

**Proposal concerning joint publication of the North Western waters ecosystem atlas  
between the Marine Institute and the NWWRAC.**

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As part of the EU funded MEFEP project (*Making the European Fisheries Ecosystem Plan Operational*), the Marine Institute published two editions of the North Western Waters Atlas. The aim of this publication was to inform the NWWRAC members of the salient ecosystem features of the marine ecosystem in the NWWRAC area.

The first atlas was published in 2009 and an updated second edition was published in 2011. The project MEFEP is now completed, but the Marine Institute aims to continue updating the atlas. A new edition (edition 3) is currently in an advanced stage. We would like to continue our collaboration with the NWWRAC and propose to publish this atlas as a joint publication between the NWWRAC and the Marine Institute. The production and publication costs will be met by the Marine Institute, but the atlas would carry both logos.

If the NWWRAC members support this initiative, we are happy to make a short presentation of the third edition atlas at a future NWWRAC meeting at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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