

# European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre Environmental Statement Chapter 29: Information to Inform a Habitats Regulations Appraisal





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### **29.1 Introduction**

- 1 The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the information required to inform any possible Habitats Regulations Appraisal that may be required to be undertaken by the competent authority with respect to the proposed European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre (EOWDC) as required under the EU Habitats and Birds Directives. The Information to Inform the Habitats Regulation Appraisal can be found as Appendix 29.1.
- 2 The document aims to identify all qualifying species or habitats that, based on data collected at the proposed development site, have the potential to be impacted. A high level assessment on the risk of a possible adverse effect has been undertaken and a conclusion made on the level of risk to a qualifying species or habitat.
- 3 This assessment is based on site specific data collected from the surveys undertaken so far and, where appropriate, relevant data from other offshore wind farms. The aim of this assessment is to identify species or habitats that may be required to be assessed by the competent authority as part of a Habitats Regulations Assessment and if required an Appropriate Assessment.