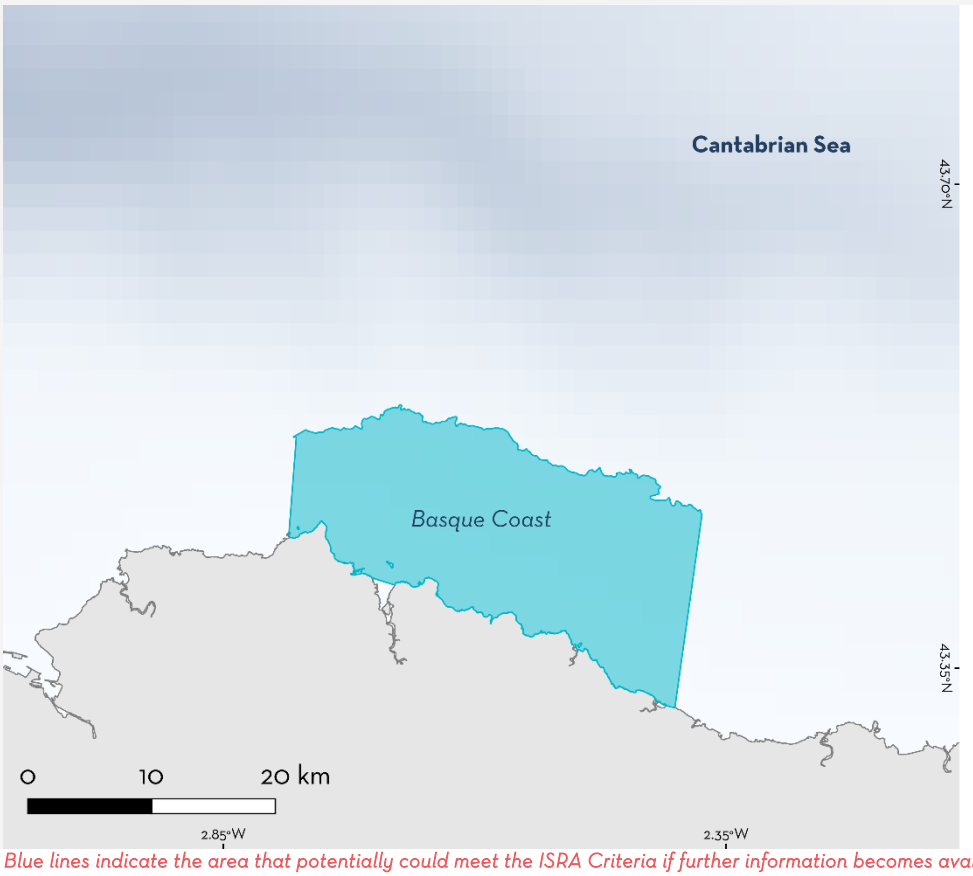

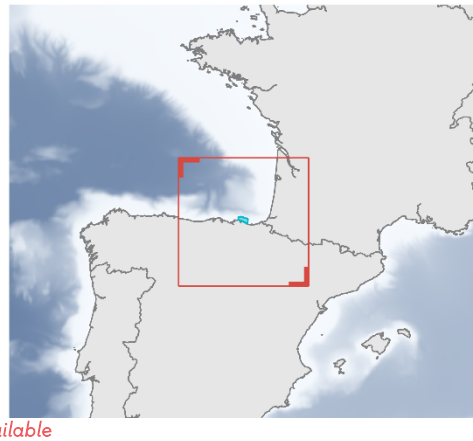

Blue lines indicate the area that potentially could meet the ISRA Criteria if further information becomes available

BASQUE COAST AREA OF INTEREST

European Atlantic Region

SPAIN

0–100 metres

442.2 km²

SUMMARY

Basque Coast is located on the coast of Basque Country, Spain. This area sits on the continental shelf and is influenced by wind-driven upwelling and freshwater input from local rivers. The potential depth range of the area is 0–100 m. Within this area there are: **threatened species** and **potential reproductive areas** (Porbeagle *Lamna nasus*). Between 2017–2024, news reports and social media posts were collected (n = 22 individuals) and a citizen science project was carried out collaborating with sport fishers about Porbeagle in the area (n = 11 individuals). Between 2020–2024, a total of 11 Porbeagle neonate and young-of-the-year (two individuals from social media and nine from fisher reports) were mainly captured in the area but also in surrounding waters ranging in size from 50–130 cm total length, all showing umbilical scars. Captures occurred between November–April in 2020 (n = 1), 2021 (n = 1), 2023 (n = 7), and 2024 (n = 2) Further information is required to understand the regularity and function of vital life-history activities, and the importance of the area for sharks.

POTENTIAL CRITERIA

Criterion A – Vulnerability; Sub-criterion C1 – Reproductive Areas

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Areas of Interest do not currently have enough information to meet the ISRA Criteria.

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POTENTIAL QUALIFYING SPECIES

Scientific Name	Common Name	IUCN Red List Category	Global Depth Range (m)	Potential ISRA Criteria/Sub-criteria Met								
				A	B	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	D1	D2
RAYS												
Lamna nasus	Porbeagle	VU	0–1,809	X		X						

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species Categories are available by searching species names at www.iucnredlist.org Abbreviations refer to: CR, Critically Endangered; EN, Endangered; VU, Vulnerable; NT, Near Threatened; LC, Least Concern; DD, Data Deficient.

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