

DIGITAL TWIN OF THE OCEAN: ANIMAL TRACKING



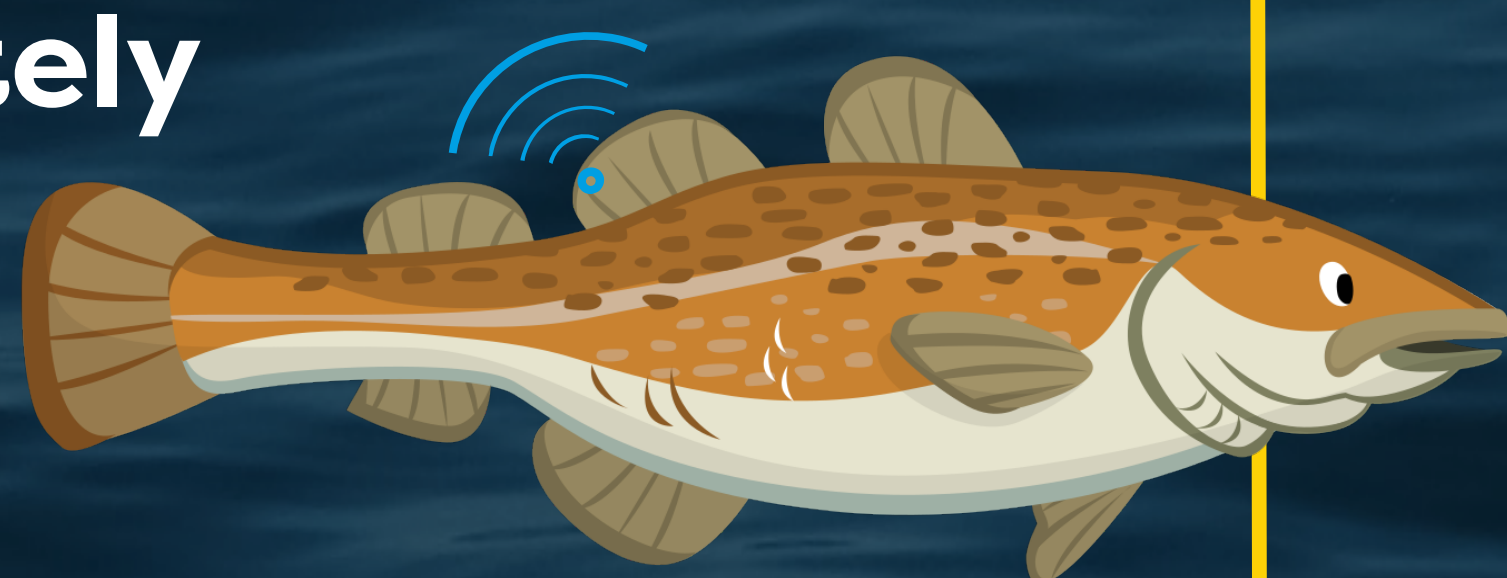
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Turning fish into 0's and 1's
to conserve North Sea habitats



Animal tracking, which is known in research circles as **telemetry**, is a method used to follow animals remotely



Data can elucidate when and where animals move, re-create **animal movements** at small and large scales, and lead to a better understanding of the spatiotemporal movement dynamics important for fisheries management, spatial planning, and **conservation**

Availability of knowledge to decision makers remains limited, demanding tools such as **digital twins** to mobilise **knowledge towards action**

Animal movement is an **Essential Ocean Variable** that has yet to be implemented into digital twins

DTOTrack will use **animal tracking** data to create a Digital Twin of the North Sea, and address **what if** questions related to offshore infrastructure development.

“What if we expand windfarms – what does that mean for aquatic life?”

OUR TEAM WILL:

1. Coordinate tracking efforts for highly migratory species
2. Map movements of species & ocean developments
3. Develop tools & methods to operationalise animal movement data as a digital twin

DTOTrack will build an **interactive platform** for end-users to make more informed decisions about North Sea biodiversity



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