



Get Kelps on the OSPAR list! Don't abandon our ocean builders





Update and expand the OSPAR List of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats

The OSPAR List includes only a small fraction of those marine species and habitats that are currently threatened in the North-East Atlantic Ocean. It must be urgently revised and expanded, to reflect the current state of marine biodiversity in the region and allow for the protection of key species and habitats against the harmful impacts of human activities and climate change.

A chronology of the OSPAR List of Threatened and/or Declining Species and Habitats:

(Sintra, Portugal)
List process initiated

(Bremen, Germany)
Initial list
+ 27 species
+ 10 habitats

(Reykjavik, Iceland)
Update of List
+ 2 species
+ 4 habitats

(Brest, France)
Update of List
+ 13 species
+ 2 habitats

(Spain)
Update of List and
process to revise List
+ Haploids + Kelps



Why protect kelps?

Kelps are important foundation species that provide food and shelter for numerous fish, invertebrates, and marine mammals, and kelp forests are regarded as one of the most productive habitats on the planet. They are highly sensitive to water quality changes resulting from pollution, eutrophication and sedimentation.

