



OSPAR
COMMISSION

*Protecting and conserving
the North-East Atlantic
and its resources*



OSPAR in The High Seas, Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction or Beyond 200 Nautical miles!

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OSPAR Convention - protection of the marine environment of the North East Atlantic

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

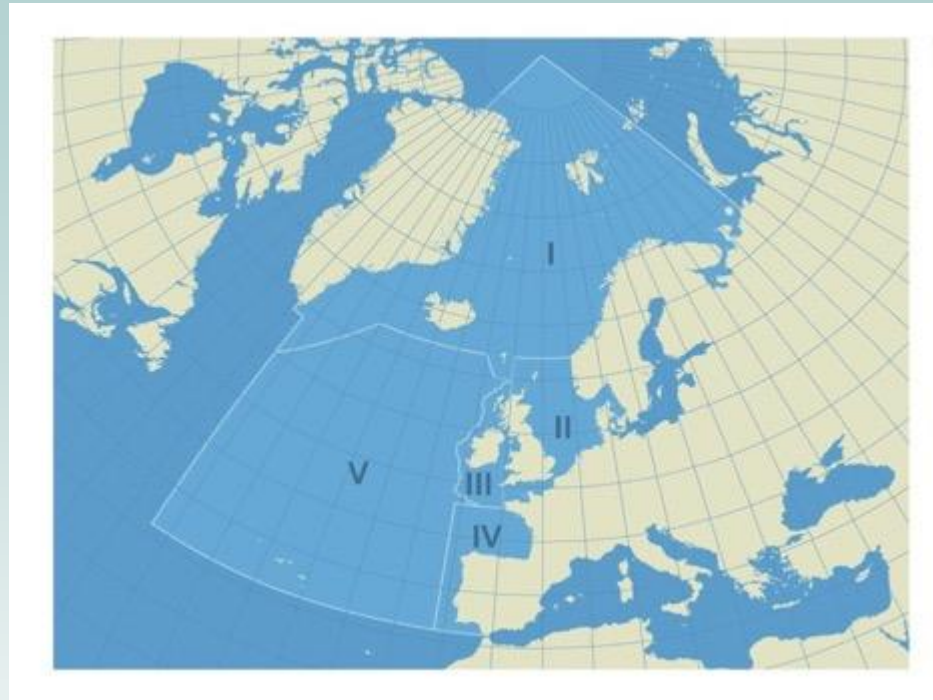
Guiding Principles

- Ecosystem Approach – the overarching concept and basis for OSPAR work
- Precautionary Principle
- Polluter Pays principle
- Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices

OSPAR Commission

16 Contracting Parties

- Belgium
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Luxembourg
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- The United Kingdom
- European Union



OSPAR Maritime Area and Regions:

Region I: Arctic Waters

Region II: Greater North Sea

Region III: Celtic Seas

Region IV: Bay of Biscay/Iberian Coast

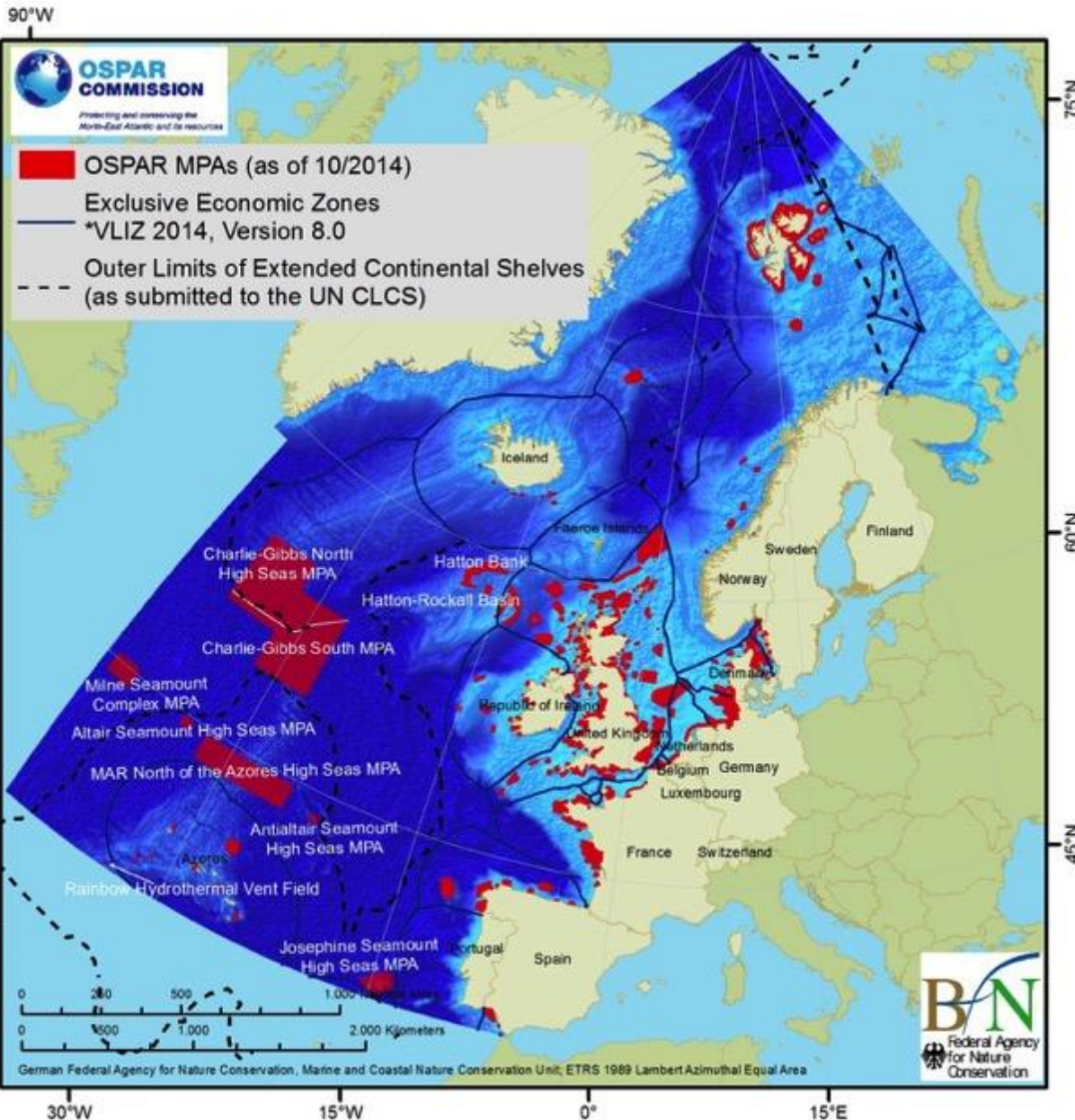
Region V: Wider Atlantic

Threatened and Declining Species and Habitats





Applying an Ecosystem Approach to Managing Human Activities

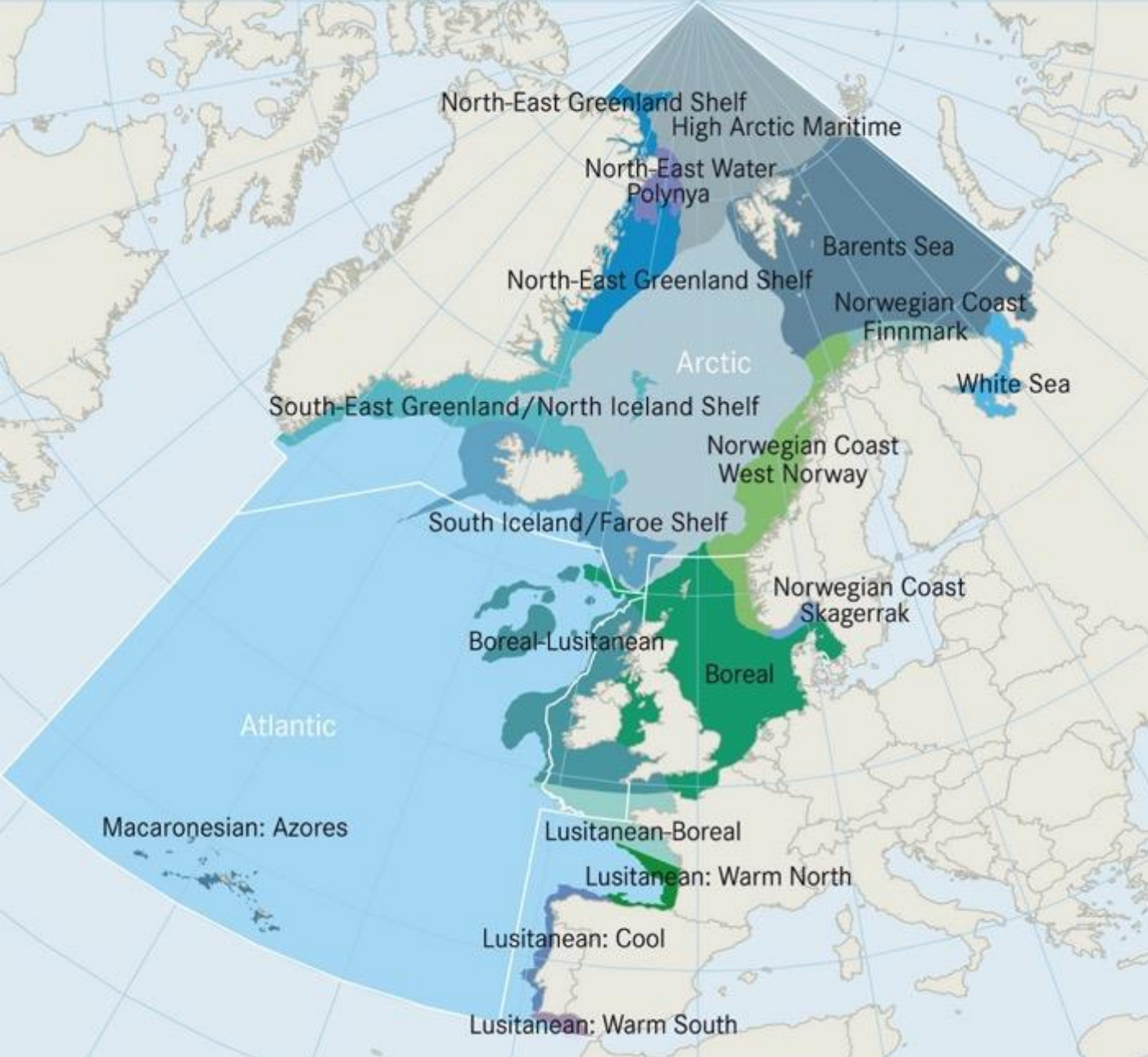


OSPAR Network of MPAs

410 MPAs

6% of total area.

800,000 sq km



Assess:

Representative

Eco-coherence

Management

Effectiveness

