

OSPAR Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
Meeting of the Offshore Industry Committee (OIC)
Videoconference: 8 - 11 March 2022

Terms of Reference for an Intersessional Correspondence Group on OIC deliverables to the Quality Status Report (OIC-ICG-QSR)

Background

1. The objective of QSR 2023 is to assess the environmental status of the North-East Atlantic against the objectives of the North-East Atlantic Environmental Strategy 2010-2020 (NEAES 2020), recommend any updated or additional objectives for 2020-2030, and identify the priority elements for actions to achieve OSPAR's objectives for a clean, healthy, biologically diverse sea, used sustainably.
2. The QSR 2023 will comprise different assessments processing and analysing the data and information being brought together, ultimately into the Synthesis Report. The thematic assessments will provide the evidence base for the key conclusions/statements which will be presented in the Synthesis Report.
3. The main OIC deliverables for the QSR 2023 are the Offshore Industry Overall Assessment (OIC OA) and the Offshore Industry Thematic Assessment (OI TA). The OIC OA is JAMP product O-5 and is the basis for the OI TA. These were developed by OIC-ICG-QSR and agreed at OIC 2022.

Aim of the ICG

4. During the 2022-2023 working cycle, the OIC-ICG-QSR shall participate in the validation process of the OI TA. Also, the ICG shall ensure that the OI TA is integrated in the DAPSIR framework and reflected in the Synthesis Report.

Participants and working arrangements

5. OIC-ICG-QSR is convened by Reidunn Stokke (Norway), with the participation of the Chair, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and IOGP. The Work will be done by correspondence, and ICG-meetings will be arranged as videoconferences.
6. The Lead and the Chair will work with the ICG Eco-C to further develop the DAPSIR framework by considering pressures related to the oil and gas activities in focused biodiversity TA and the cumulative pressures, if necessary.

Timetable

7. Timeline for ICG work

Tasks for the OIC-ICG-QSR	Deadline	Who
Finalise the BTA with ICG Eco-C	As soon as possible	Lead & Chair
Attend ICG QSR(2) 2022	11-13 April 2022	Lead & Chair
Consider the comments and feedback from ICG QSR(2) 2022 and ICG-Eco-C	April-May 2022	OIC-ICG-QSR

Consider the comments and feedback from CoG		May 2022	OIC-ICG-QSR
Check all the pressures related to the oil and gas activities in focused biodiversity TA		When appropriate	Lead & Chair
If agreed the methodology for weighting activity-pressure-state	Revise the narrative proposed for the BTA section on cumulative pressures and impacts	When appropriate	OIC-ICG-QSR
	Provide further input and comment on the five criteria for the pressures related to the activity 'Extraction of oil and gas' for the biodiversity TAs (if agreed by ICG QSR(2) 2022)	When appropriate	OIC-ICG-QSR
Interview with the Science writer		TBC	Lead & Chair