>Recommendation itself does not specify the timings.</p> <p>EIHA 2017 agreed the deadline for the next round of implementation reporting would be moved to 31 Dec 2019 to bring it in line with the other species and habitats reporting.</p> <p>Aim to complete by end 2020</p>	<p>Overview Assessment, 2018 (Publication 711)</p>
<p>OSPAR Recommendation 2010/20 on an OSPAR Framework for Reporting Encounters with Conventional and Chemical Munitions in the OSPAR Maritime Area</p>	<p>The first reports under this Recommendation should be submitted to the OSPAR Commission by 1 September 2011. Reporting will be annually thereafter.</p> <p>Reports are of encounters (not implementation reports as such); no implementation report required.</p>	<p>2019 (2017 data)</p>
<p>OSPAR Recommendation 2016/01 on the reduction of marine litter through the implementation of fishing for litter initiatives</p>	<p>The OSPAR Commission will review arrangements set out in this Recommendation every six years in light of experience of its implementation, based on the reports submitted in line with the reporting format in Appendix 1. [implies implementation reports in 2021; review in 2022]</p>	<p>2020 (2018 data) Overview and assessment (on Recommendation 2010/19)</p>
<p>OSPAR Recommendation 2019/1 on the reduction of marine litter through the Implementation of Sustainability Education Programmes for Fishers</p>	<p>Contracting Parties should report by 31 January 2021 on the implementation of this Recommendation to the appropriate OSPAR subsidiary body. After 31 January 2021 Contracting Parties should report every three years on the implementation of this Recommendation.</p> <p>The OSPAR Commission will review arrangements set out in this Recommendation every six years in light of experience of its implementation [implementation reports in 2021, 2024, review in 2025]</p>	