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UNDERSTANDING DEEP ATLANTIC ECOSYSTEMS

A trans-Atlantic assessment and deep-water ecosystem-based spatial management plan for Europe

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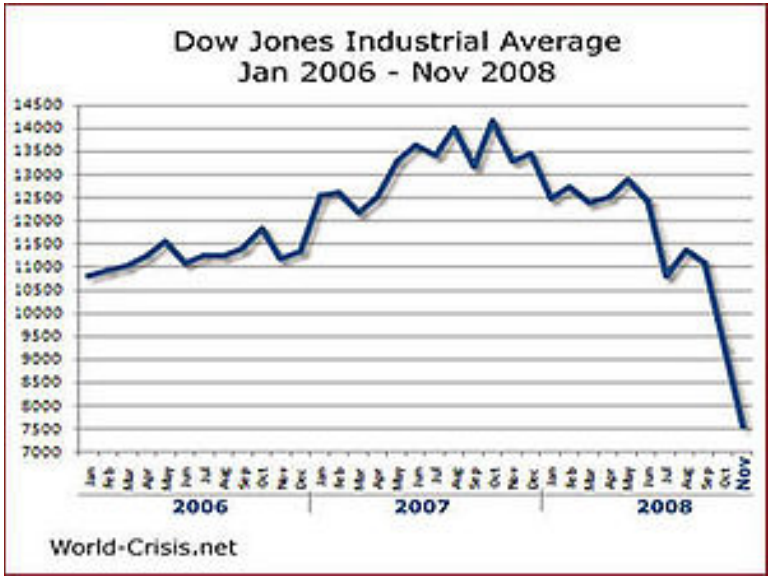

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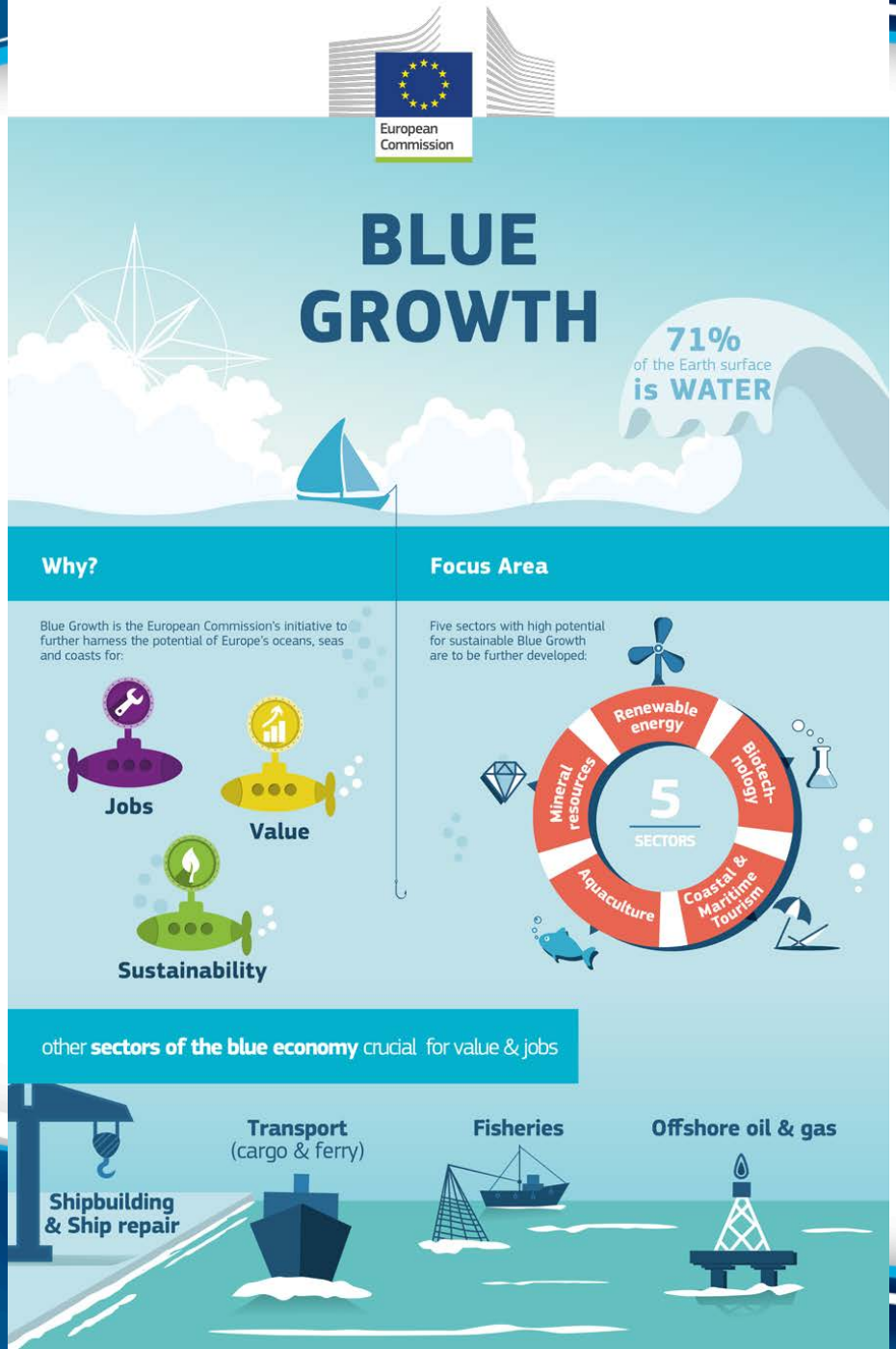
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Coastal & Maritime Tourism
Aquaculture
Mineral resources
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Transport (cargo & ferry)
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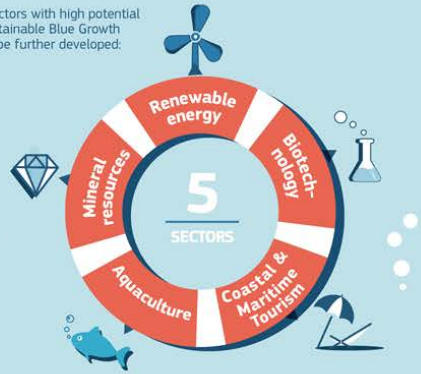

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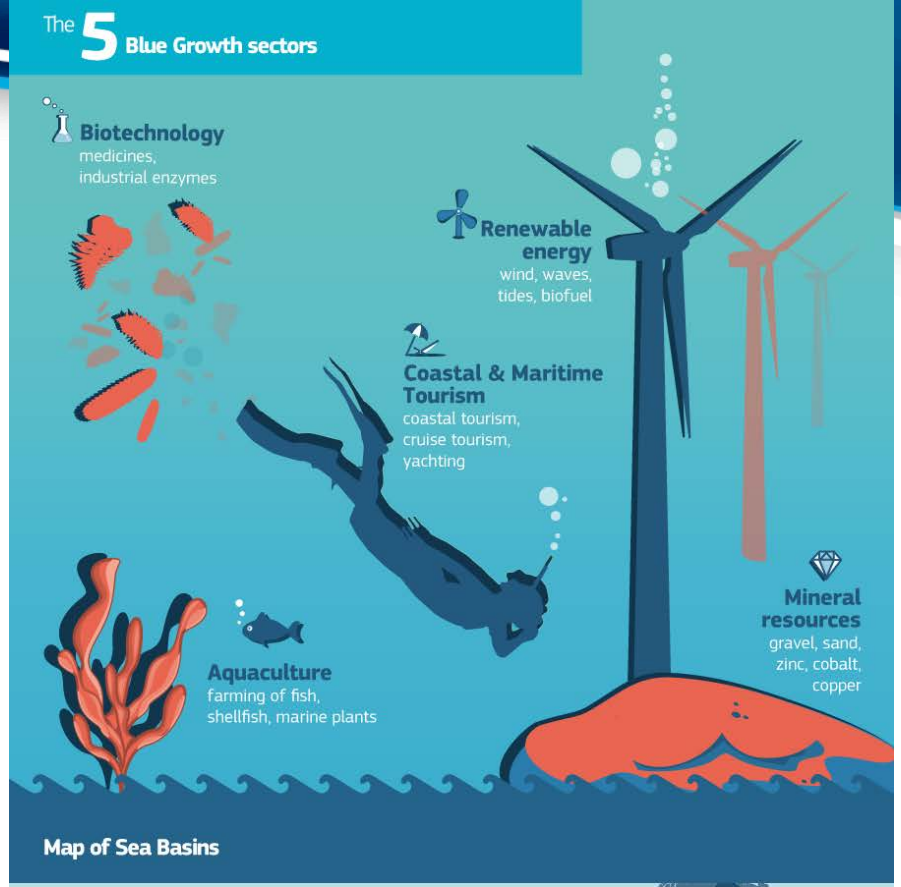
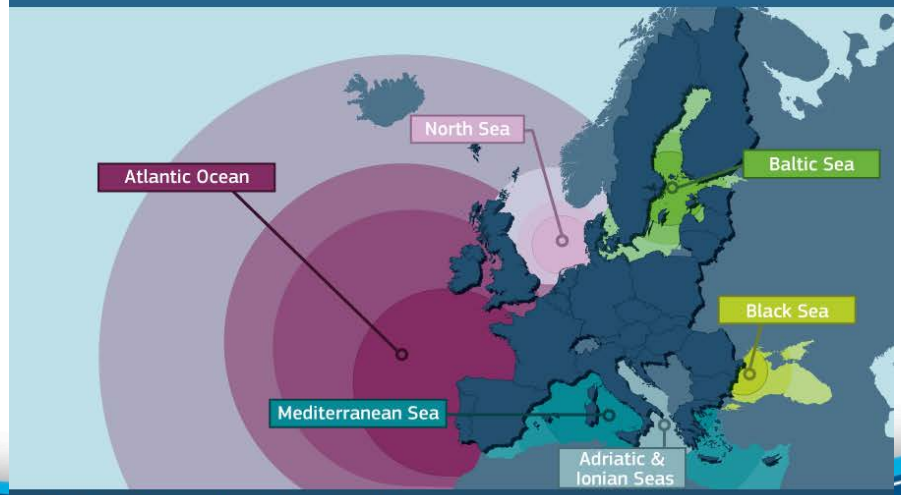
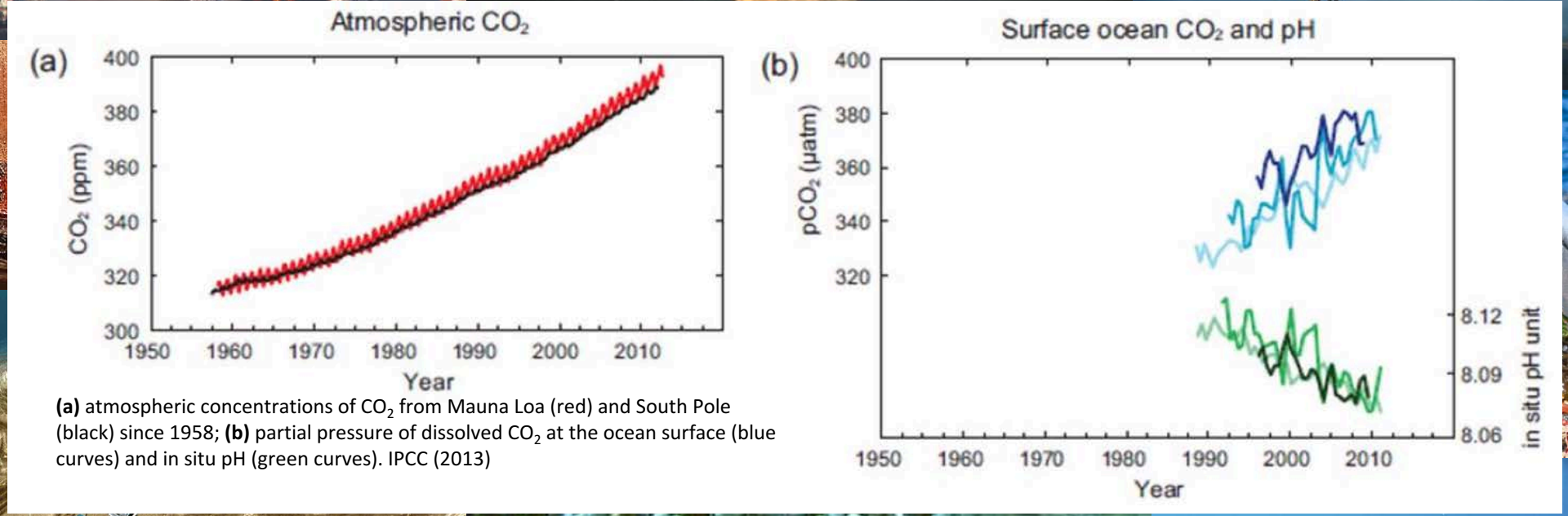
The 5 Blue Growth sectors



Map of Sea Basins



The Blue Economy by sea basin and by country
shown in jobs and value



(a) atmospheric concentrations of CO_2 from Mauna Loa (red) and South Pole (black) since 1958; **(b)** partial pressure of dissolved CO_2 at the ocean surface (blue curves) and in situ pH (green curves). IPCC (2013)

At a Glance

A trans-Atlantic assessment and deep-water ecosystem-based spatial management plan for Europe

Call: EU Horizon 2020: BG-2015-2 (Unlocking the potential of seas and oceans)

Duration: May 2016 – April 2020 (48m)

Consortium: 24 partners +1 linked 3rd party, from 12 countries

Budget: €9.3M

Coordinator: University of Edinburgh (UK)

Focus: Providing essential new knowledge of North Atlantic ecosystems through data gathering and synthesis

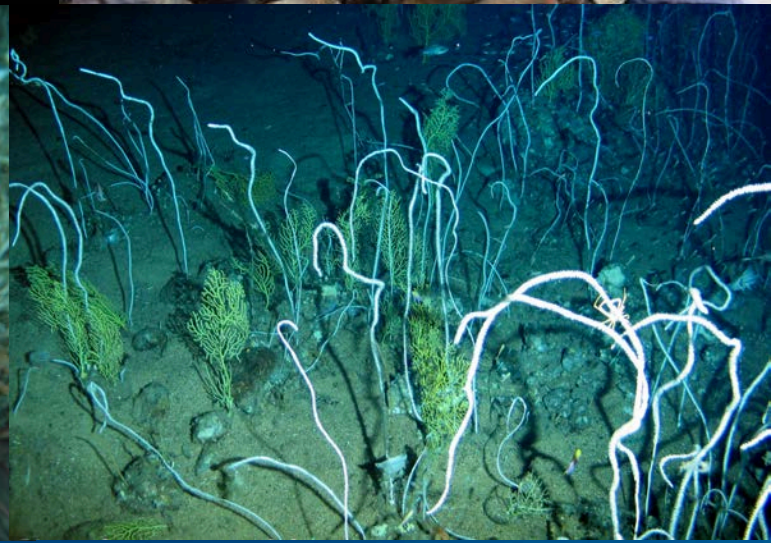
Impact: Discoveries and outputs will inform and facilitate stakeholder agreement on marine policy and regulation and spur Blue Growth

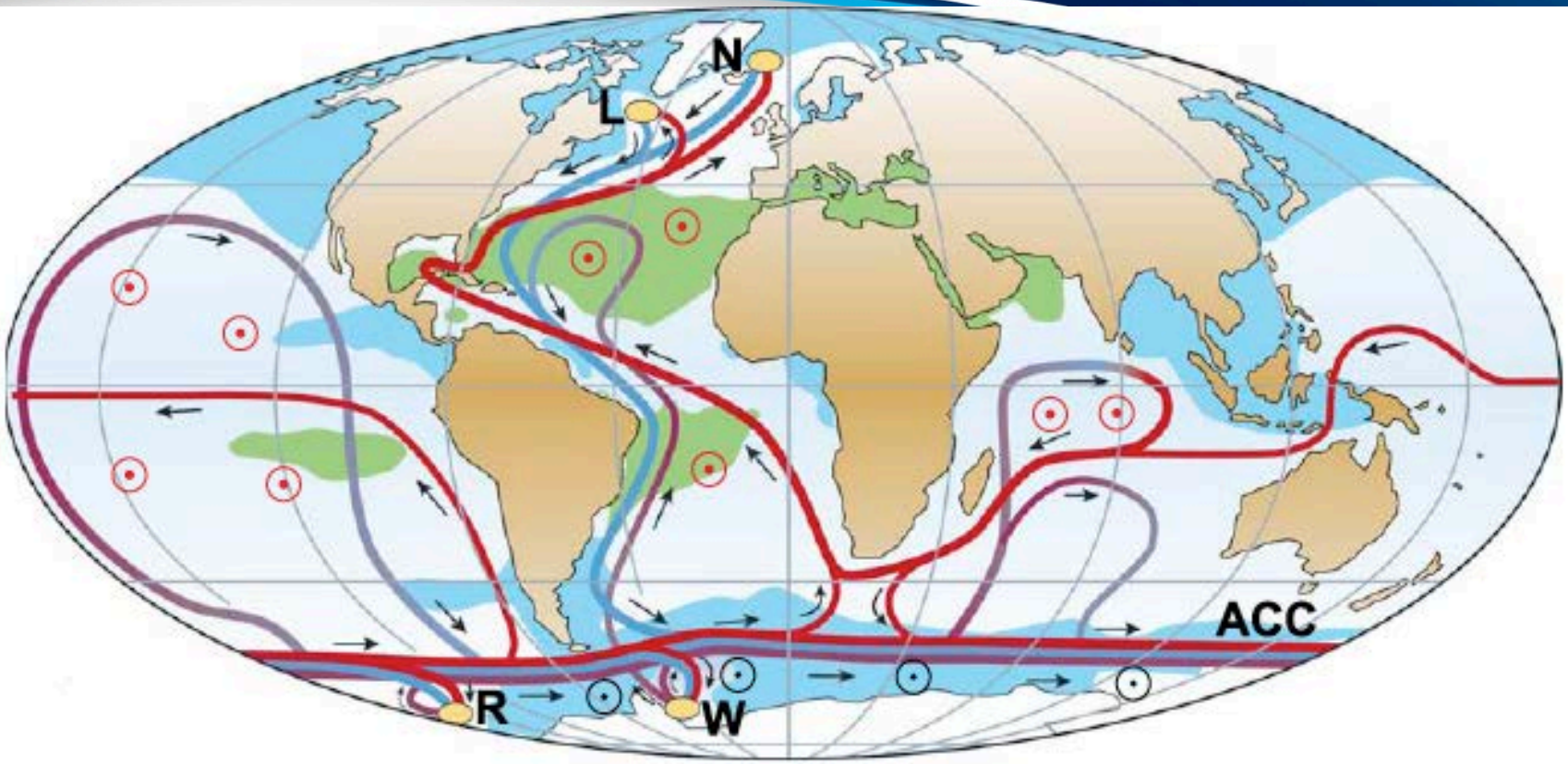
Core activities: 25+ research cruises investigating 12 case studies across the Atlantic





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Surface flow
Deep flow
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Deep Water Formation
Wind-driven upwelling
Mixing-driven upwelling
Salinity > 36 ‰
Salinity < 34 ‰
L Labrador Sea
N Nordic Seas
W Weddell Sea
R Ross Sea

Trans-Atlantic Collaboration

ATLAS kick-off meeting Edinburgh (June 2016)

★ Case studies ● Project Partners

1 University of Edinburgh (UEDIN)
2 Aarhus Universitet (AU)
3 IMAR - Instituto do Mar (IMAR -Uaz)
4 Secretária Regional do Mar, Ciência e Tecnologia (DRAM)
5 British Geological Survey (BGS/NERC)
6 Gianni Consultancy (GC)
7 Institut Francais de Recherche pour L'Exploitation de la Mer (Ifremer)
8 Marine Scotland (MSS)
9 Universitaet Bremen (UniHB)
10 Iodine (Iodine)
11 NIOZ Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut voor Onderzoek der Zee (NIOZ)
12 Dynamic Earth (DE)
13 University of Oxford (UOX)
14 University College Dublin (UCD)
15 University College London (UCL)
16 National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG)
17 University of Liverpool (ULIV)
18 Syddansk Universitet (USD)
19 UiT The Arctic University of Norway (UiT)
20 Scottish Association for Marine Science (SAMS)
21 Seascape Consultants (SC)
22 Instituto Español de Oceanografía (IEO)
23 University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW)
24 AquaTT UETP Ltd (AquaTT)
25 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)

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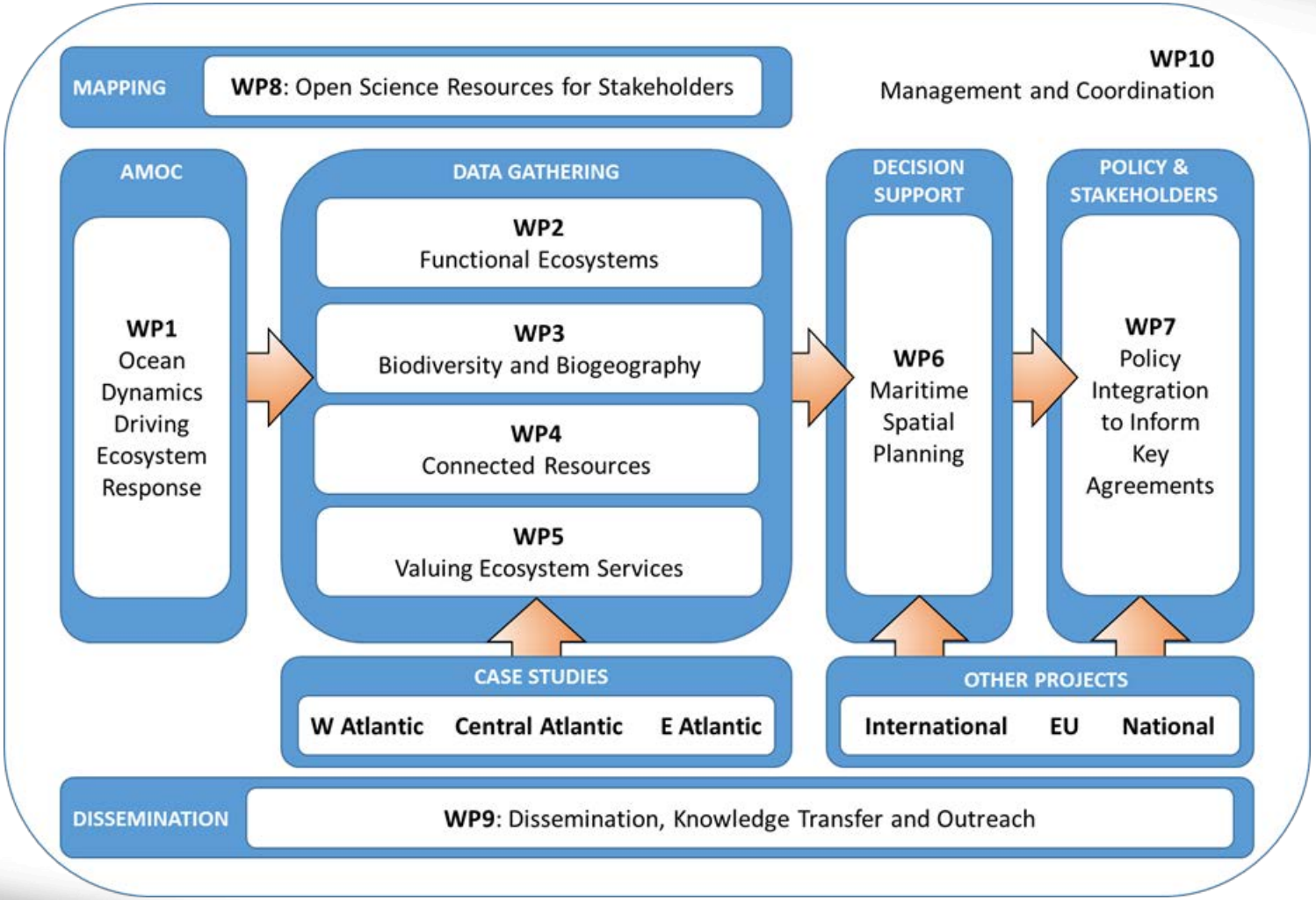
Objectives

- **Advance** our understanding of deep Atlantic marine ecosystems and populations
- **Improve** our capacity to monitor, model and predict shifts in deep-water ecosystems and populations
- **Transform** new data, tools and understanding into effective ocean governance
- **Scenario-test** and develop science-led, cost-effective adaptive management strategies that stimulate Blue Growth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WP8: Open Science Resources for Stakeholders
WP10
Management and Coordination
AMOC
WP1
Ocean Dynamics Driving Ecosystem Response
DATA GATHERING
WP2
Functional Ecosystems
WP3
Biodiversity and Biogeography
WP4
Connected Resources
WP5
Valuing Ecosystem Services
DECISION SUPPORT
WP6
Maritime Spatial Planning
POLICY & STAKEHOLDERS
WP7
Policy Integration to Inform Key Agreements
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Workpackages

WP Leaders:

WP1: Scottish Association for Marine Science
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WP3: IMAR-University of the Azores
WP4: French Research Institute for Exploration of the Sea
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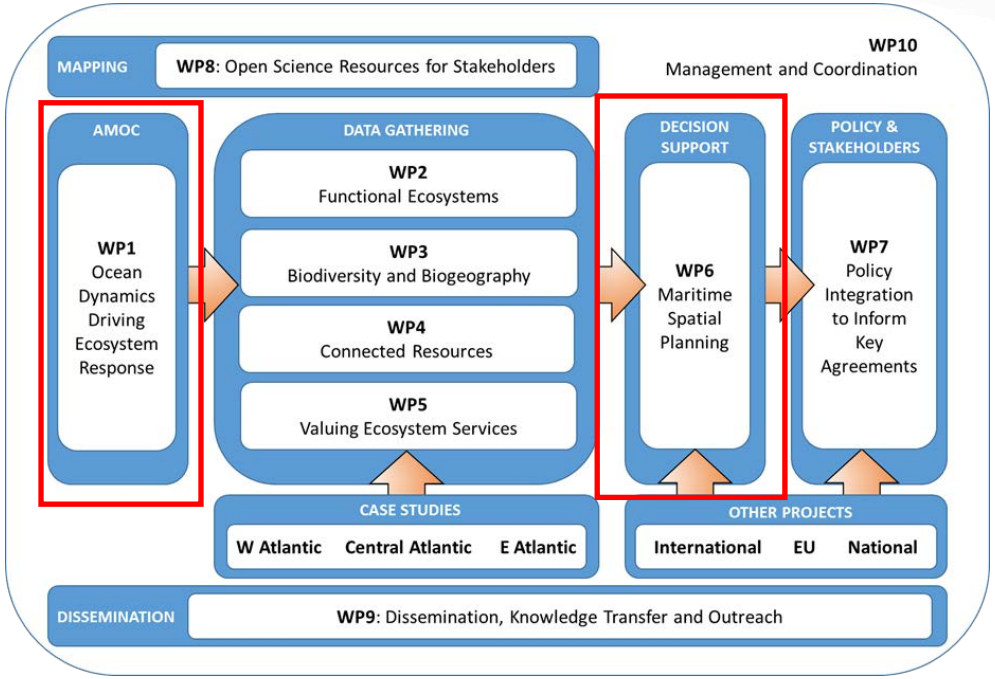
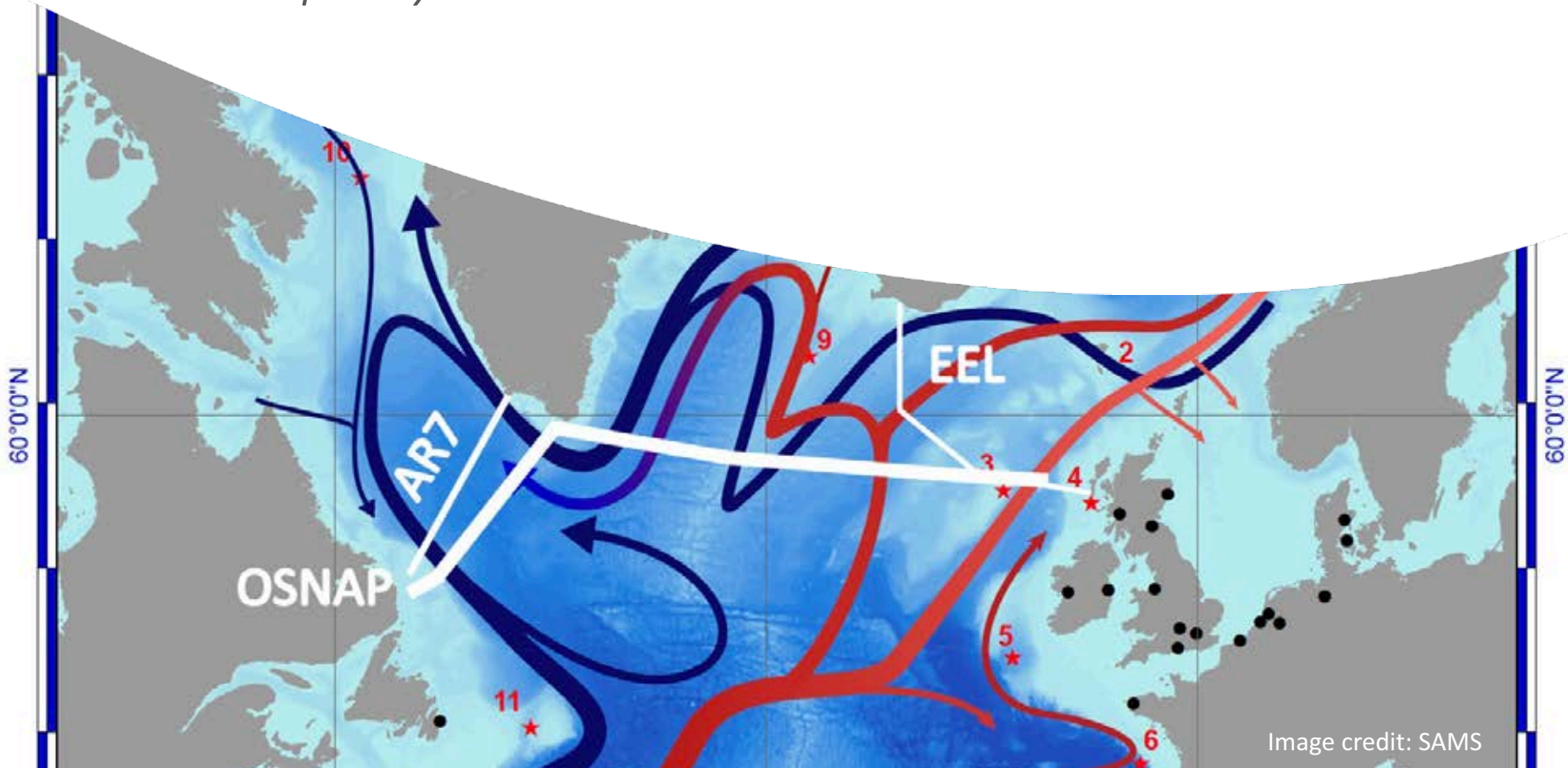


WP1 : Ocean Dynamics
Driving Ecosystem Response

"The capacity to monitor and understand living resources in the North Atlantic and unlock their Blue Growth potential must start with synchronised trans-Atlantic measurements of energy and element transport by the AMOC."



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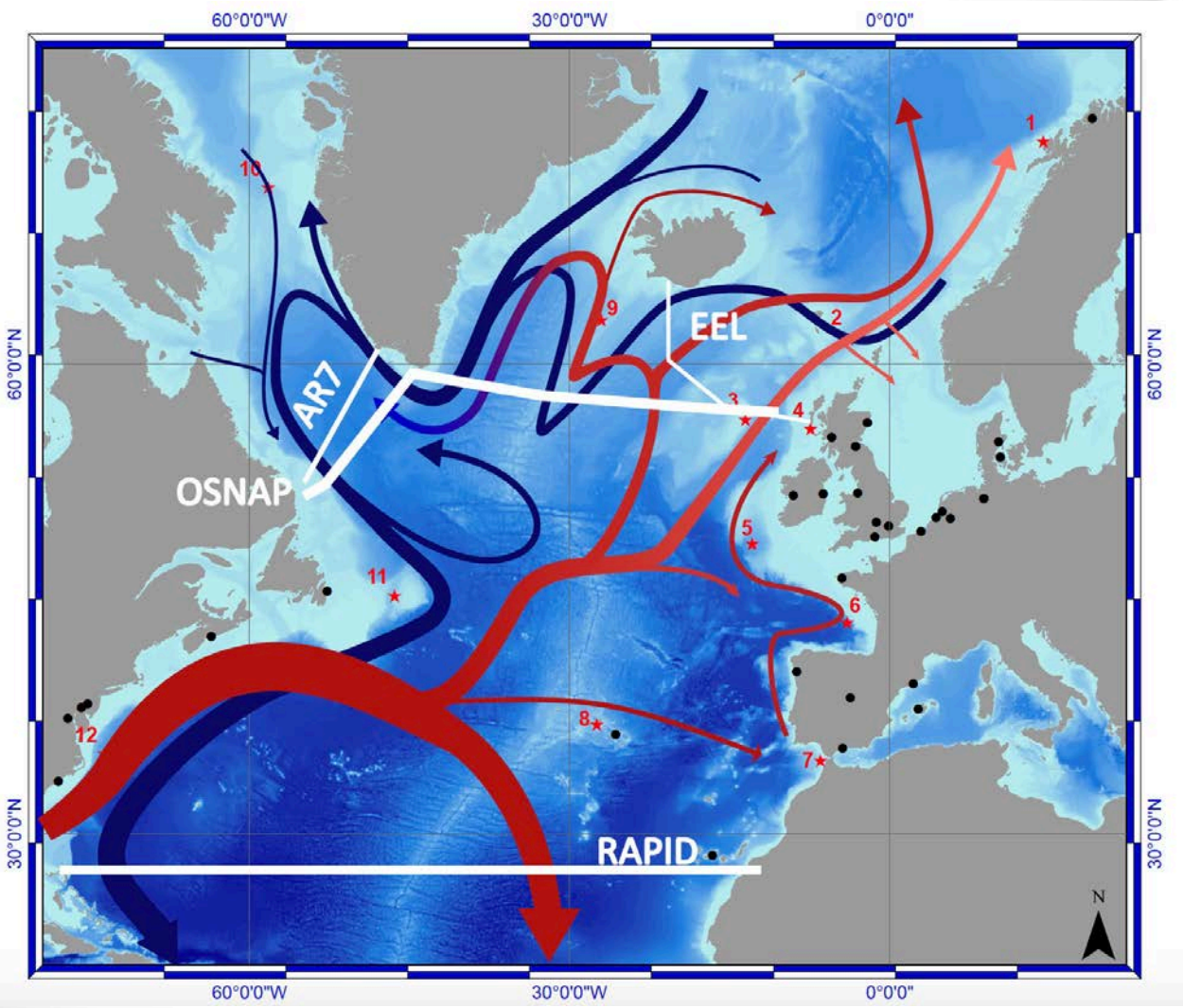
Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation

- Transports warm, salty water from equator to sub-polar
- Mediates 25% global heat transport
- Intense air-sea interaction liberates heat to Europe and lead to high ocean C concentration in sub-polar N Atlantic
- Climate models forecast a 25% AMOC slowing by end 21st century BUT natural variability (Atlantic Multi-decadal Oscillation, AMO) produces larger variability signals
- AMO influences ecosystems & fisheries
- *What are implications of AMO and long-term AMOC change to deep-water Atlantic ecosystems?*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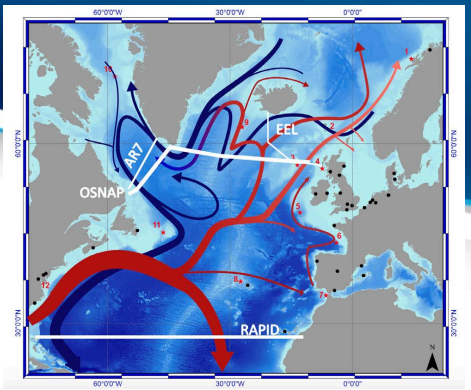
WP1 Summary

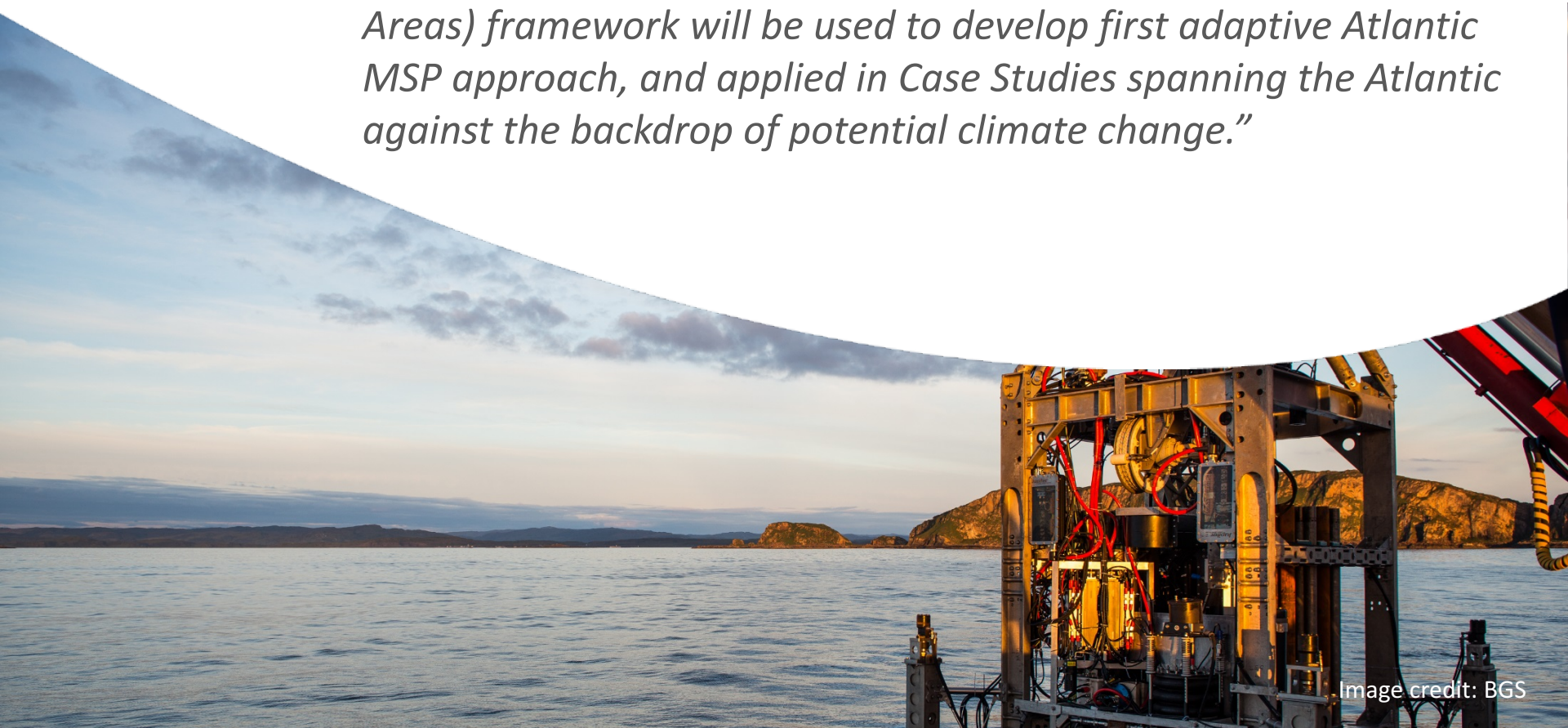


1. Derive co-variability circulation & biogeochemical fluxes on monthly to inter-annual timescales by adding biogeochemical sensors to OSNAP array
2. Assess environmental tipping points driving deep coral extinction events by aligning with palaeo-proxies for past circulation strength, bottom water ventilation & food supply
3. Map ocean transport pathways using basin-scale eddy-resolving VIKING20 model with water-mass and larval tracking

WP6: Maritime Spatial Planning

"Fully integrated spatial planning products built on basin and regional scales are needed to allow stakeholders to explore, and respond to, alternate scenarios of ocean dynamics and cross-sectoral Blue Growth.

The MESMA (Monitoring and Evaluation of Spatially Managed Areas) framework will be used to develop first adaptive Atlantic MSP approach, and applied in Case Studies spanning the Atlantic against the backdrop of potential climate change."



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ATLAS Case Studies

12 Case Studies that follow the major Atlantic current patterns.

- Selected on basis of: proximity to Blue Growth activities, presence of focal ecosystems, availability of existing data/samples and opportunities for offshore cruises during the ATLAS project.
- Case Studies cross-cut the project and give the biogeographic, regulatory and jurisdictional range needed to meet ATLAS's objectives.

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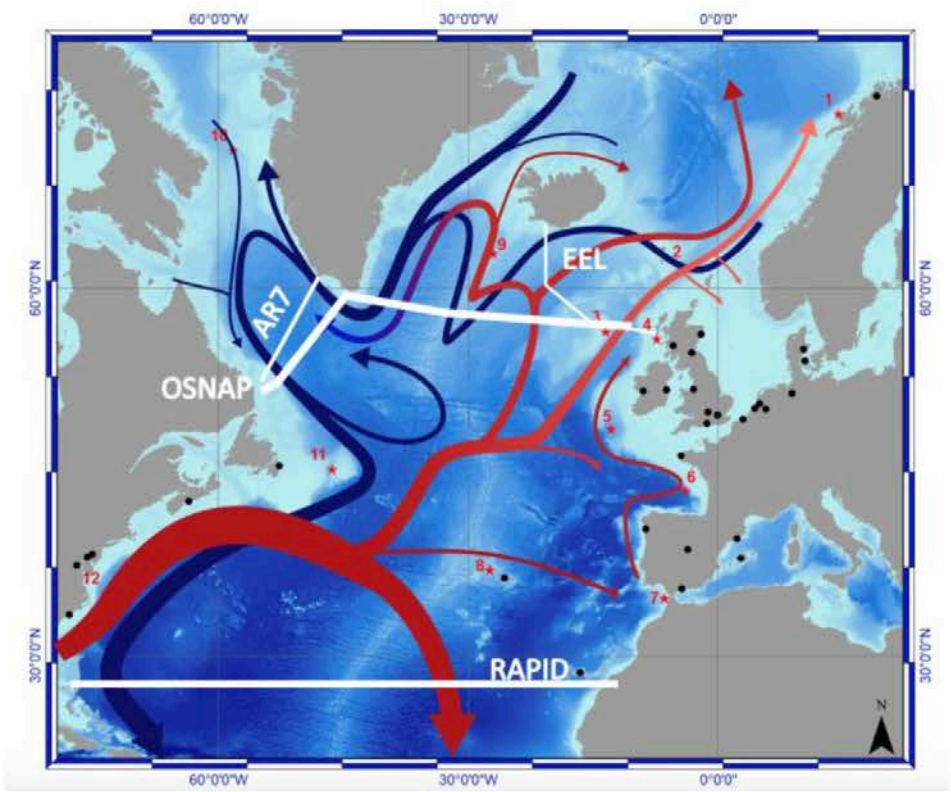

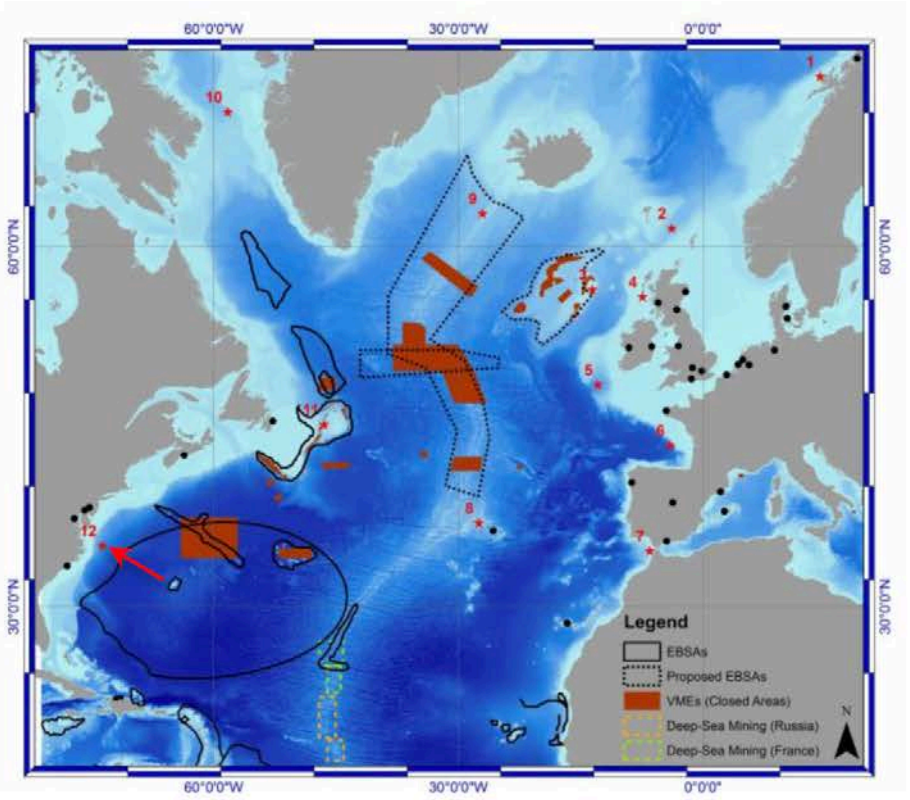

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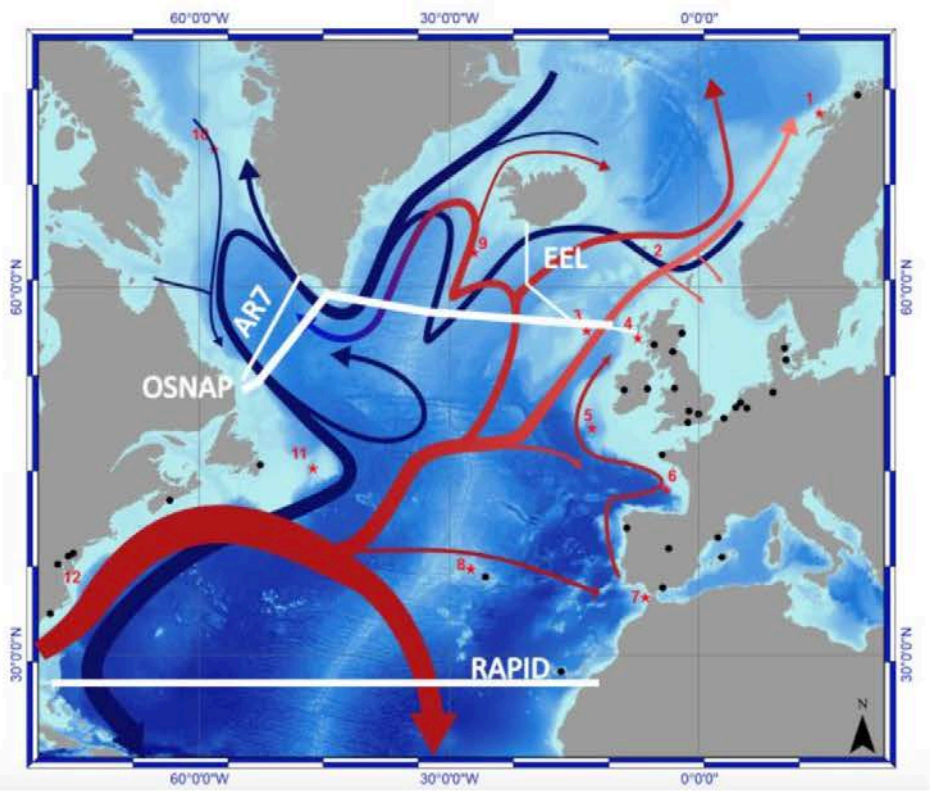

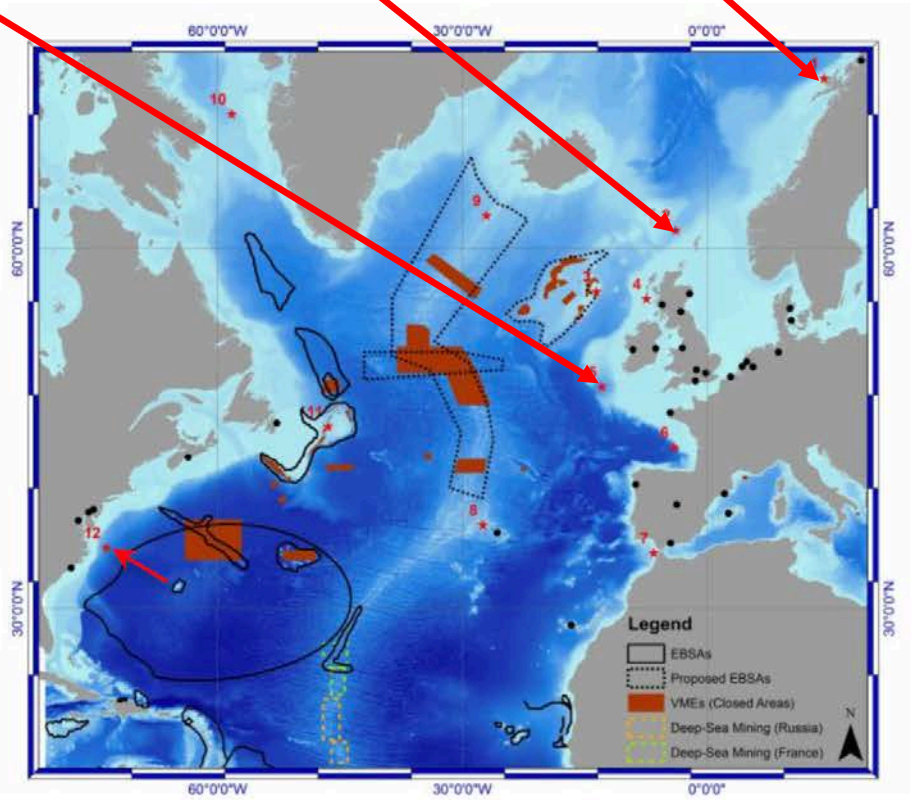

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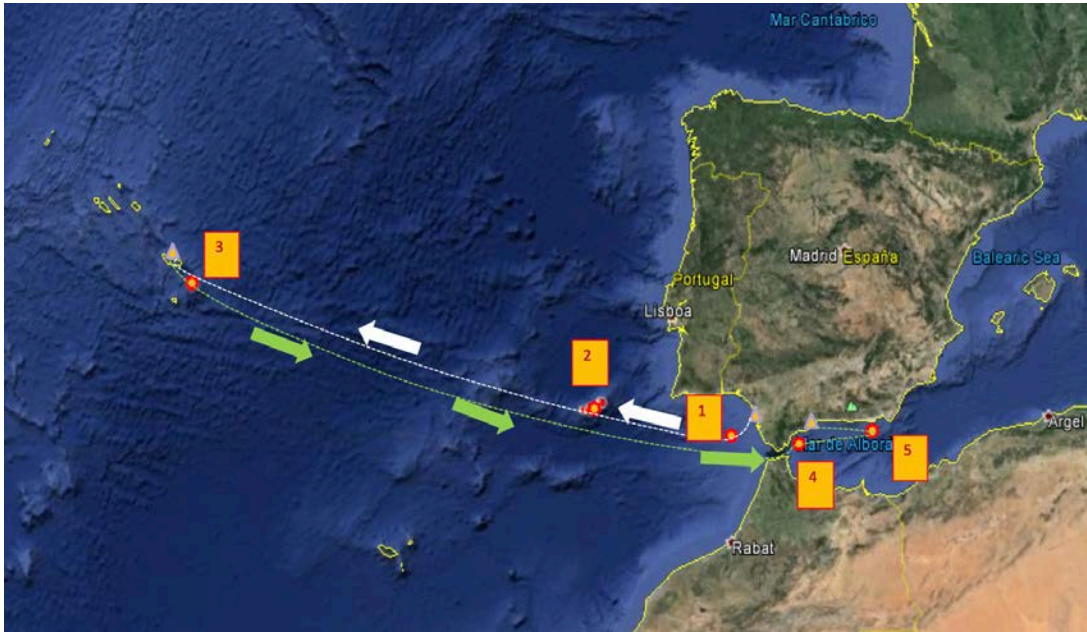
Case Study	Focus Ecosystems (CWC, cold-water coral)	Current and BG Sectors*	Lead & collaborators
1. LoVe Observatory (Norway)	CWC reefs, sponges	F, OG, T	Statoil, NIOZ, UEDIN
2. West of Shetland and W Scotland slope (UK)	Sponge grounds	B, F, OG	UEDIN, BP, OGUK, MSS
3. Rockall Bank (UK & Ireland)**	CWC reefs, coral gardens, carbonate mounds, sponge grounds, cold seeps	B, F, OG	MSS, IEO, OXU
4. Mingulay Reef Complex (UK)	CWC reefs	F, T	UEDIN, MSS
5. Porcupine Seabight (Ireland)	CWC reefs, coral gardens, carbonate mounds, sponge grounds	B, F, OG	NUIG, Woodside
6. Bay of Biscay (France)	CWC on slope and in canyon settings	B, F	IFREMER
7. Gulf of Cádiz/Strait of Gibraltar/Alborán Sea (Spain & Portugal)	CWC reefs, coral gardens, sponge grounds	B, F, OG	IEO, IFREMER, IMAR-UAz
8. Azores (Portugal)**	Hydrothermal vents, seamounts, coral gardens, sponge grounds	B, F, M	IMAR-UAz, IEO
9. Reykjanes Ridge (Iceland)**	Hydrothermal vents, CWC reefs, coral gardens, sponge grounds	B, F, M	UCD
10. S Davis Strait/Western Greenland/Labrador Sea (Canada)	CWC reefs, coral gardens, sponge grounds	B, F	DFO
11. Flemish Cap (Canada)**	Coral gardens, sponge grounds	B, F, OG	IEO, DFO, OXU, NAFO
12. SE USA (Bermuda transect)**	CWC reefs on slope and in canyon settings	B, F, M, OG	UNCW, AP-TU, NOAA

* Blue Growth sectors: **B**iotechnology; **F**isheries; **M**ining; **O**il & **G**as; **T**ourism; ** indicates data include ABNJ

21th September 2016 – 26th October 2016 (36 days; one scale in Azores)
Research Vessel "Sarmiento de Gamboa" (CSIC)

RV Sarmiento de Gamboa (image: Joan Costa, CSIC)

- ROV "Liropus" Super Mohawk
- 2 CDT rosettes
- ADCP and EK-60
- Multibeam echosounder
- Sidescan sonar
- Box corer, Multicorer, van Veen grab



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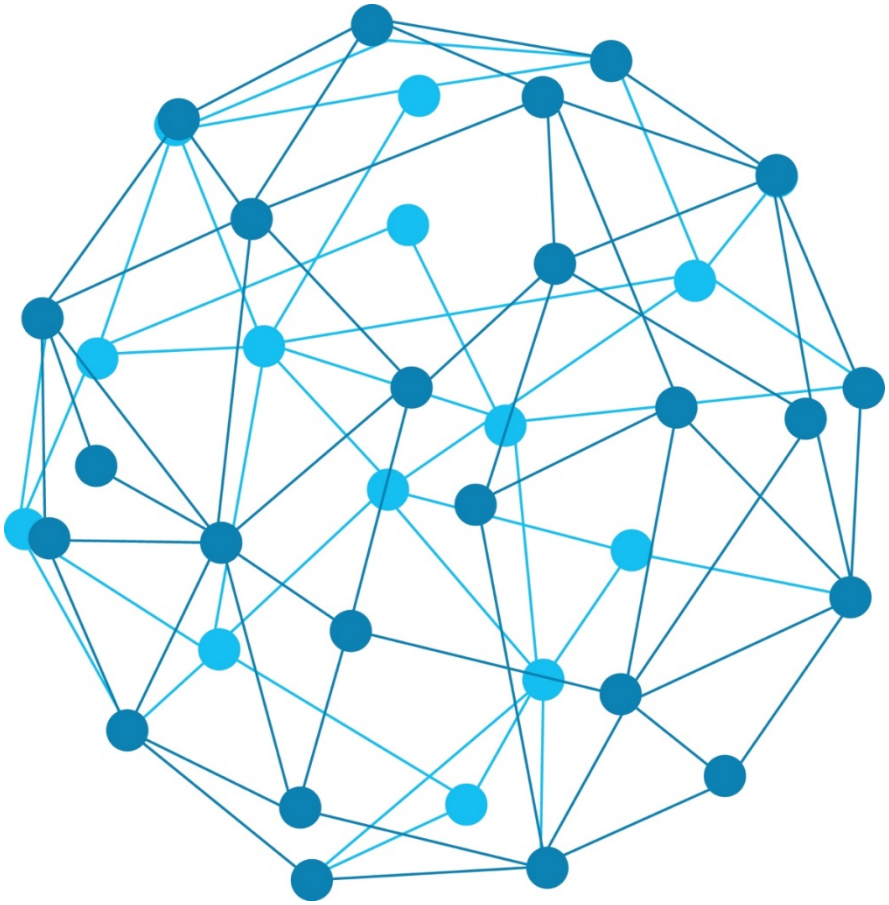
Investigating interconnections between:

- Ocean circulation
- Surface production
- Ecosystem functioning
- Biological richness
- Socio-economic importance



Expected Impacts

Blue Growth: Opportunities for marine and maritime sustainable growth

- Improve **resource management** (ecosystem approach) and governance
- Improve **cooperation** within EU and trans-Atlantic
- Contribute to the **EU Integrated Maritime Policy**
  - The Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD),
  - The Common Fisheries Policy (CFP),
  - The EU 'Maritime Strategy for the Atlantic Ocean Area'
  - The Galway Statement on Atlantic Cooperation
- Strengthen international **agreements to conserve** Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems and Ecologically & Biologically Significant Areas

Can Europe sustain marine ecosystems and drive Blue Growth at a North Atlantic scale?

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