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Protecting and conserving
the North-East Atlantic
and its resources

OSPAR and EMODnet Let's Talk!

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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 Convention

Main Objectives

- **Prevent and eliminate pollution**

- **protect the maritime area against the adverse effects of human activities**

- **safeguard human health and conserve marine ecosystems**

- **when practicable, restore marine areas**

Guiding Principles

- Ecosystem Approach

- Precautionary Principle

- Polluter Pays principle

- Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices

The North-East Atlantic Environment Strategy

Part I: Implementing the Ecosystem Approach

Part II: Thematic Strategies

- Biological Diversity and Ecosystems
- Eutrophication
- Hazardous Substances
- Offshore Oil and Gas Industry
- Radioactive Substances

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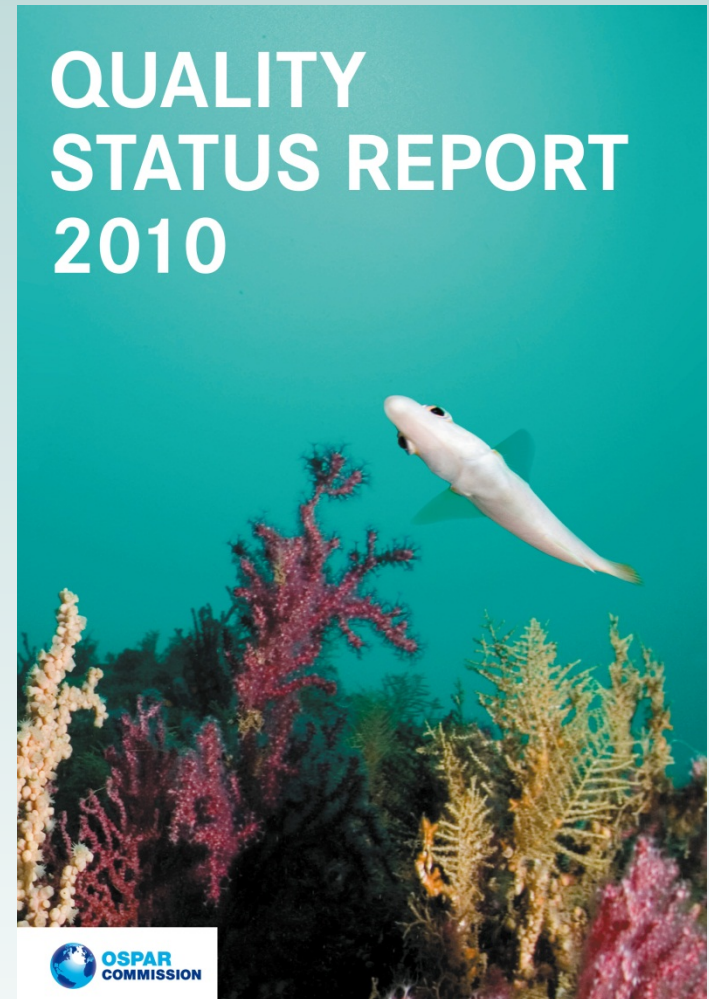
Science meets policy – Work led by Contracting Parties

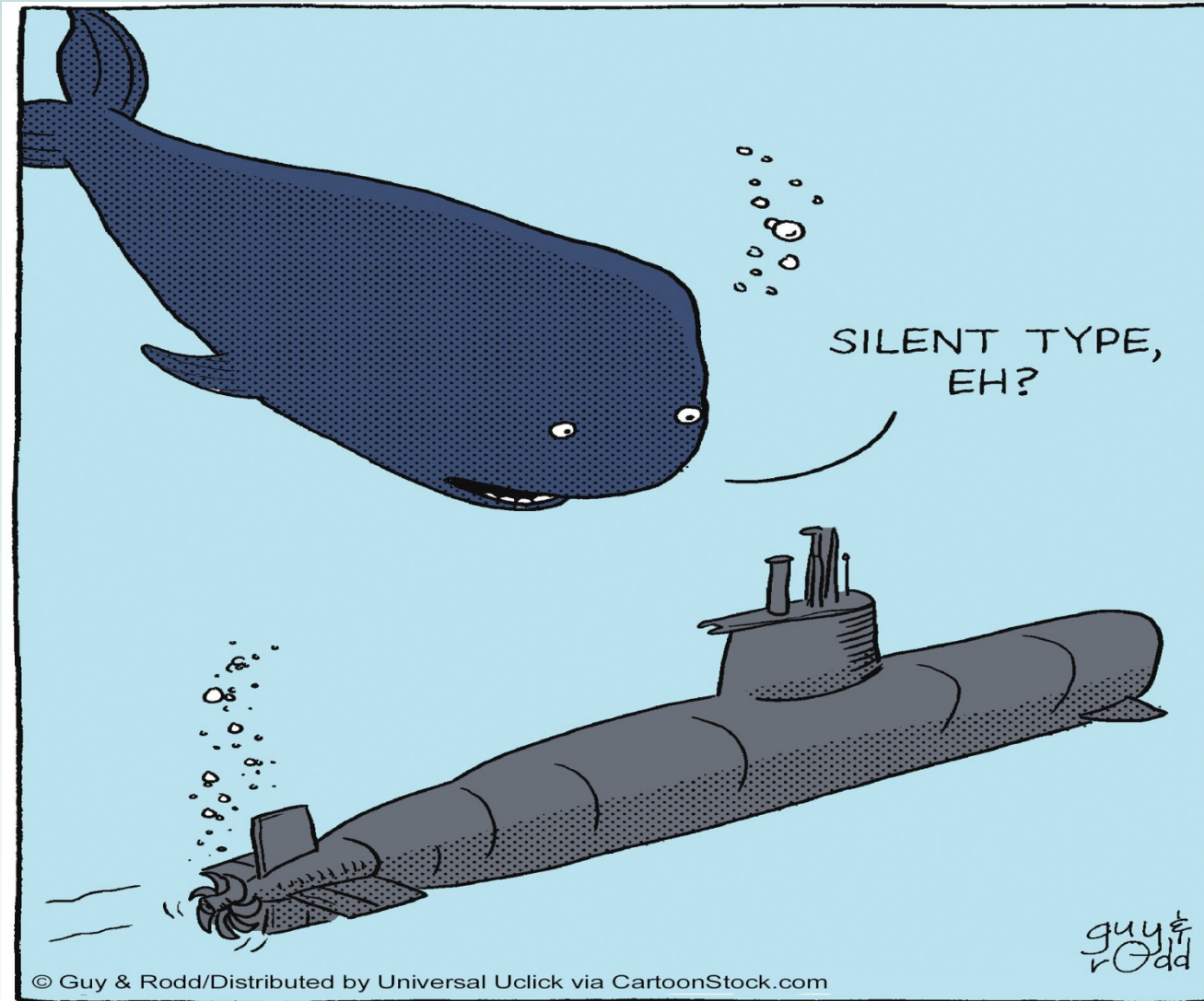Cumulative impacts

Monster Directive

Species and Habitats

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Pressures – Marine Litter

Noise Monitoring
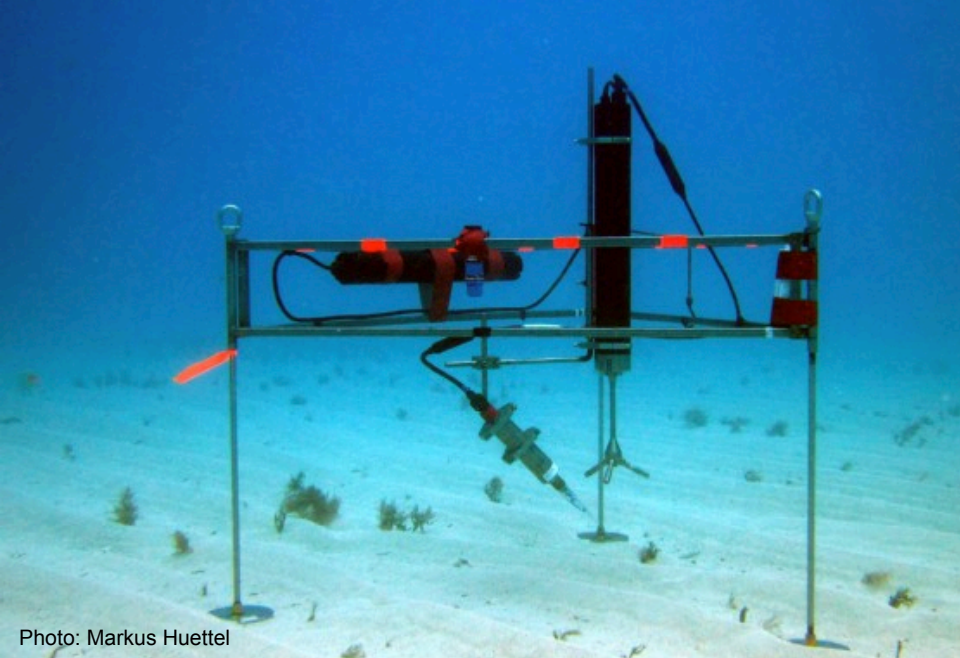
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Lots of Data!

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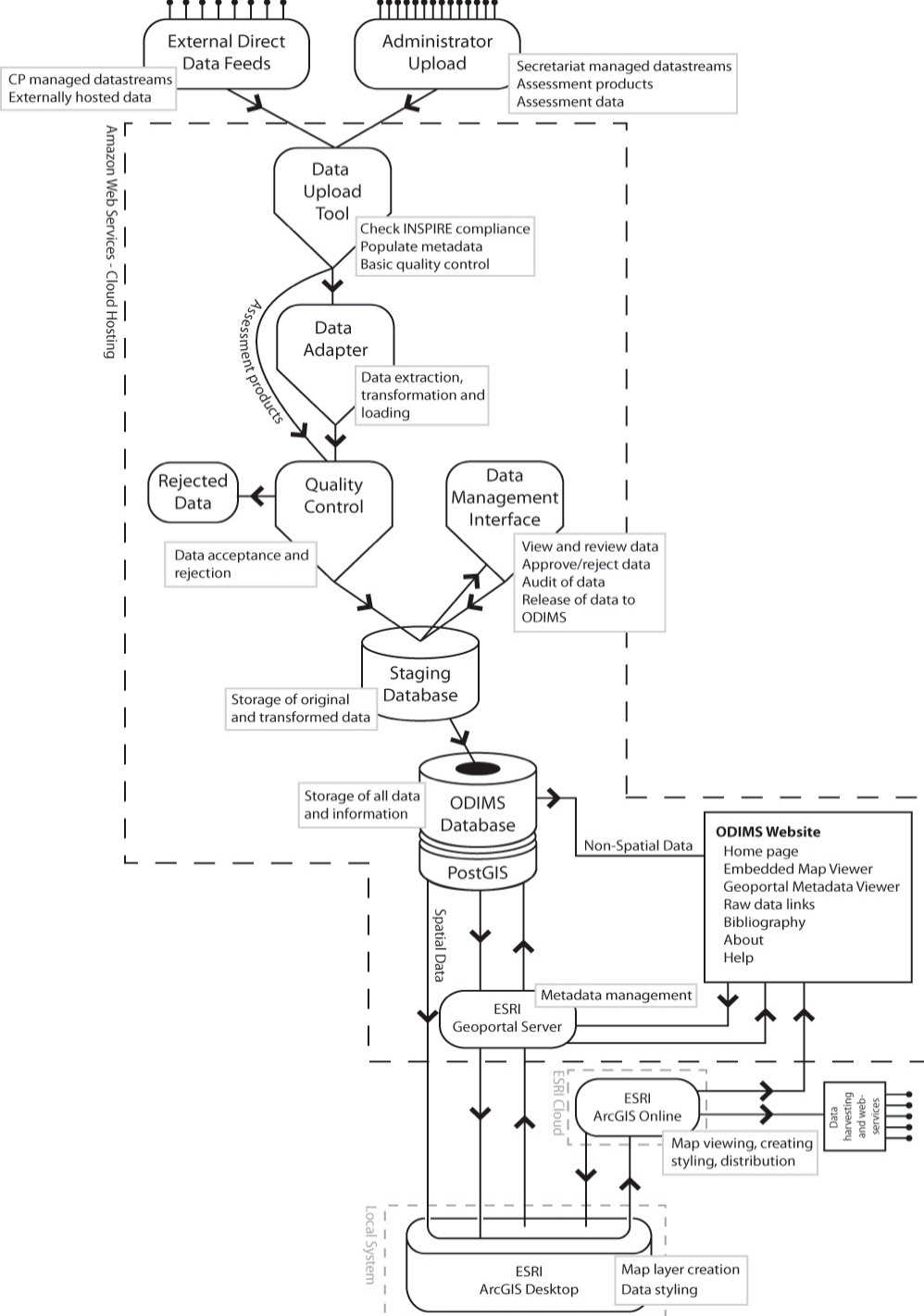
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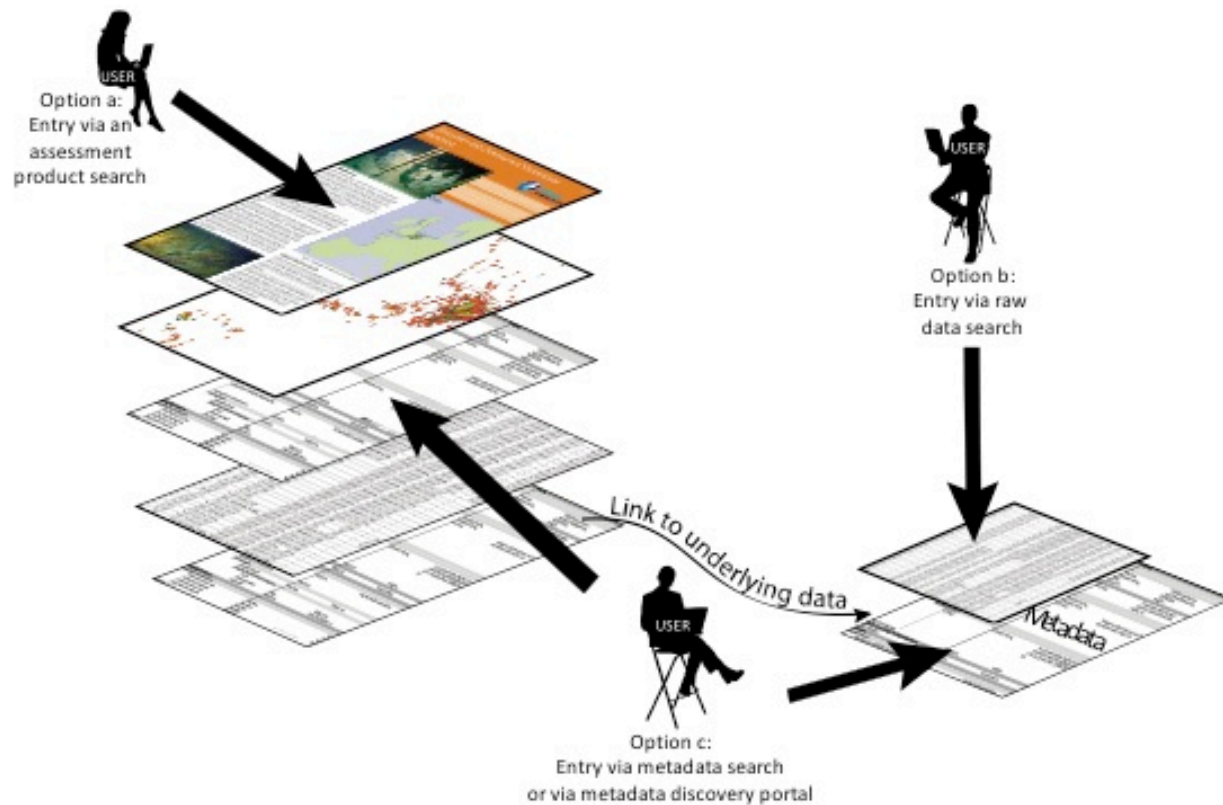
Periodic Table of the European Marine/Maritime Elements

In the pink?

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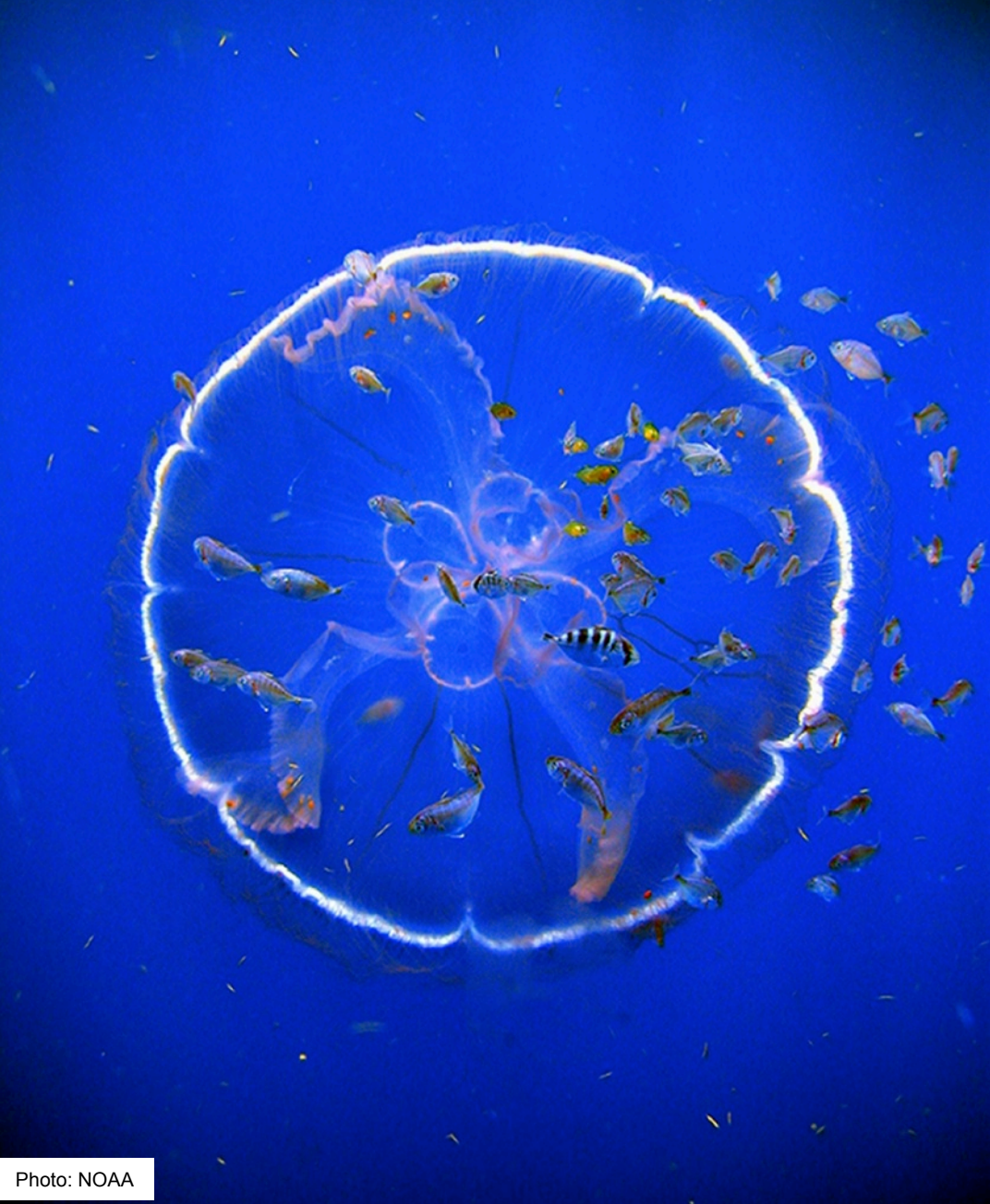Cooperation

Maps and products

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Thank you

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