An ecosystem risks assessment of the Norwegian Sea offshore ecoregion

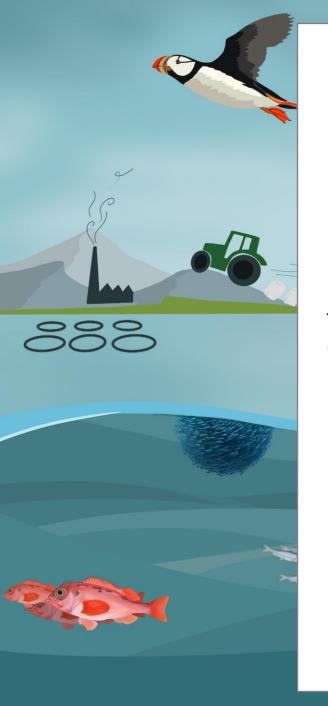
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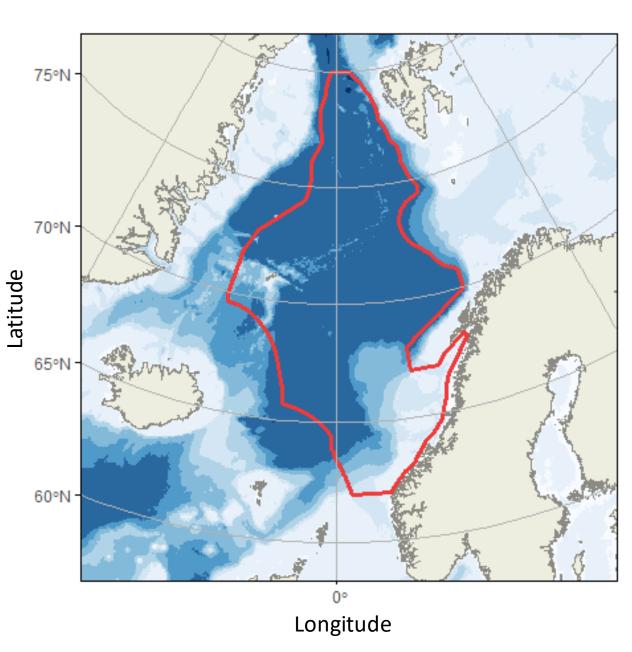




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Ecosystems are complex

Knowledge gaps

TINANTS

Observation gaps

Urgency

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ODEMM (Options for Delivering Ecosystem-Based Marine Management).

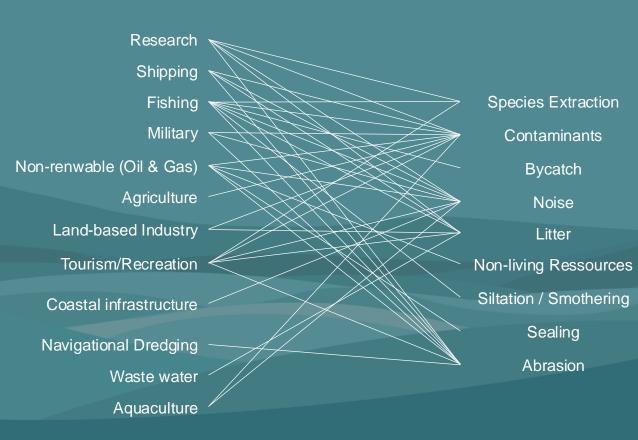
→ expert-driven assessment approach→ Cumulative risk assessment.







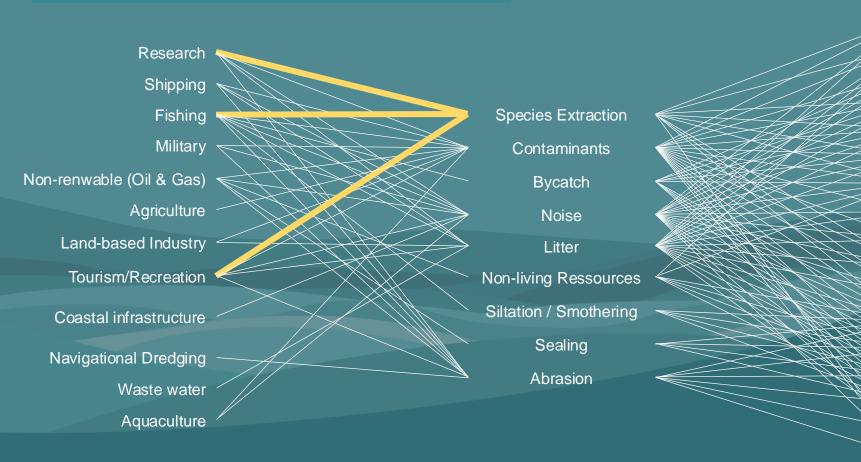
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Spatial Extent

Site (<5% Overlap)

- Local (5 -50% Overlap)
- Widespread (>50% Overlap)

Frequency

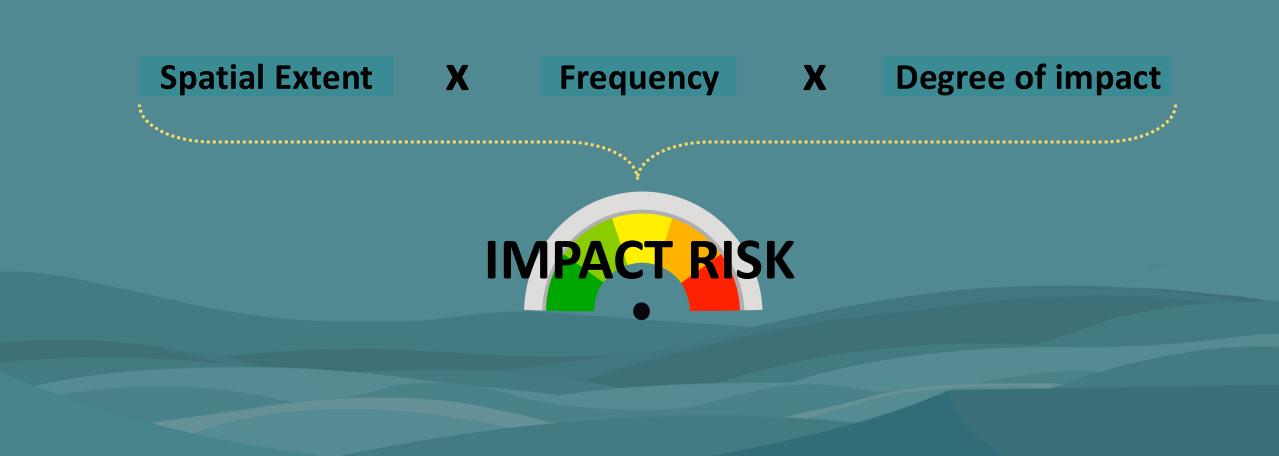
Rare

- Occasional
- Comon
- Persistant

Degree of impact

Low

- Chronic
- Acute



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X Degree of impact

IMPACT RISK

Knowledge quality:

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Expert Judgement Only

Literature Support

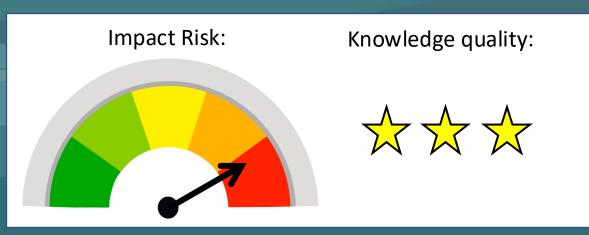
Data support

FISHING

SPECIES EXTRACTION

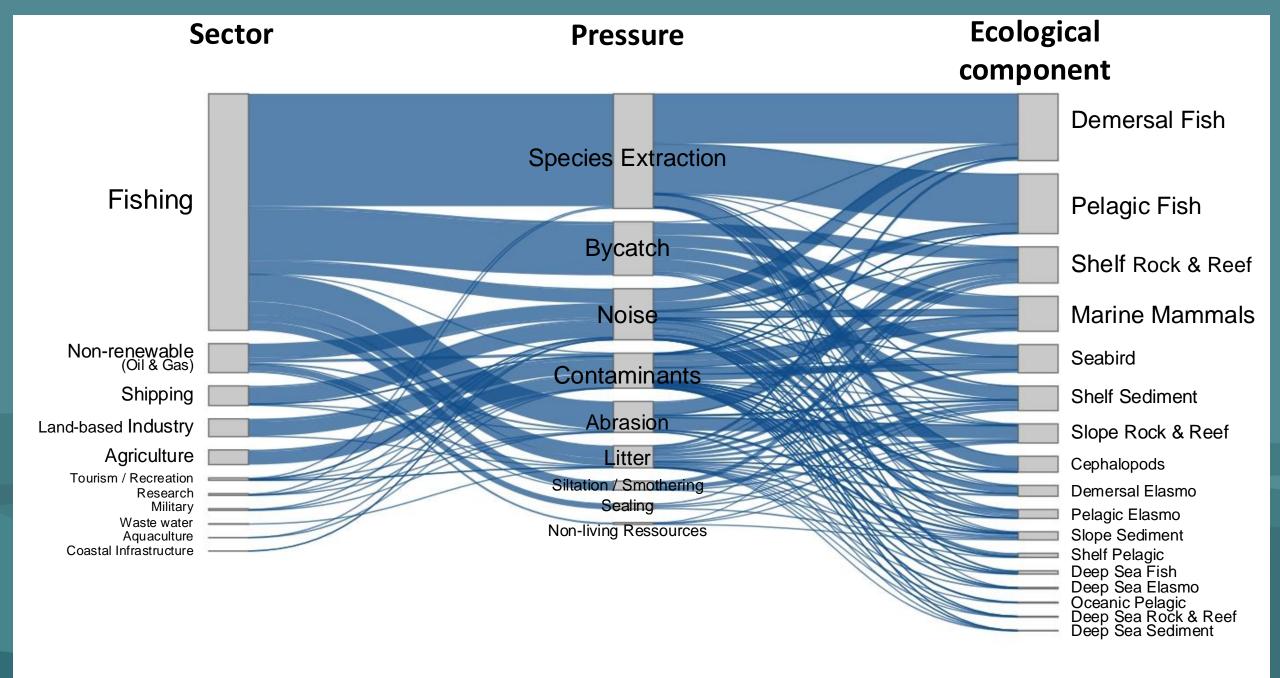
→ DEMERSAL FISH

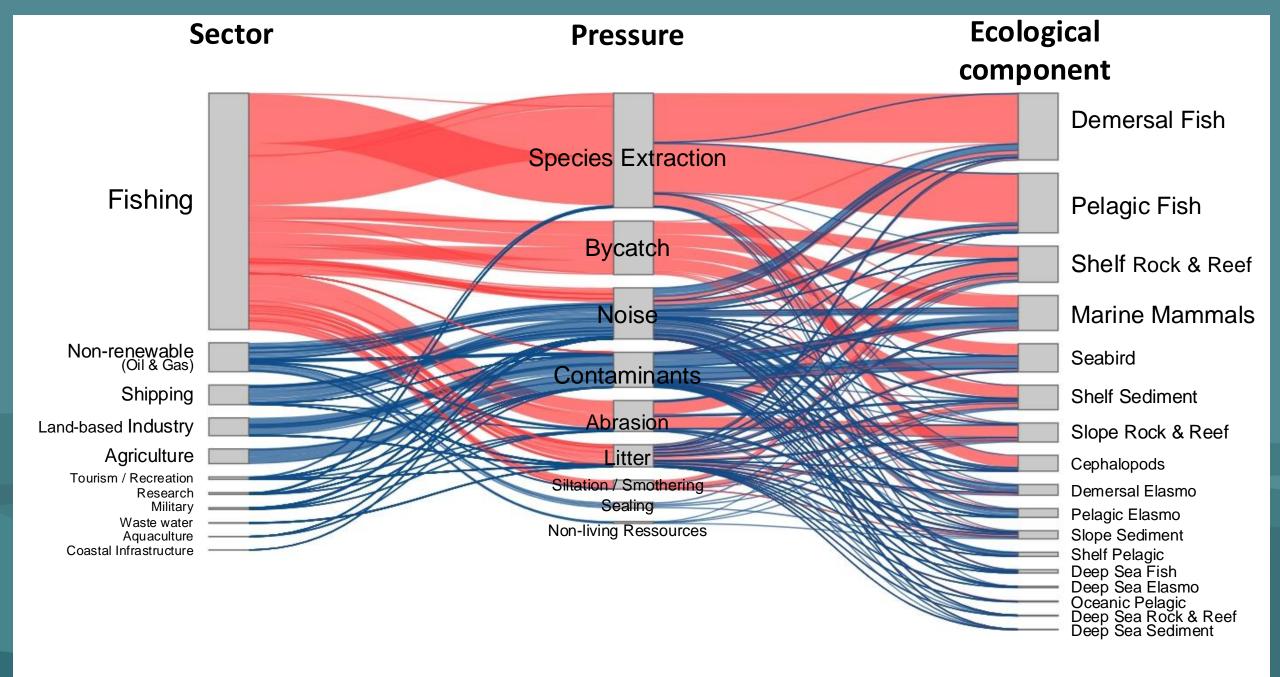


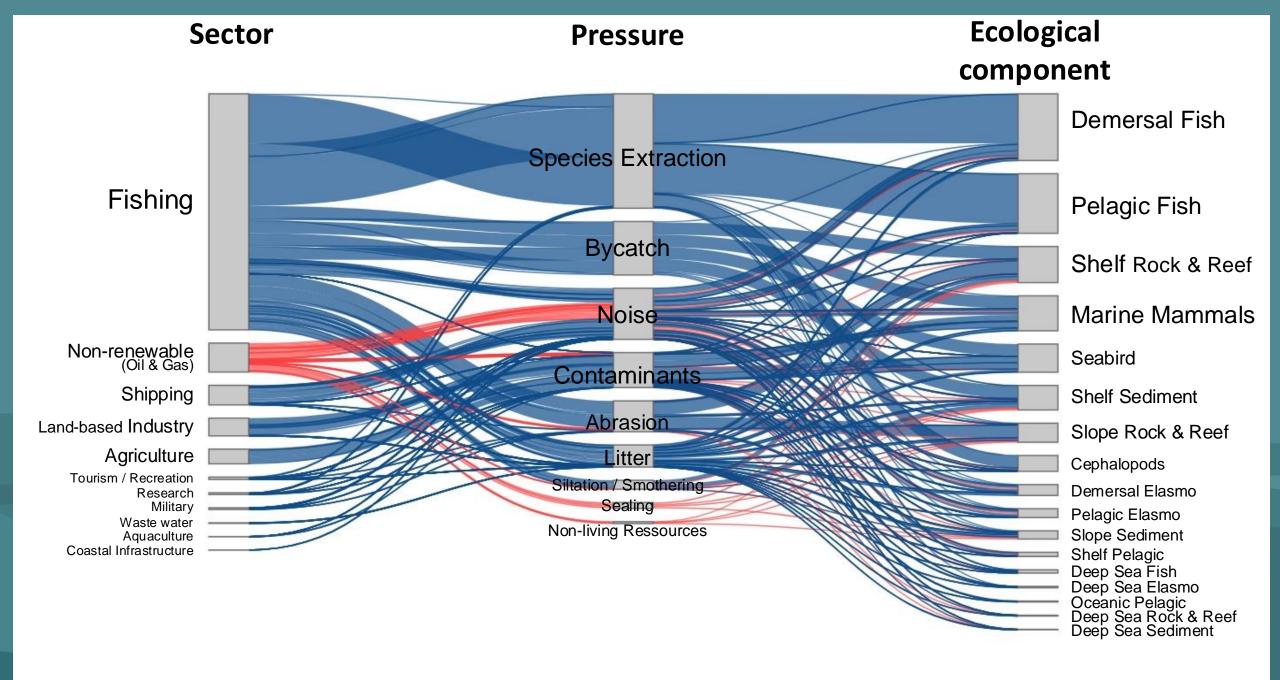


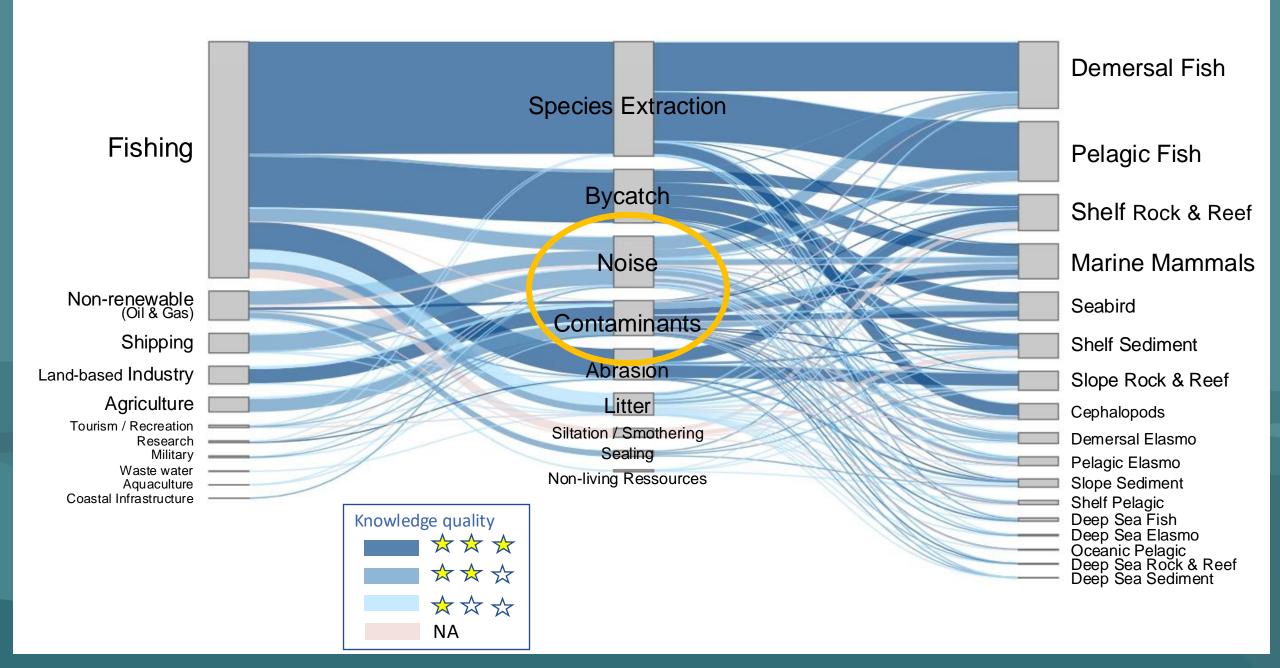
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Vulnerability

Persistence

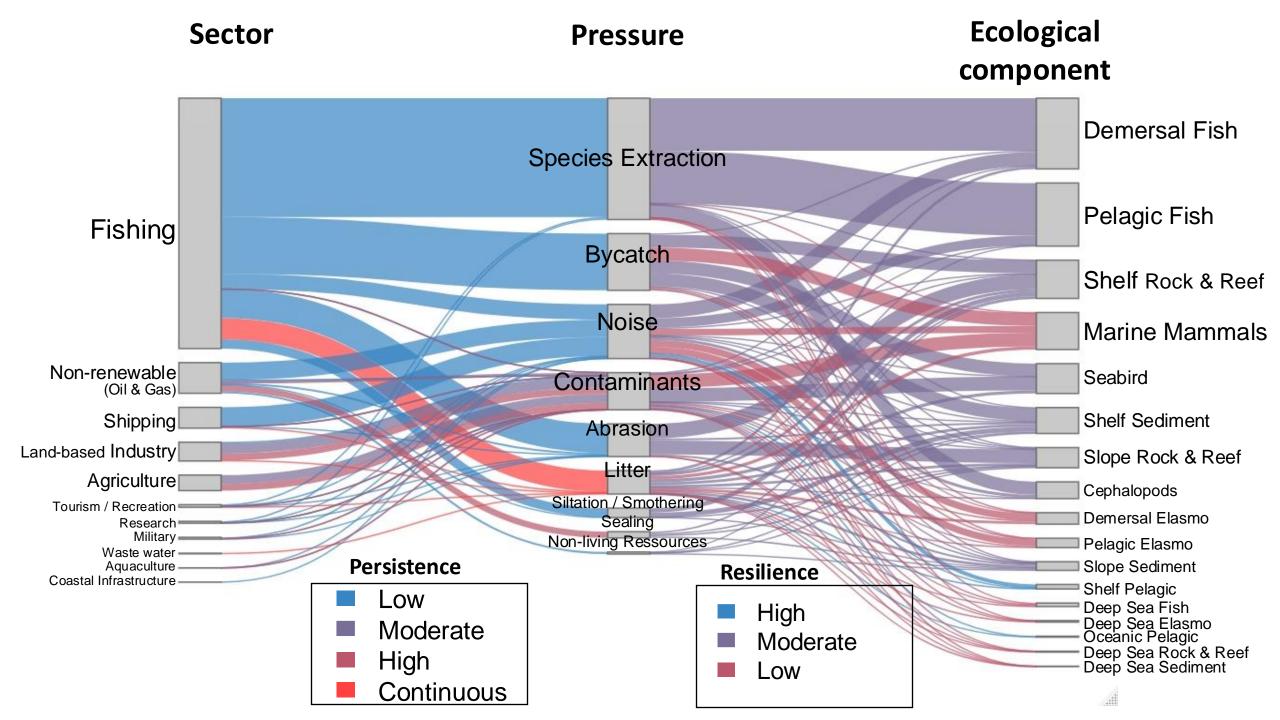
How long the pressure persist in the environment, after cessation of the causal activity

- Low (0-2 years)
- Moderate (2-10 years)
- High (10-100 years)
- Continuous (100+ years)

Resilience

How long it takes for the ecological component to recover to pre-impact conditions

- High (0-2 years to recovery)
- Moderate (2-10 years to recovery)
- Low (10-100 years to recovery)



Take home message

Major risks in the Norwegian Sea:
Fishing, Oil and Gas, Shipping, Land-based industry and agriculture
Species extraction, bycatch, noise and contaminants
Risk ranking can guide management of ecological risks,
Quantify expected response time of management actions.

