

## OSPAR DATA: ALWAYS GETTING BETTER!

## Why is this important?

OSPAR's credibility is only as good as the data it relies on. From data-driven assessments to decision making, OSPAR's work is underpinned by data. By sharing data and making it widely available, OSPAR helps its Contracting Parties and others to deliver evidence-based, cost-effective, and targeted policies to help protect and conserve the marine environment. It is important that OSPAR maintains momentum in the development of the tools and methods used for the management and dissemination of data and information.

## How will this benefit the North-East Atlantic?

Data underpinning OSPAR assessments and reports are more freely available than ever, to support policy decisions in the roadmap to a cleaner and more sustainably used North-East Atlantic. The revised version of ODIMS builds upon the previous successes in developing data management processes and data sharing with improved behind-the-scenes management tools and a clearer user interface.

## What is OSPAR doing?

OSPAR is committed to ensuring the data and information that are collected and the way they are made available are kept under continuous review to enable the continued effective use and management of data and information to support the production of robust assessments. The most recent example of this is the launch of the revised version of the OSPAR Data and Information Management System (ODIMS).

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