

### 36. Sea pen and burrowing megafauna

#### Sensitivity Assessment

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**Table A11.36. Sensitivity assessment for sea pen and burrowing megafauna.** Associated sectors include activities related to offshore renewable energy (O), Fishing (F), or shipping (S). NR = not relevant, NA = not assessed, NEv = no evidence, H = high, M = medium, L = low, VL = very low, N = none, NS = not sensitive.

Pressures		Associated sector(s)	Resistance				Resilience				Sensitivity			
Classification	Pressure type		Score	QoE	AoE	DoC	Score	QoE	AoE	DoC	Score	QoE	AoE	DoC
Physical	Physical loss (to land or freshwater habitat)	O	N	H	H	H	VL	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
	Physical change (to another seabed type)	O, F	N	H	H	H	VL	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
	Physical change (to another sediment type)	O, F	N	H	M	M	VL	H	H	H	H	M	L	M

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	Habitat structure change-removal of substratum (extraction)	O	N	M	L	M	L	M	M	M	H	M	L	M
	Abrasion/disturbance of substratum surface or seabed	O, F	M	H	H	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	L	L
Physical	Penetration or disturbance of substratum subsurface	O, F	L	H	M	L	L	M	M	M	H	M	L	L
	Changes in suspended solids (water clarity)	O, F	H	M	L	M	H	H	H	H	NS	M	L	M
	Smothering and siltation changes (light)	O	H	L	NR	NR	H	H	H	H	NS	L	L	L

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	Smothering and siltation changes (heavy)	O	H	L	NR	NR	H	H	H	H	NS	L	L	L
	Underwater noise	O, F, S	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Electromagnetic energy	O	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NEV	NR	NR	NR
	Barrier to species movement	O, F	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
	Death or injury by collision	O, F, S	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Hydrological	Water flow changes	O	L	H	H	M	L	M	M	M	H	M	L	M
Chemical	Transition elements & organo-metal contamination	O, F, S	NA	NR	NR	NR	NA	NR	NR	NR	NA	NR	NR	NR

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	Hydrocarbon & PAH contamination	O, F, S	NA	NR	NR	NR	NA	NR	NR	NR	NA	NR	NR	NR
	Synthetic compound contamination	O, F, S	NA	NR	NR	NR	NA	NR	NR	NR	NA	NR	NR	NR
Chemical	Introduction of other substances	O, F, S	NA	NR	NR	NR	NA	NR	NR	NR	NA	NR	NR	NR
	Deoxygenation	O	M	L	NR	NR	L	M	M	M	M	L	L	L
Biological	Introduction or spread of invasive non-indigenous species	O, F, S	NEv	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NEv	NR	NR	NR
	Removal of target species	F	H	L	NR	NR	H	H	H	H	NS	L	L	L
	Removal of non-target species	F	M	H	H	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	L	L