

Partnership: Regional cooperation
in the North-East Atlantic.

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Convention Objectives



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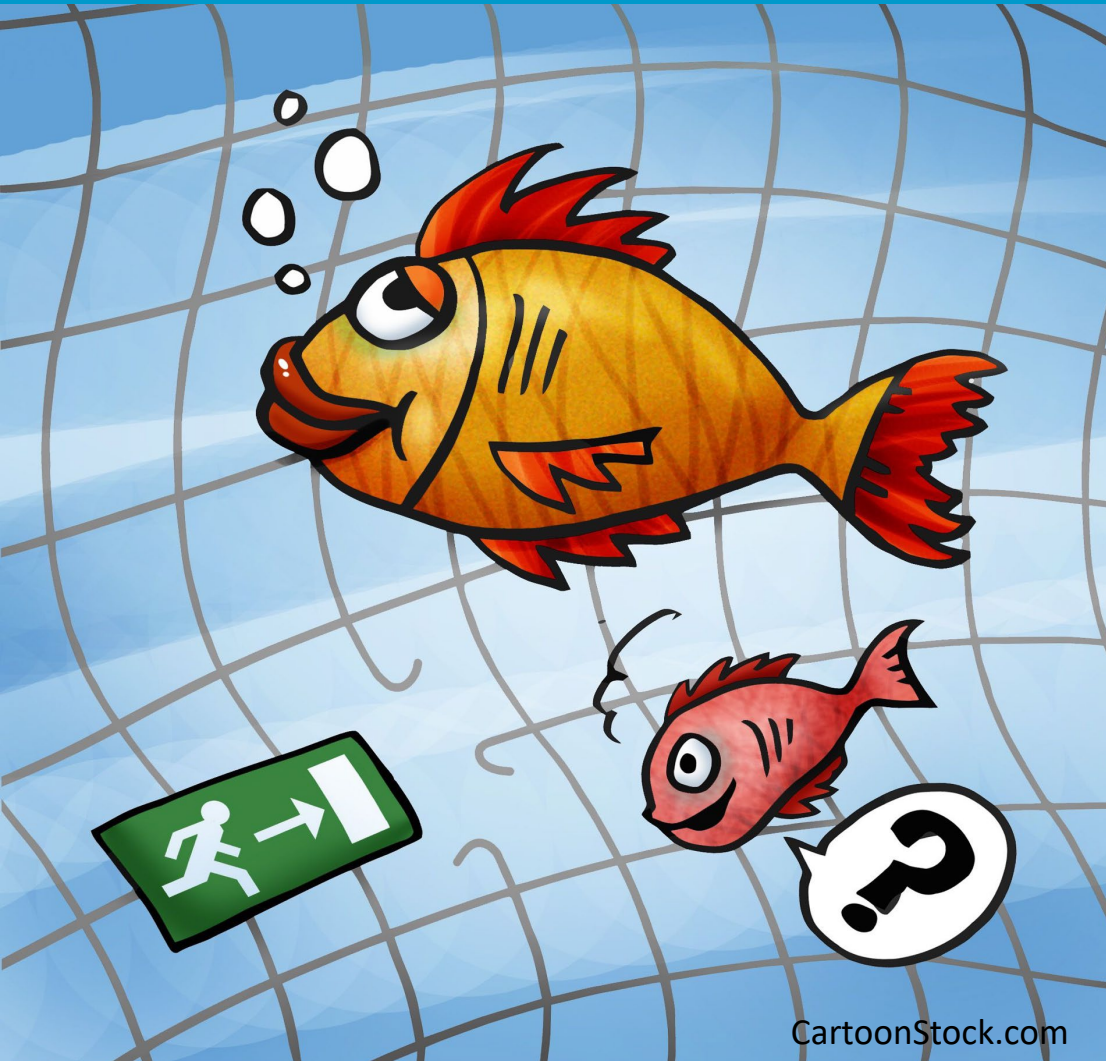


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SDG Context

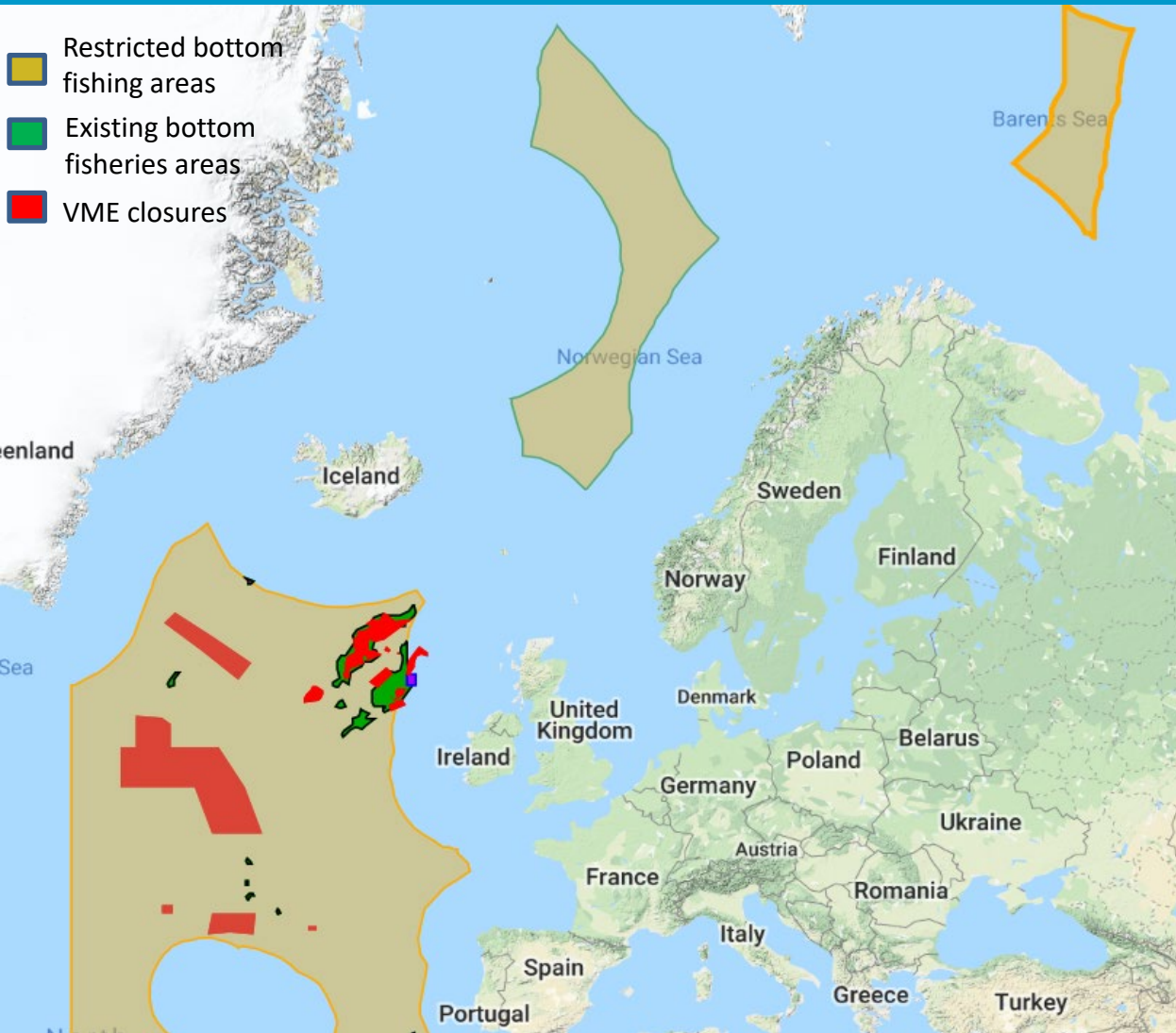


Conservation of living marine resources



- Depth limits to gill nets
- Lost and abandoned fishing gear
- Bans of targeted fisheries, e.g. on sharks, deep sea sharks, rays...
- Protection of vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs)

NEAFC measure to protect Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems

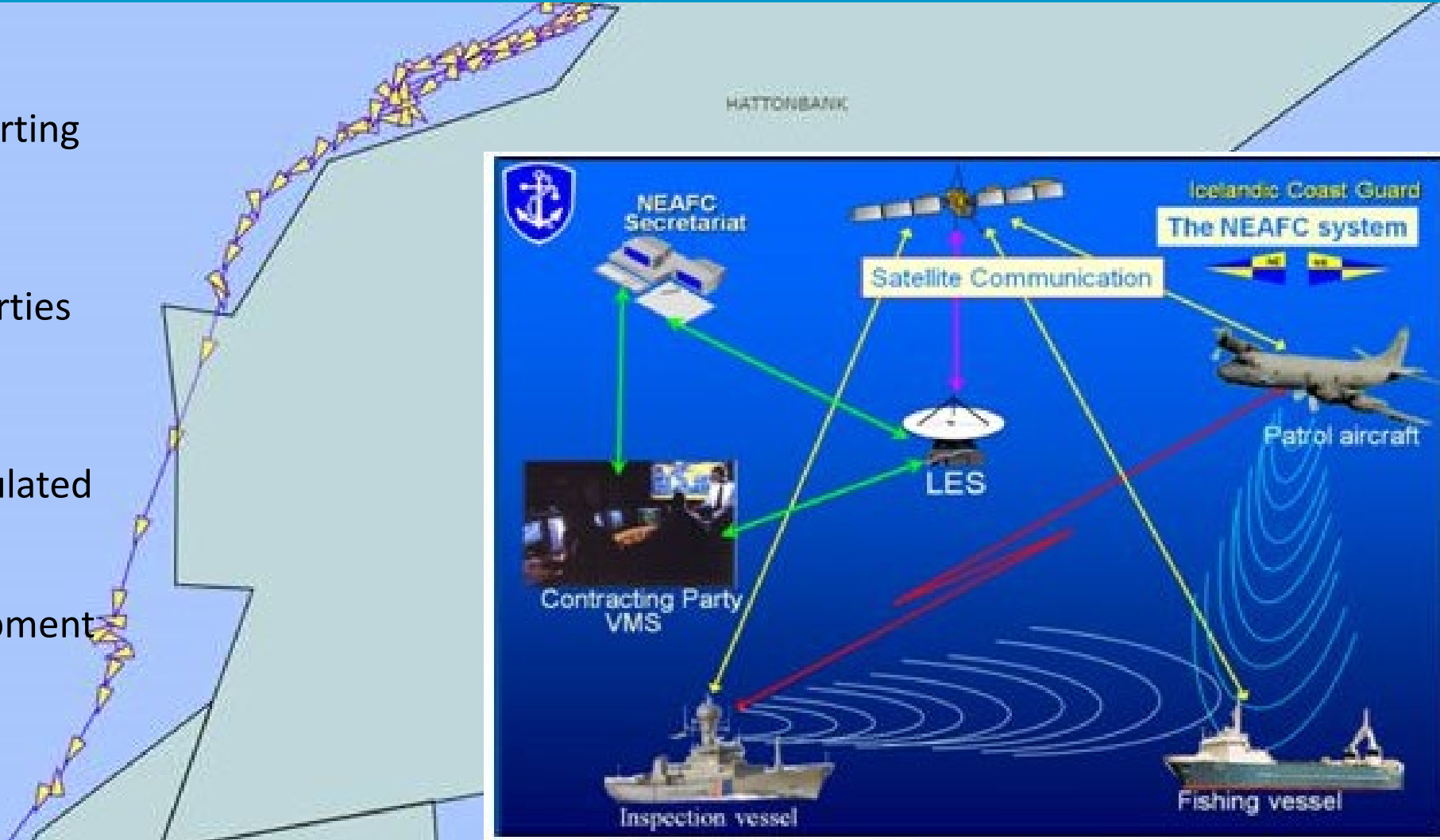


- Continued fishing only in (green) existing bottom-fisheries areas
- VME Bottom fishing closures (red)
- Restricted bottom fishing areas - only possible to fish after meeting strict criteria (buff).



Monitoring and Enforcing Bottom Fisheries Bans

- Vessel Monitoring System
- Electronic Log books and reporting
- Joint surveillance
- Control of non-Contracting Parties
- Port State Control
- Illegal Unreported and Unregulated fishing lists
- Automated catch and transshipment reporting
- Inspection at Sea and Ports



Best Available Ecosystem based scientific advice

Precautionary Approach

Populations need to be maintained within safe biological limits -
Certain that reproductive success is not impaired



Pragmatic Ecosystem Based Management

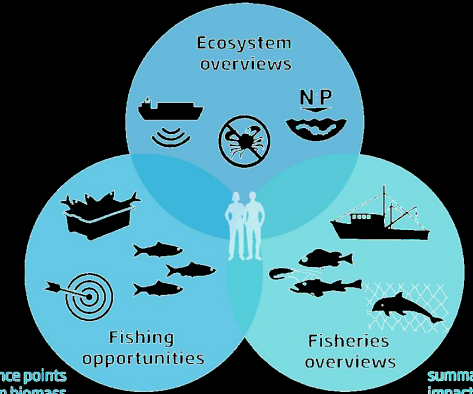


Balancing human activities & environmental stewardship in a multiple use context.



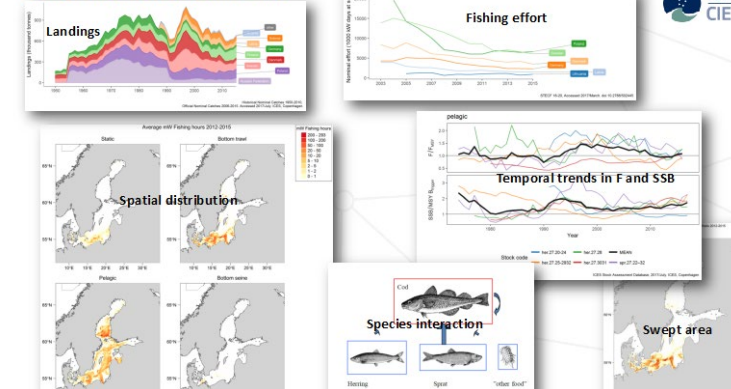
describe ecoregion context
identify pressures & drivers
impacts on key ecosystem components

MSY options & reference points
consequences of catch on biomass
respond to changes in productivity

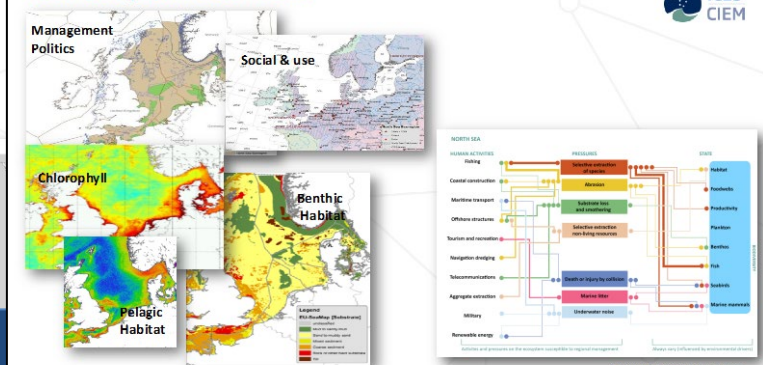


summarize fleet activity
impacts of fishing & species
trade-offs between fleets

ICES Fisheries overviews



ICES Ecosystem overviews



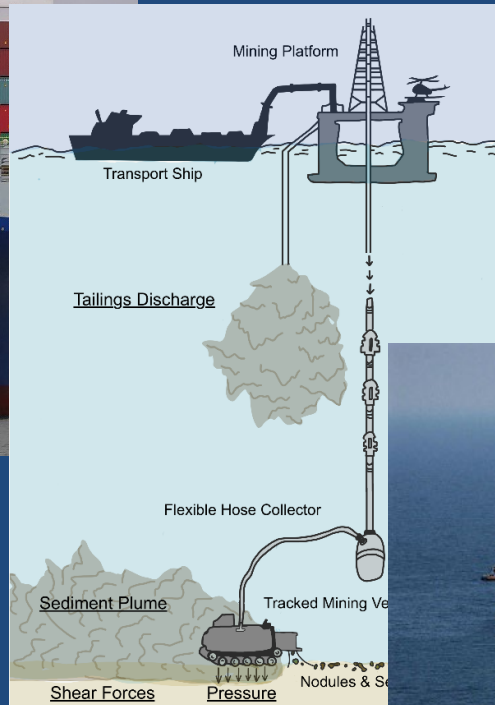
Science for sustainable seas

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Other Competent Bodies



OSPAR: Main Objectives

- Prevent and eliminate pollution
- protect the maritime area against the adverse effects of human activities
- safeguard human health and conserve marine ecosystems
- when practicable, restore marine areas

Guiding Principles

- Ecosystem Approach
- Precautionary Principle

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- “We like to bring together people from radically different fields and wait for the friction to produce heat, light and magic. Sometimes it takes a while.”***

Progress under collective arrangement...

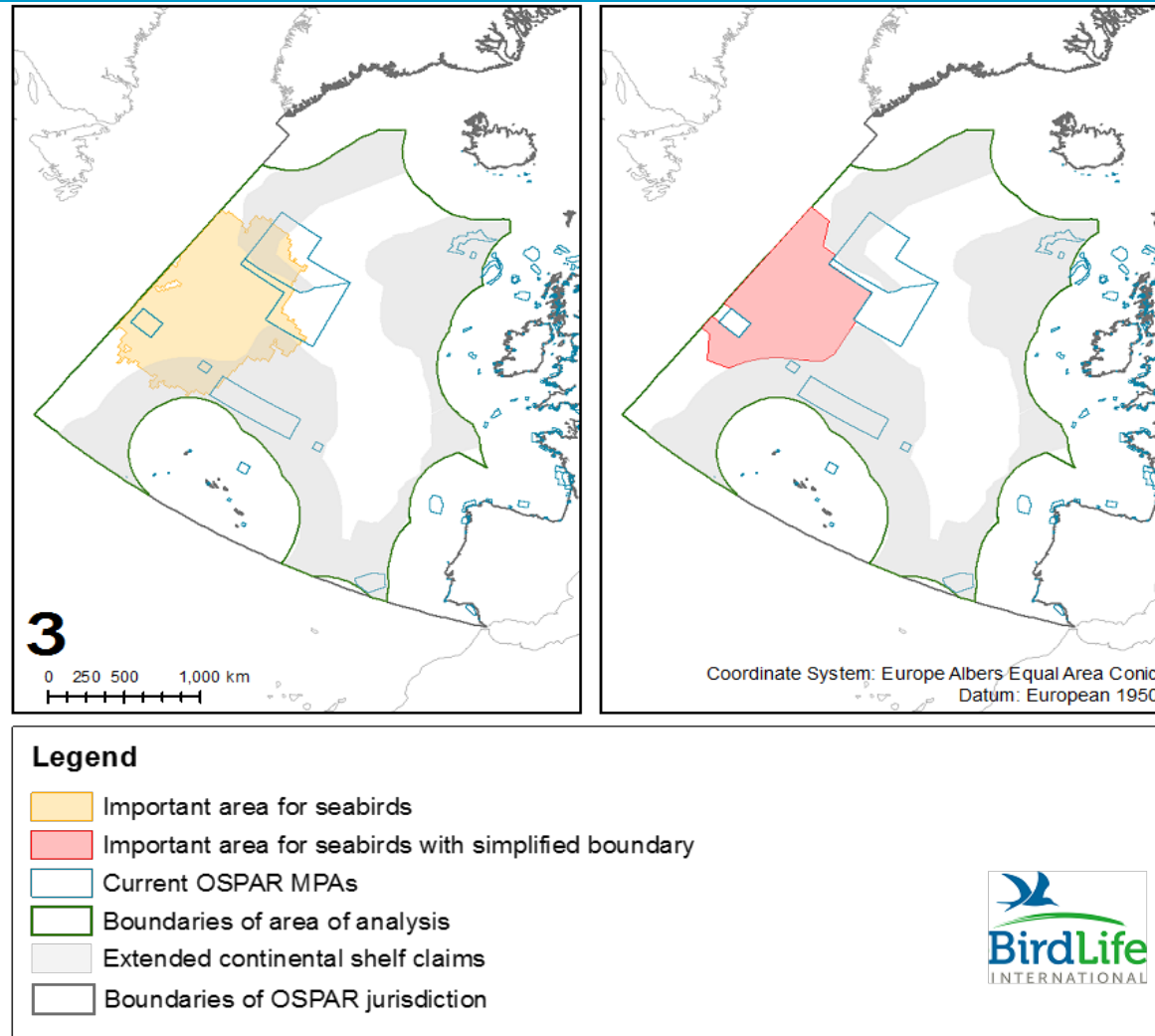


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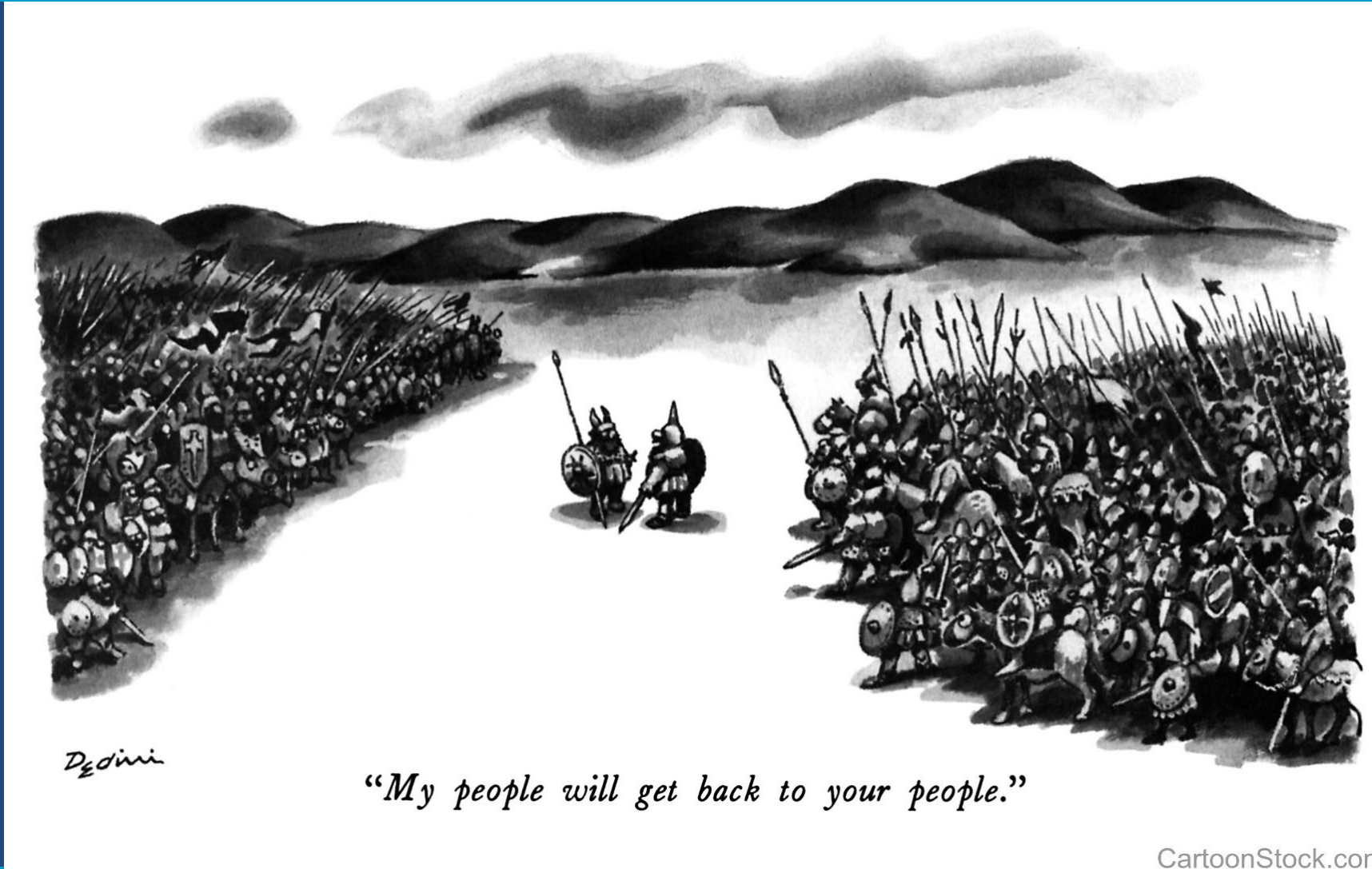


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Example: Consultation on OSPAR Seabird MPA



Common Objectives – Differing Competences



Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures(?)

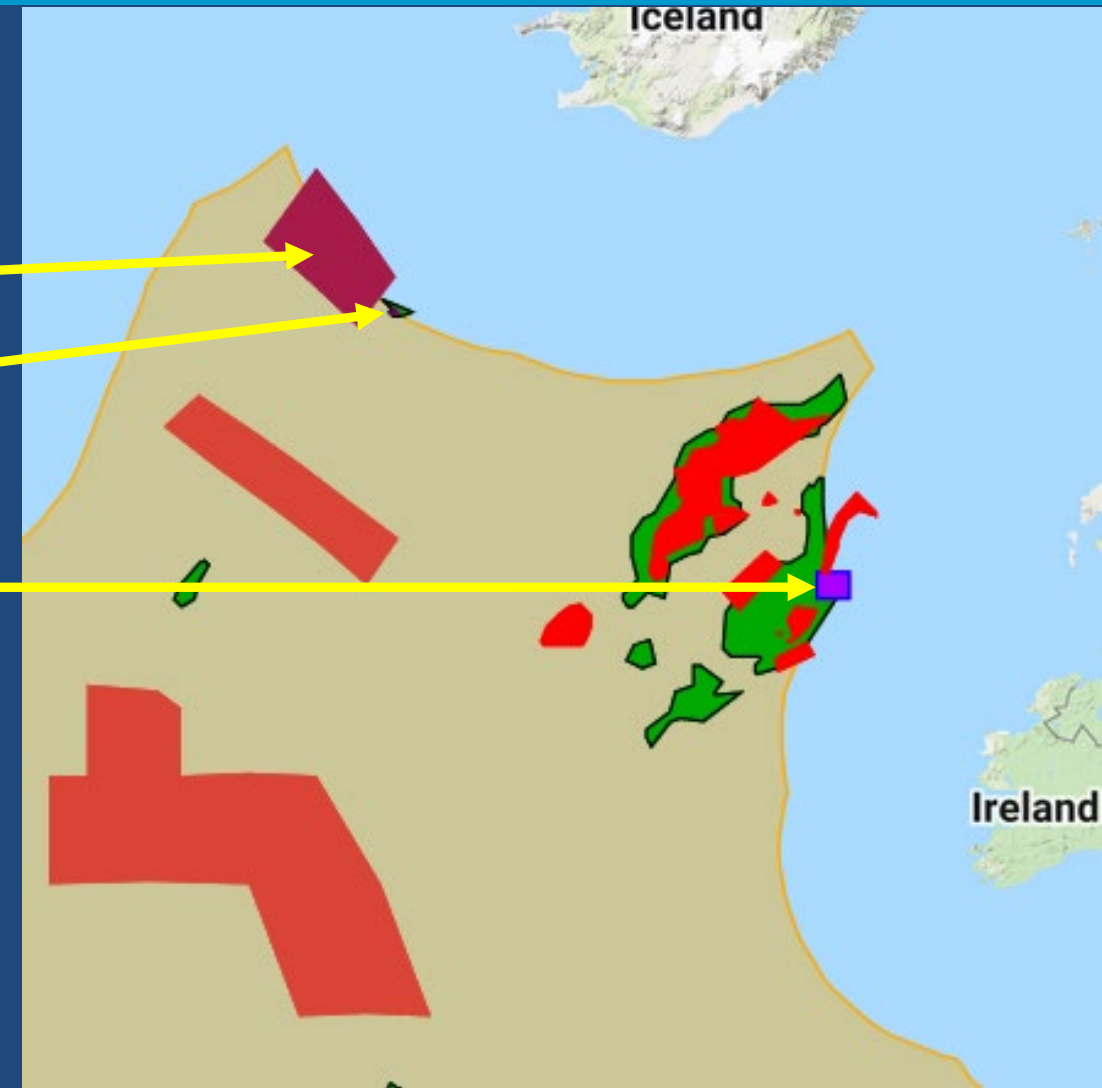
Irminger Sea redfish closure 2022-2024?

Blue ling closure?

Rockall haddock box?

Gill net ban in less than 200m?

VME Recommendation?



SUSTAINABLE OCEAN INITIATIVE (SOI)

GLOBAL DIALOGUE WITH REGIONAL SEAS ORGANIZATIONS AND REGIONAL FISHERIES BODIES ON ACCELERATING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS



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Ongoing engagement...



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