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



OSPAR Progress on UNEP Regional Seas Strategic Directions 2013-2016

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- Ireland
- Luxembourg
- The Netherlands
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- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- The United Kingdom
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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

Effectively apply an ecosystem approach in the management of the marine and coastal environment.



Decisions matched to geography and ecosystems

- North East Atlantic Environment Strategy
- EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- Cumulative impacts/ESA

But there are plenty of Challenges

Support the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action.. on Land Based Sources of Pollution.



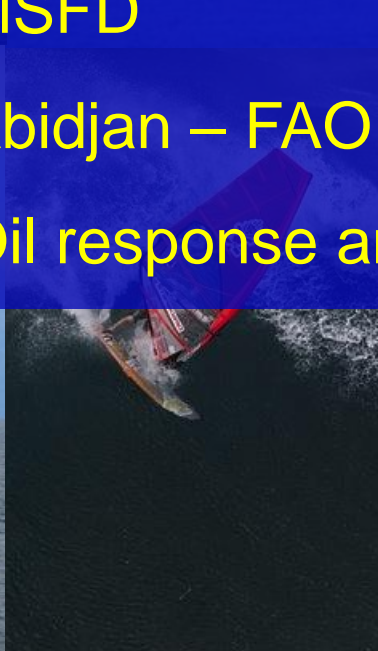
We can be heroes!

- OSPAR Long History
- Marine Litter
Regional Action Plan



Strengthen capacities at the regional level and national level on marine and coastal governance.

- NEAFC: Collective arrangement
- Other RSC – ballast water and MSFD
- Abidjan – FAO – Fisheries
- Oil response and pollution.



Decoupling economic growth from environmental pressures:
resource efficiency and productivity; valuing ecosystem services.

- Real Integration?

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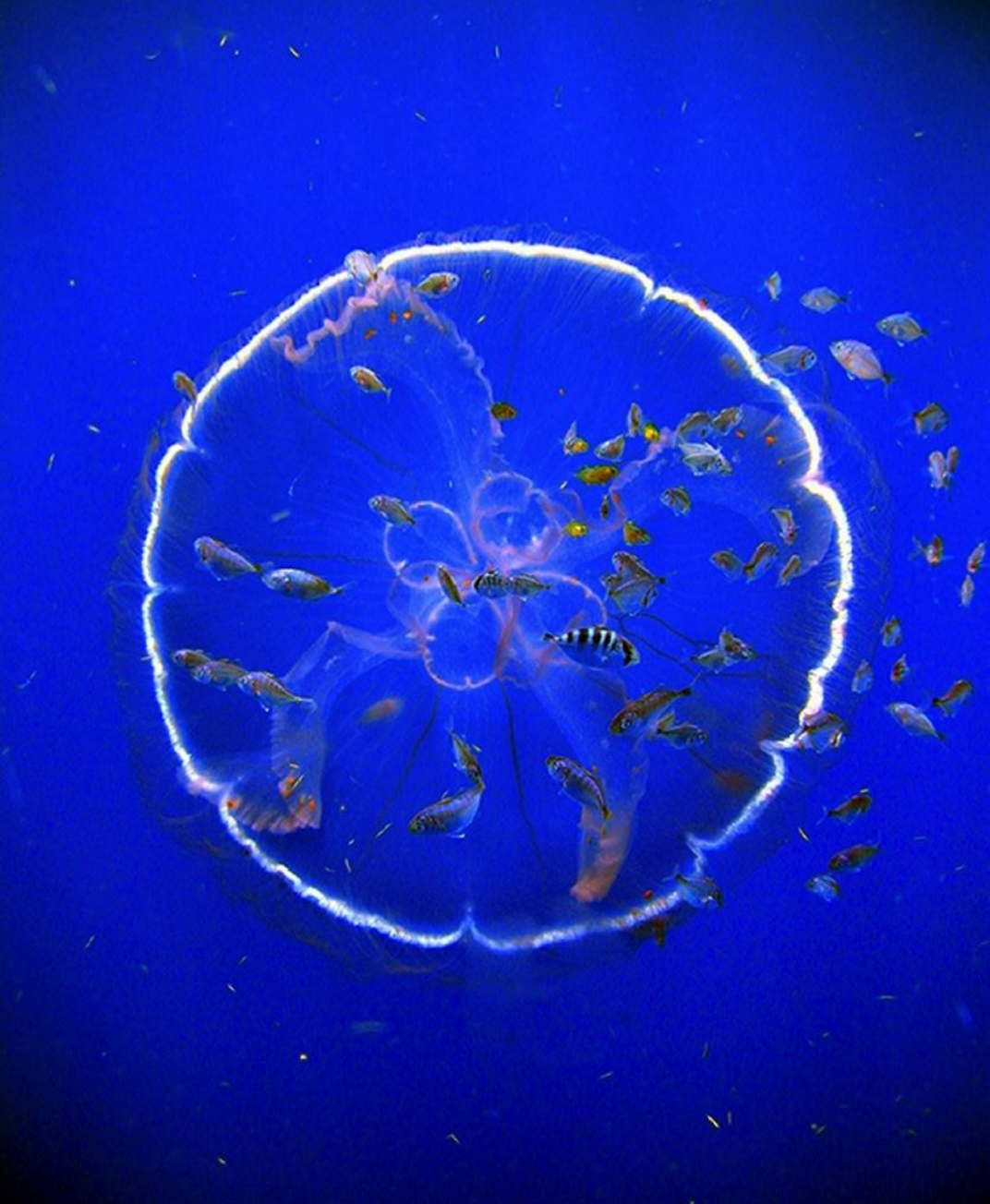
A close-up photograph of two clownfish (Amphiprioninae) swimming in a sea anemone. The clownfish are bright orange with white stripes and black outlines on their fins. The sea anemone has long, translucent, light blue-green tentacles. The background is dark, making the clownfish and anemone stand out.

**Improve global knowledge on state of the marine env...
contributing to the World Oceans Assessment.**

Strengthen collaboration with Multilateral Environmental Agreement UN Agencies and International Financial Institutions.

- Linking to other regional organisations
- Diversity in our Contracting Party views.





Thank you

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