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OSPAR Project Design and Recycling of Fishing Gear

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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



OSPAR Design and Recycling of Fishing Gear

- Overall goal: decrease amount of fishing gear in North East Atlantic
- Goal of project: synthesis of knowledge, best practices, knowledge gaps and challenges to assist OSPAR Contracting Parties and stakeholders in the implementation of the SUP directive and in their actions towards more recycling and a better design of fishing gear
- Provide practical recommendations
- Focus on commercial end-of-life fishing gear (ALDFG, recreational gear, aquaculture equipment will also be considered)
- Process: questionnaire (summer 2019), interviews, discussion of recommendation with experts during EC & OSPAR joint workshop on 19 and 20 February 2020

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