

EXISTING CONVENTIONS TO SUPPORT UNDERSTANDING OR RESPONSE TO OCEAN ACIDIFICATION IN EUROPEAN WATERS

CONVENTIONS	EXISTING EFFORTS	RELEVANCE FOR OA	
OSPAR Commission – organized by Work Areas	Biological Diversity and Ecosystems – Including through: MPAs, Biodiversity Monitoring & Assessment, (Monitoring: CEMP)	Monitor Adaptation, Report	
	Hazardous Substances and Eutrophication - Including through: HASEC (MIME, INPUT, ICG Eut, ICG EMO) (Monitoring: CAMP, RID, CEMP, JAMP, HARPNUT, EMEP)	CO ₂ Reduction, Stressor Reduction, Monitor, Report	
	Human Activities – Including through: EIHA with Marine Litter (ICG ML including ML RAP for plastic), Cumulative Effects (ICG EcoC), Shipping & Ballast Water, Dredging & Dumping, Fisheries & Mariculture	Stressor Reduction, Monitor, CO ₂ Reduction	
	Cross-cutting issues – Including through: OA - OSPAR's Intersessional Correspondence Group on Ocean Acidification (ICG-OA) OA Assessment, Work on OA with partners from: IOC and ICES (SGOA), Climate Change, both OA and CC added to North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy 2030, (Monitoring: CEMP, JAMP)	Monitor, Research, Report, CO ₂ Reduction, Stressor Reduction, Adaptation	
Helcom – organized by Working Groups	State & Conservation – Including through: EN Clime, EG Benthic, EG Eutro, EG Haz	Monitor, Research, Report, CO ₂ Reduction, Stressor Reduction, Adaptation	
	Maritime – Including through: JTG Ballast & Biofouling	Monitor, Research, Report, CO ₂ Reduction, Stressor Reduction	
	Pressure – Including through: EG DreDS, EG Marine Litter, EG RedCore	Monitor, Report, CO ₂ Reduction, Stressor Reduction	
	Agri	CO ₂ Reduction, Stressor Reduction	
	Fish – Including through: Fish M	Report, Monitor, Adaptation, Stressor Reduction	
	HELCOM-VASAB MSP	Monitor, Research, Report, Adaptation	
Arctic Council – organized by Working Groups ARCTIC COUNCIL	AMAP – Including through: Assessment on Arctic OA 2013, 2018; Scoping outline for AMAP-CAFF joint-work on Climate change impacts on Arctic ecosystems and associated climate feedbacks	Monitor, Report, Research, CO ₂ Reduction	
	CAFF – Including through: Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programme (CBMP); Arctic Biodiversity Assessment (ABA): Report for Policy Makers 2013; Arctic Biodiversity Assessment (ABA): Report for Policy Makers 2013 (policy recommendations); Actions for Arctic Biodiversity 2013-2021: implementing the recommendations of the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment (ABA)	Monitor, Report, Research, CO ₂ Reduction, Stressor Reduction, Adaptation	
	PAME – Including through: Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA) 2009; Survey' of wastewater discharges; Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines 2009, 2017; Framework for a Pan-Arctic Network of Marine Protected Areas 2015 & 2021-2023 update assessment	CO ₂ Reduction, Stressor Reduction, Adaptation,	



INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE TO COMBAT OCEAN ACIDIFICATION EUFRAMEWORK DIRECTIVES FOR OA RESPONSE

DIRECTIVES	LEGAL AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSES TO OCEAN ACIDIFICATION – EUROPEAN FRAMEWORKS					
	OA MONITORING Measure, Evaluate/ Assessment	OA REPORTING Document and Share OA information	OA RESEARCH Set OA Research Priorities	MITIGATION & REMEDIATION CO ₂ and Pollution	ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE BUILDING	
MSFD	pH and equivalent OA indicators, oxygen and nutrients.	Reporting after reviews and updates of marine strategies including on monitoring programs, and the determination of GES (especially descriptor 5 and 7). Interim report on the implementation of programs of measures.			Marine Protected Areas (networks)	
MSPD		Reporting of the Maritime Spatial Plans and explanatory materials by each Member State.			Marine Protected Areas as part of MSP	
WFD	Especially: Oxygen and nutrient conditions.	Reporting on: Monitoring programs, the human impacts on surface water status and the implementation of the programs of measures.			Marine protected Areas (facilitative)	
NITRATES DIRECTIVE	Eutrophic state.	Reporting on: water (possibly) affected by pollution, monitoring results and the action programs implemented by Member States.		Reduction of nutrient input	Reduction of nutrient input	
HABITATS DIRECTIVE	Conservation status of natural habitats and species -> all parts influencing the long-term natural distribution, structure, and functions of habitats as well as the long-term survival of its typical species and the long-term distribution and abundance of species.	Reporting on: Conservation measures for protected areas, their effect on the conservation status of the natural habitats and species and the results of the monitoring.	Research facilitates the monitoring process and the achievement of favorable conservation status		Framework for Marine Protected Areas (Natura 2000)	
BIRDS DIRECTIVE		Reporting on the national implementation of the obligations under this directive (e.g., the establishment of MPAs).	Particular attention on the role of species as pollution indicators and the effects of chemical pollution on bird populations.		Framework for Marine Protected Areas (Natura 2000)	