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# Public Environmental Auditing: Audit Methodology to Implement Environmental Audits



# Environmental challenges are trans-boundary

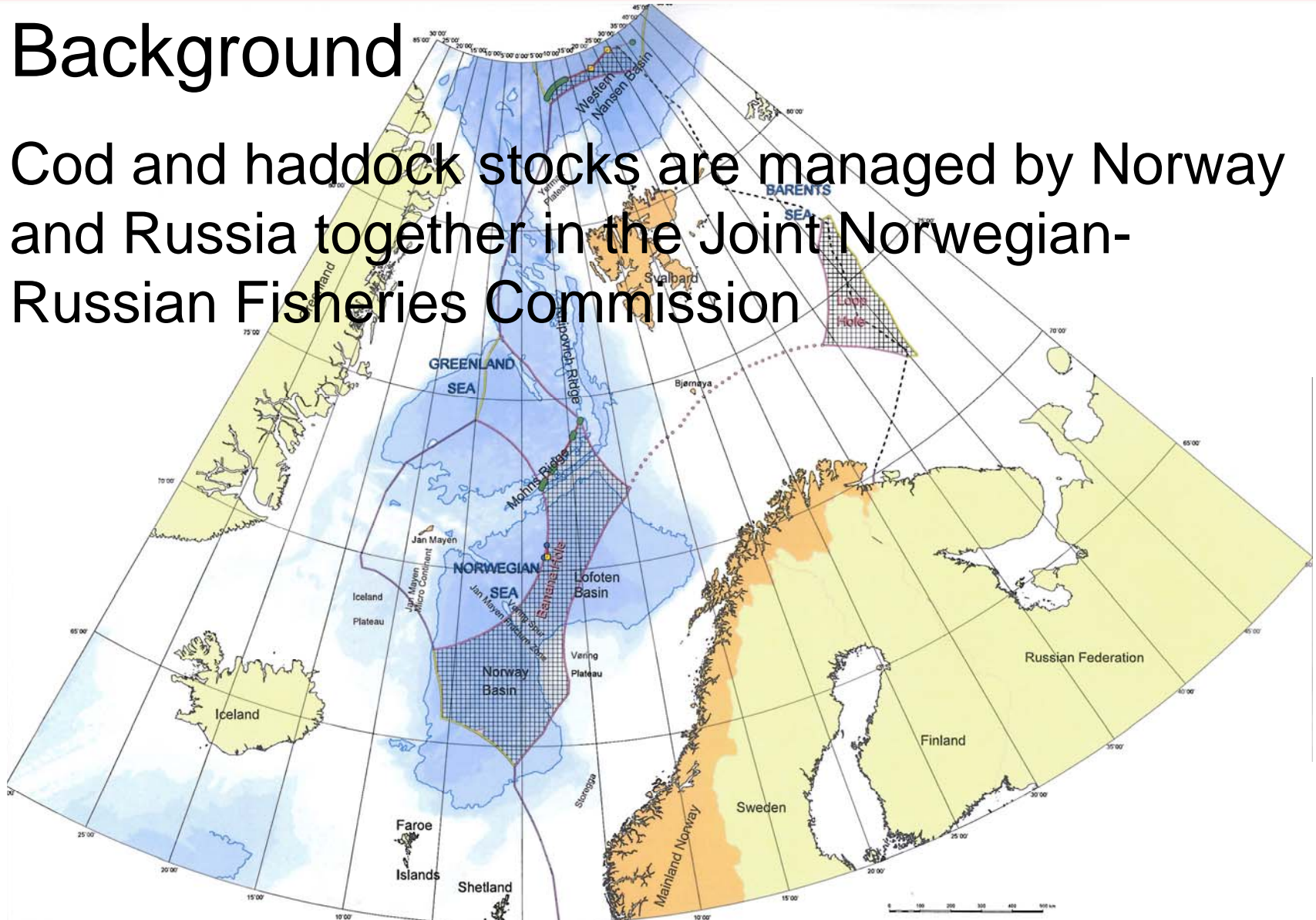


# Example: Norwegian-Russian Parallel Audit of the Management and Control of the Fish Resources in the Barents Sea and the Norwegian Sea



# Background

Cod and haddock stocks are managed by Norway and Russia together in the Joint Norwegian-Russian Fisheries Commission



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Illegal fishing threatens  
the sustainability of cod  
and haddock stocks



# Audit topics

- 1: Assessment of the amount of illegal cod fishing
- 2: Implementation of decisions made by the Joint Fisheries Commission
- 3: Resource control
- 4: Sanctions for violations of acts and regulations
- 5: Distribution and filling of fishing quotas
- 6: Joint marine research programmes

# Results

- Substantial overfishing of cod
- Significant decisions taken by the Joint Fisheries Commission were not implemented
- Material differences between the resource control systems in Norway and Russia
- Substantial differences between Norwegian and Russian fisheries legislation
- Scientists have had problems carrying out joint marine research programs

# Follow-up

- 2008, 2009 and 2010
- Joint interviews and inspections
- Cooperation with other SAIs
- Separate reports, joint memorandum

