Update on implementation reporting of measures for OSPAR MPAs

Presented by the OSPAR Secretariat

Issue: This document presents an annual update of OSPAR Contracting Parties implementation reporting of measures for OSPAR MPAs in the High Seas.

Action requested
1. The meeting is invited to note the information.

Background
2. In accordance with the agreement on the collective arrangement (OSPAR agreement 2014-9e, §6.d) OSPAR should inform on the status of the areas concerned and existing measures.
3. Contracting Parties to OSPAR are obliged to report annually on whether any new management measures have been implemented for the MPAs designated in the high seas of the OSPAR Maritime Area through OSPAR Recommendations 2010/11-2010/17 and 2012/1.
4. By the reporting deadline of 1 October 2017, the Contracting Parties reported that the measures reported in previous years are still applicable and that new measures have not been implemented in the past year. One Contracting Party informed that in the period of the last year a specific check of the fishing fleet had been carried out concluding that no vessels flagged to that Contracting Party had operated in the areas, and furthermore that information on the MPAs had been communicated to the national cargo fleet.