

Why Set Net Positive Impact Targets In Offshore Wind = Ecosystem Service Targets For Restoration?



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Introduction

20 Years restoring marine habitats

Critical Coastal Habitats

Which ones?

Why critical?

Relevance to OSW?

Critical Coastal Habitats

Salt marsh, Seagrass, Mangroves,
Giant Kelp





Critical Coastal Habitats

Reefs

Coral and shellfish

Critical?

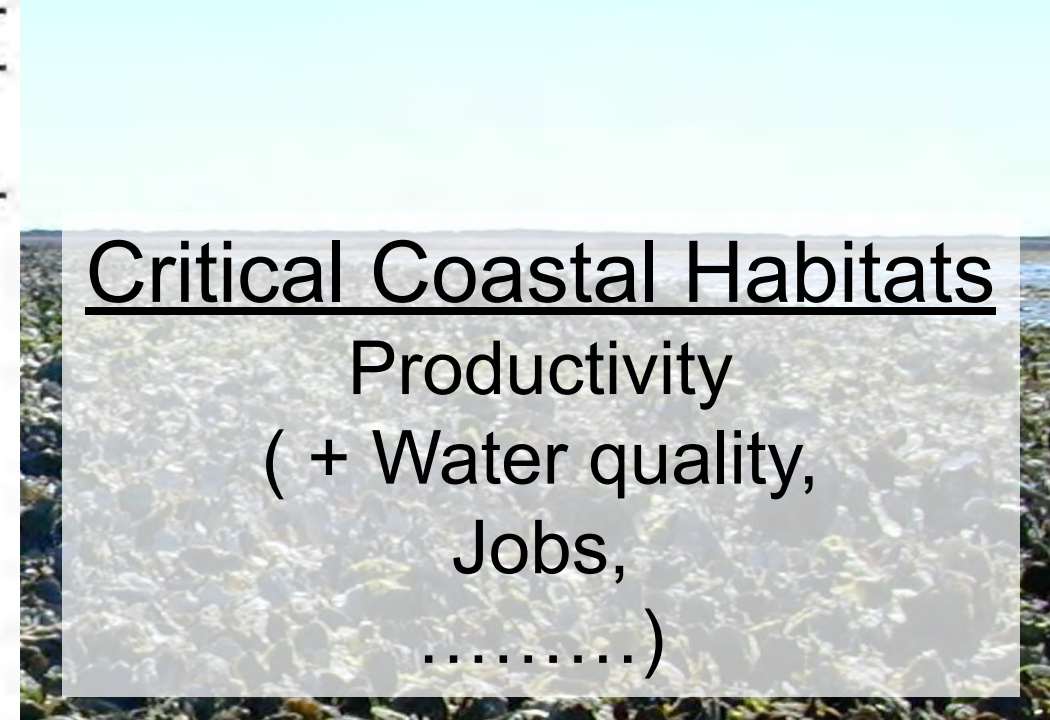
Structure

Highly impacted

Productivity

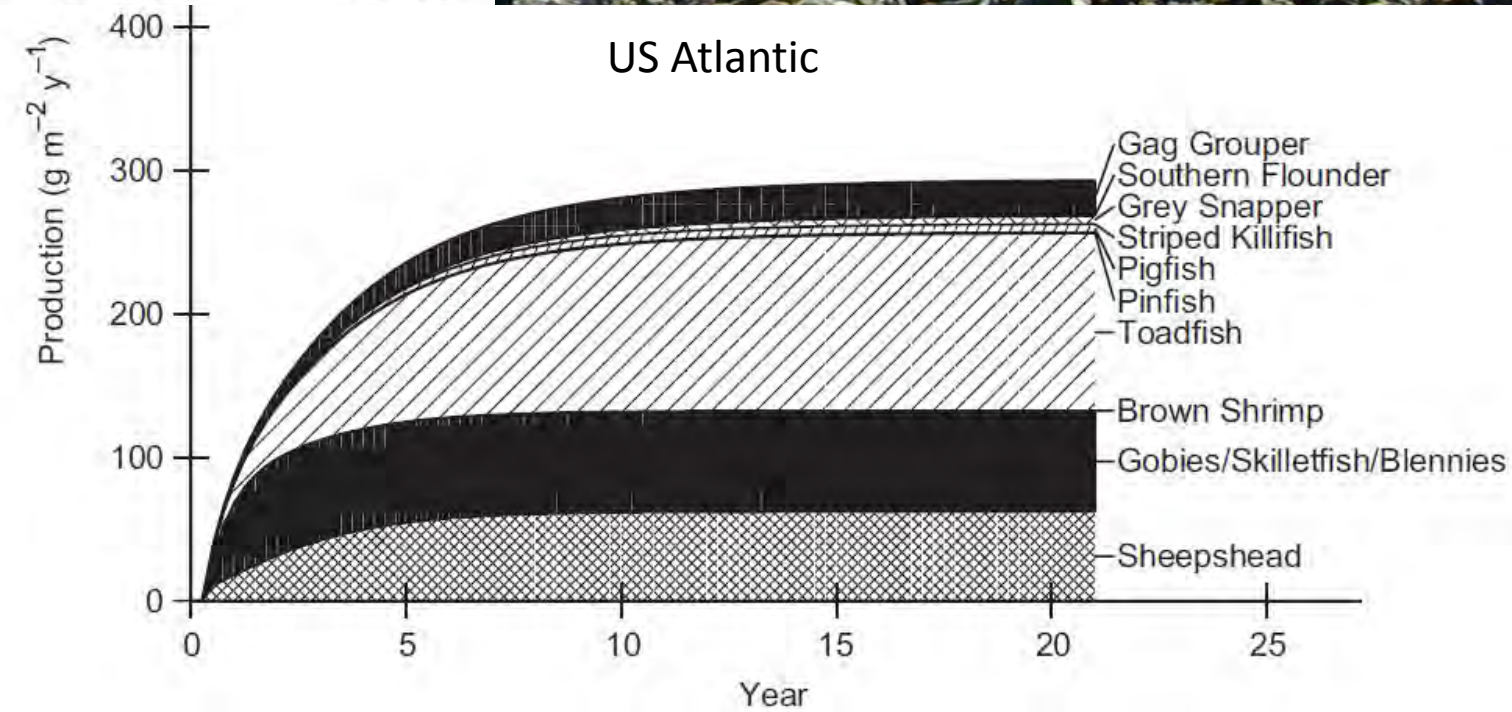
Pelagic–Benthic coupling

	Non-restored		Restored	
	Abundance (# m ⁻²)	Biomass (g m ⁻²)	Abundance (# m ⁻²)	Biomass (g m ⁻²)
Amphipods	341	0.26	7,067	3.53
Anemones	0	0.00	894	4.96
Barnacles	0	0.00	3,770	110.69
Clams	1,456	10.78	481	57.75
Crabs (Xanthid)	6	0.25	218	87.46
Fish	11	0.28	141	18.62
Mussels	13	0.19	1,563	2,279.20
Oysters	0	0.00	131	15,422.15
Shrimp	3	0.03	35	1.49
Worms (Polychaete)	435	0.36		



Critical Coastal Habitats
Productivity
 (+ Water quality,
 Jobs,
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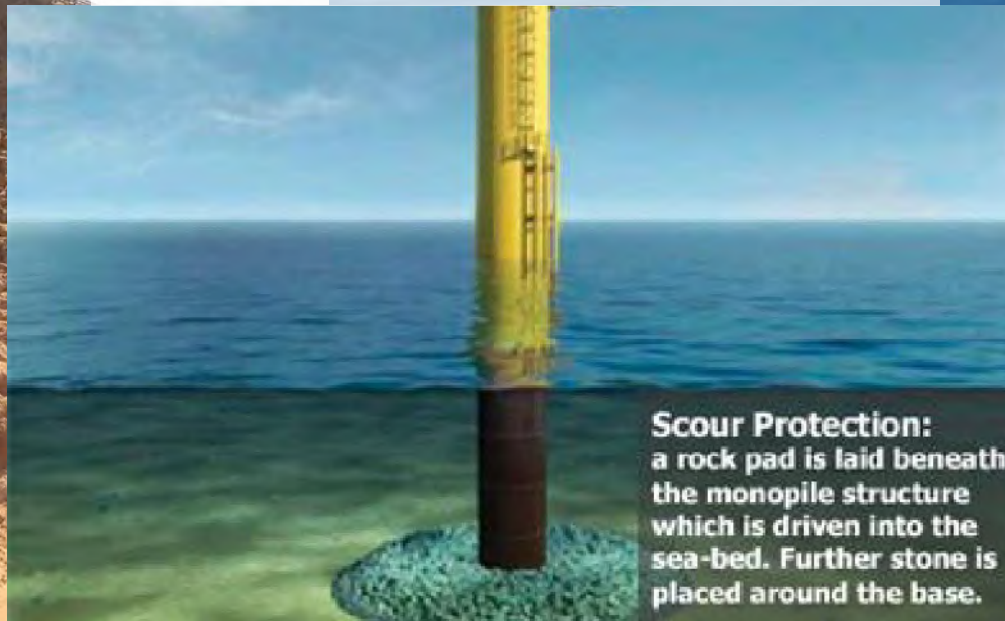
Kellogg et al 2013 zu Ermgassen et al 2016



Restoring An Oyster Reef



Scour protection



Scour Protection:
a rock pad is laid beneath
the monopile structure
which is driven into the
sea-bed. Further stone is
placed around the base.

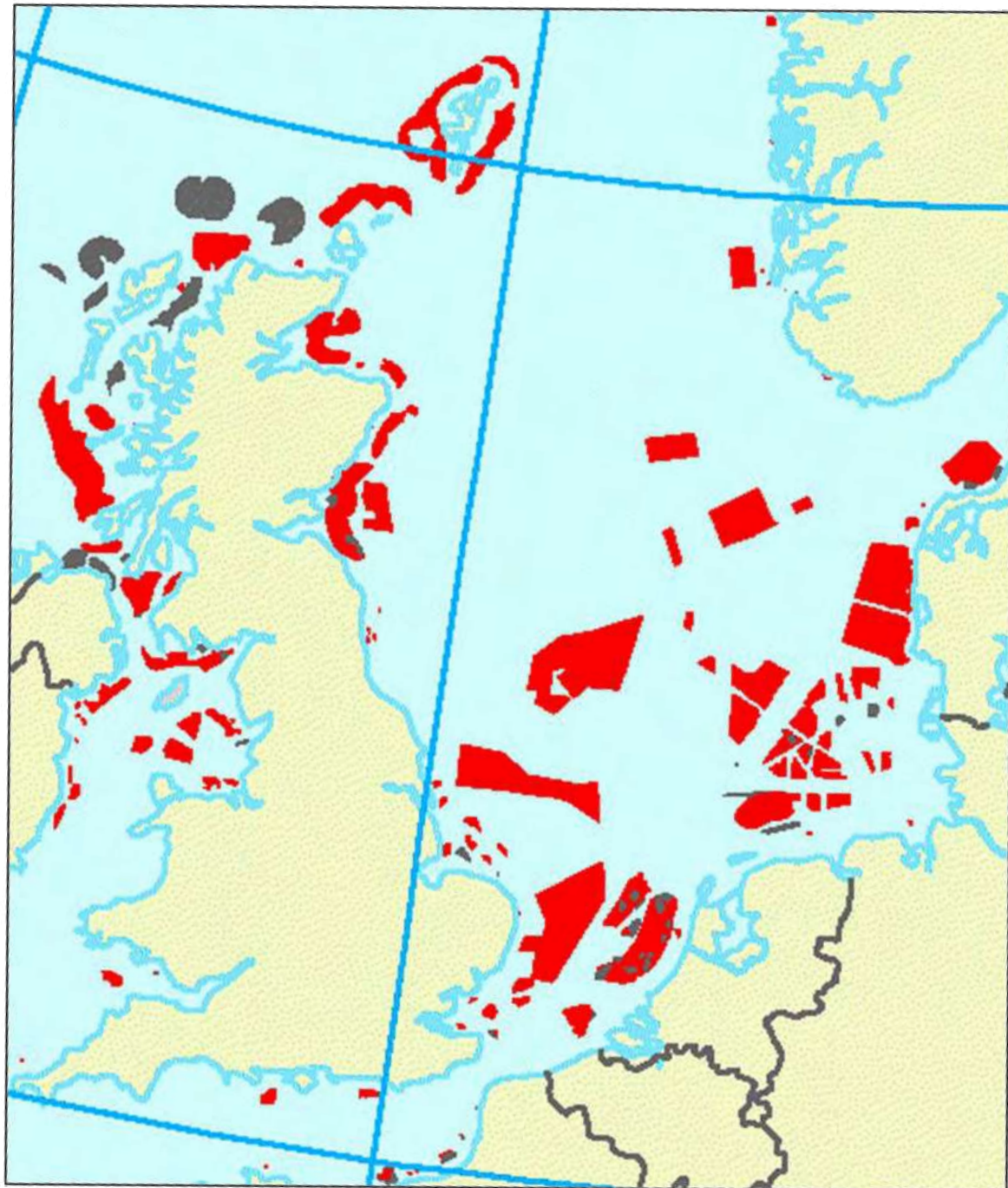


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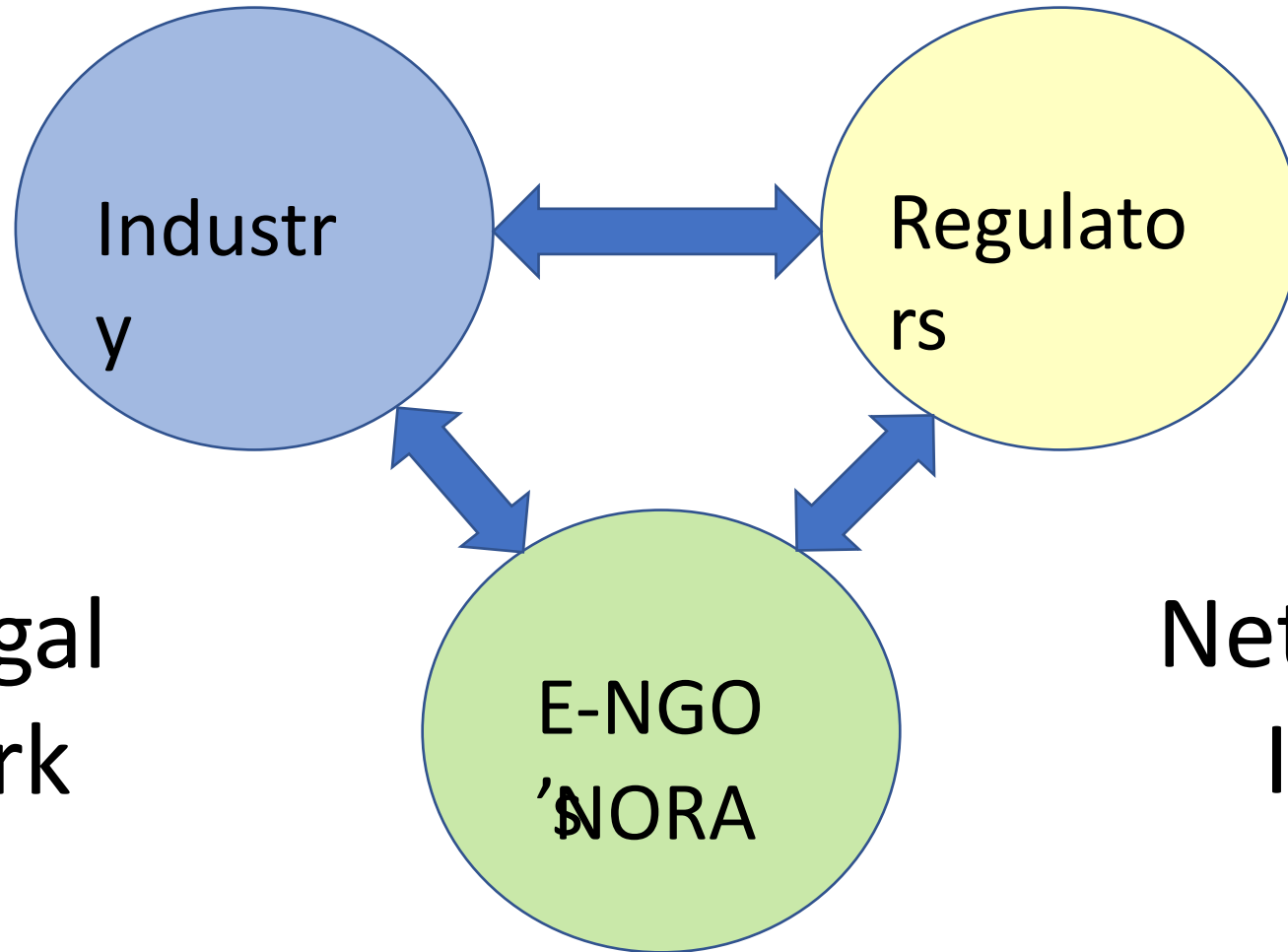
THE PISCATORIAL ATLAS.

(Olsen 1883)



Implementation Partner
Scale

Approve Rest. Plan
Waive Decommissioning Rock



Policy / Legal
Framework

Net Positive
Impact

Develop Rest. Practice
Establish success metrics