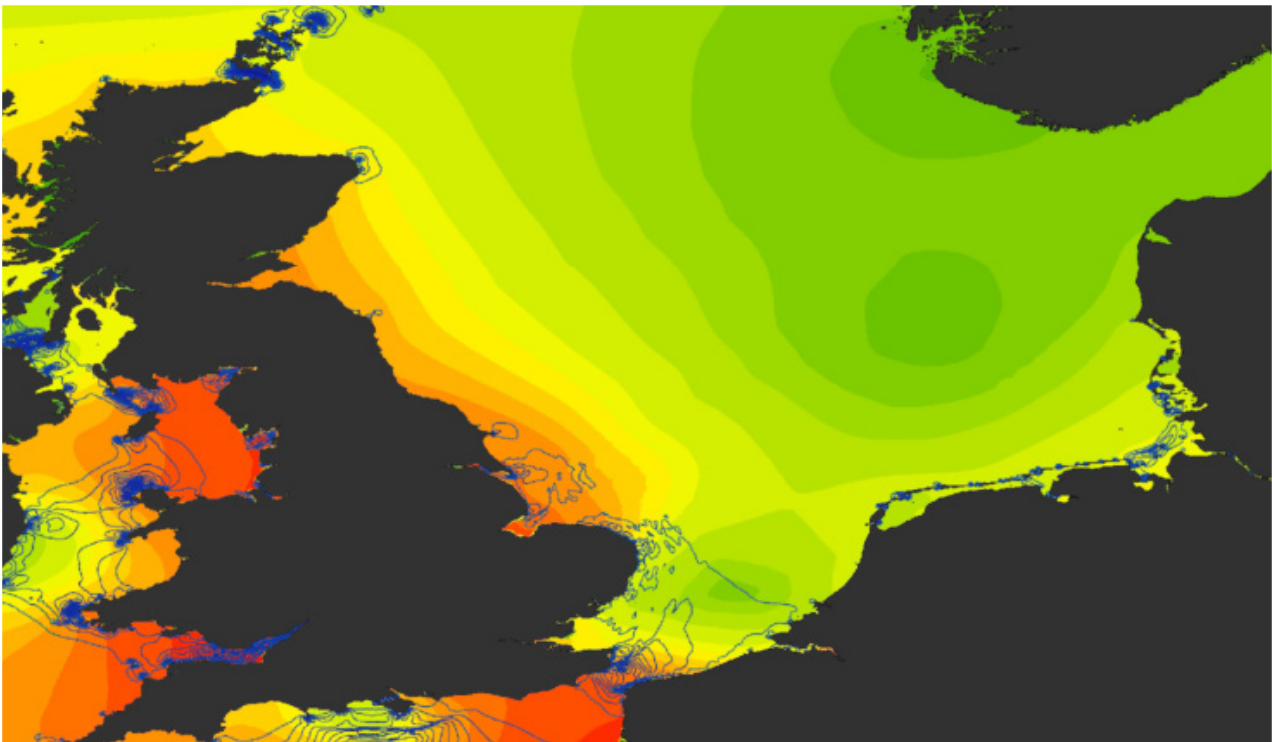


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1. Introduction

This is progress report 3 for the EMODnet North Sea Basin Checkpoint (NSCP) covering the period up to 31st May 2015.

This period of the project has focussed on delivering our Data Adequacy Reports and developing our website and data adviser tool.

The progress during this reporting period is summarised below, and further detail is provided in the remaining sections.

2. Management

2.1. Expert Panel Meeting

An Expert Panel Meeting was convened on 5th May 2015 in Reading, UK. It was well attended and a separate report of the meeting and its outcomes has been delivered (report reference RT007). The report will be circulated to the Expert Panel for comments, which will be incorporated in the final version.

2.2. Interface with DG MARE

A slightly different approach to delivering the Data Adequacy Reports was requested by HR Wallingford, with the intention to provide a Data Adequacy Report Synopsis at regular intervals, but to have a full Data Adequacy Report attached to each of the individual challenges. This was agreed by DG MARE to be a useful approach and has been adopted. A Data Adequacy Report Synopsis was delivered in February 2015. A request has been received from DG MARE that a summary box with key findings for EMODnet should be provided for each of the Data Adequacy Reports as well as the summary reports. This request has been noted and will be enacted in future reports.

3. Challenges

3.1. Windfarm Siting Challenge (Work Package 2)

Most of the wind farm siting challenge has concluded and an initial report was delivered in April 2015. It was presented at the Expert Panel Meeting and comments sought. Comments have been received from DG MARE and the report is being updated currently. Further comments from the Expert Panel will also be incorporated when received.

3.2. Marine Protected Areas (Work Package 3)

Most of the Marine Protected Areas challenge has concluded and an initial Data Adequacy Report was delivered in May 2015. It was presented at the Expert Panel Meeting and comments sought. Comments have been received from DG MARE and the report is being updated currently. Further comments from the Expert Panel will also be incorporated when received.

3.3. Oil Spill (Work Package 4)

The rehearsal exercise for the oil spill challenge has been successfully completed and awaits notification of the full testing challenge.

3.4. Climate and Coastal Protection (Work Package 5)

The Climate and Coastal Protection Challenge is nearing completion and we anticipate an initial Data Adequacy Report to be delivered in June 2015.

4. Data portal development

4.1. Website

The website is in development and its initial stages have been supplied to the EMODnet website co-ordinator at VLIZ. Data continues to be uploaded to the NSCP sub-pages, but have yet to be published. The issues preventing publishing are image copyrights, menu inconsistencies and style issues relating to different browser usage. When these issues are resolved to the satisfaction of VLIZ, the NSCP sub-pages can be published.

4.2. Data Adviser

The first iteration of the “Data Adviser” has been produced and is held at <http://54.154.107.49/nscp/nscpdataadvisor.html>. This currently holds the data appraisal information from the wind farm siting challenge and the Marine Protected Areas challenge. We have received comments requesting:

- the inclusion of EMODnet themes as a filtering option, which is being considered;
- stating in a box on the main interface what the tool offers, what it can be used for and its limitations – this is to be incorporated; and
- circulation to panel members for a trial with the incorporation of feedback prior to advertising to the wider community.

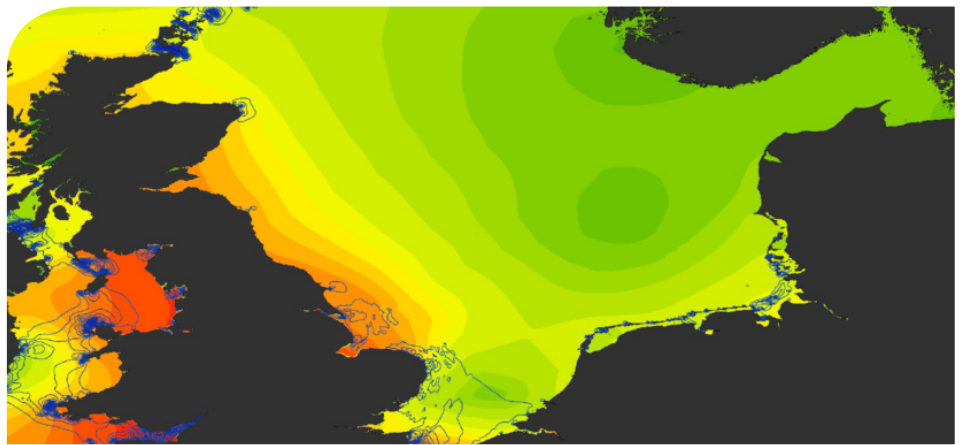
We have taken these comments into account and will try to address them as soon as possible. The climate and coastal protection challenge data appraisal will also be included as it becomes available.

5. Deliverables and timetable

Deliverable	Date Due	Description	Note
1	30/04/2014	Progress Report 1	Delivered
2	31/07/2014	Data Adequacy Report 1 (incl. Literature review)	Delivered
3	31/10/2014	Progress Report 2	Delivered
4	28/02/2015	Data Adequacy Report Synopsis -2	Delivered
5	10/04/2015	Data Adequacy Report Synopsis -3	Replace Data Adequacy Report 2
6	10/04/2015	Data Adequacy Reports: Wind Farm Challenge MPA Challenge Oil Platform Leak Challenge Climate Change Challenge	Detailed DAR and data deliverables for each challenge. Wind Farm and MPA challenges completed in April 2015.
	w/c 20/04/2015	Panel Meeting 1	Hotel Malmaison, Reading, UK, 5 May 2015
7	30/04/2015	Panel Report 1	Summary of panel meeting outcomes
8	31/10/2015	Data Adequacy Report Synopsis - 4	Replace Interim Report
9	31/03/2016	Data Adequacy Report Synopsis - 5	Replace Sea Basin Checkpoint Report
10	31/07/2016	Data Adequacy Reports: Fisheries Management Challenge River Inputs Challenge Marine Environment Challenge	Due upon completion of challenge, all to be completed before 31/05/2016
11	31/07/2016	Data Adequacy Report Synopsis - 6	
12	23/09/2016	Final Report Draft	Final Report. Includes content and conclusions to date from DARS-6 as well as input from each of the Challenge DAR.
	w/c 10/10/2016	Panel Meeting 2	Date and location tba
13	14/10/2016	Panel Report 2	Summary of panel meeting outcomes
14	31/10/2016	Final Report	Includes summary and discussion of all project results and input from panel



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