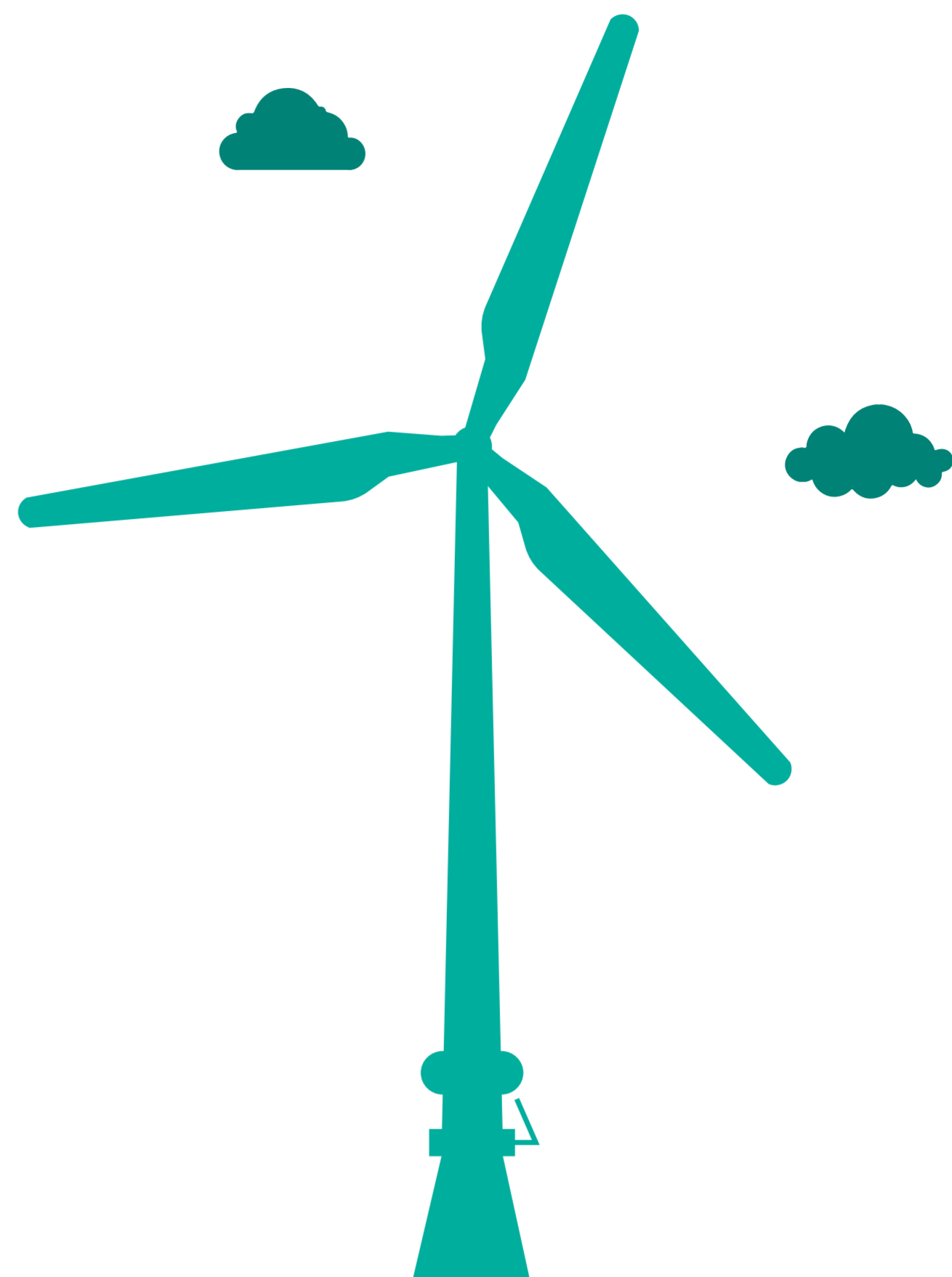


WGDEC

Working Group on Deep-water Ecology



Human Activities, Pressures and Impacts Steering Group (HAPISG)

RESEARCH FOCUS

- WGDEC deals with the biology and conservation of deep-sea habitats in the North Atlantic.
- Our experts meet annually to assess new information and map the distributions of vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs) in ICES and NAFO areas.
- Our group also advises on the risk of fishing activities to VMEs.

OUR OBJECTIVE

WGDEC contributes to the development of new methods to further our understanding of deep-sea ecosystems and inform the implementation of management tools for the protection of VMEs.

OUR EXPERTISE

- Taxonomy
- Biodiversity
- Benthic ecology
- Habitat modelling
- Fisheries ecology
- Seabed imagery
- Remote sensing
- GIS and habitat mapping

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