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

How can science support effectiveness evaluations?

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OSPAR Convention

- ❖ prevent and eliminate pollution, protect the maritime area against the adverse effects of human activities to safeguard human health and to conserve marine ecosystems and, when practicable, restore marine areas which have been adversely affected.
- ❖ Regular assessments of the quality status of the marine environment including an assessment of the **effectiveness of measures**.

Assessment and monitoring

- ❖ Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme (JAMP) and Co-ordinated Environmental Monitoring Programme (CEMP)



OSPAR Measures and Actions Programme

- ❖ support OSPAR Contracting Parties to improve regional coordination in planning and implementing measures and actions
- ❖ fully accessible database (<https://www.ospar.org/matrix>) of the OSPAR acquis of measures linked to the relevant OSPAR objectives, monitoring and assessment products, etc...
- ❖ aims to help track progress in implementing measures and actions and to enhance visibility and transparency

Task Group – Measures and Actions Programme

- ❖ Assessing the effectiveness of measures as part of our QSR 2023

Marine Litter Regional Action Plan (ML RAP)

- ❖ ML RAP contains 23 national and 32 common actions aimed at reducing the sources and impacts of marine litter
- ❖ High level review for North East Atlantic Environment Strategy Review 2010-2020
- ❖ QSR 2023 will include an **evaluation of the effectiveness** in achieving its objectives based on evaluation framework that provides evidence:
 - on final outcomes (e.g. our indicators on beach litter and floating litter and data on production and consumption);
 - interim outcomes (implementation of OSPAR actions); and
 - direct impacts (e.g. stakeholder surveys)
- ❖ Provide more objective basis for the review that recognises the achievements but also gives more pointers to how we can improve and target future efforts.



Thank you