

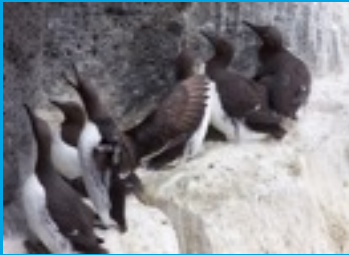
Marine Planning in Scotland

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Marine planning



- Promote sustainable development and use of marine resources
- Manage conflict in the marine environment and inform decision making
- Set a future vision and objectives
- Contribute to the delivery of Good Environmental Status
- Land/sea interactions
- A participative process

Rationale for marine planning



- **Sustainable use**
- **Provide framework for future regional planning and decision making**
- **Take integrated, balanced approach considering economic growth, environmental and social issues**
- **Cover all waters/activities**
- **Consider best locations for specific purposes**



Scotland's National Marine Plan

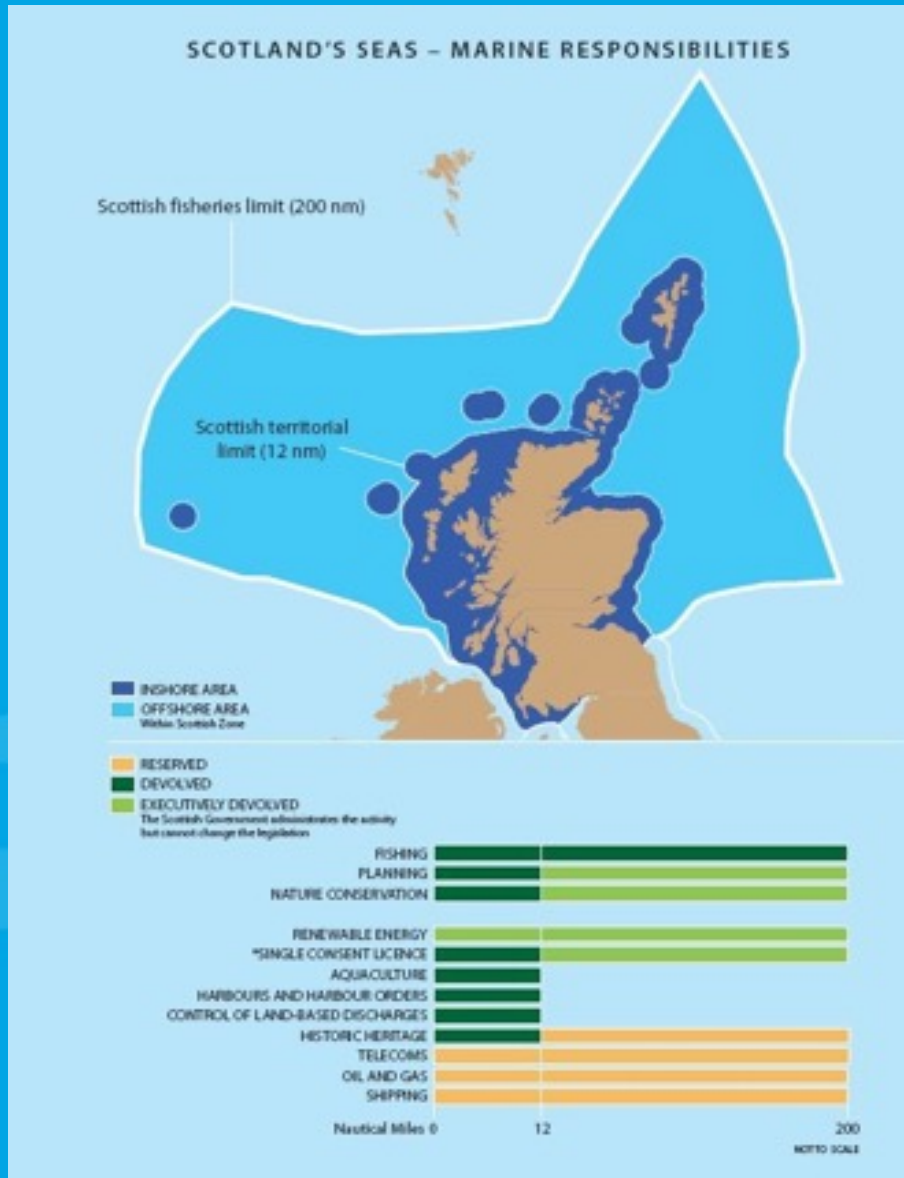
A Single Framework for Managing Our Seas



- **Published March 2015**
- **Policies for sustainable development**
- **For all Scottish waters**
- **Full range of activities**
- **Ecosystem approach - supports growth of marine industries while protecting the environment**
- **Binding on public authorities taking decisions which affect the sea**
- **Sets the framework for future regional planning**

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National



- **Conformity with UK Marine Policy Statement**
- **Informed by Marine Atlas & Sustainability Appraisal**
- **Ecosystem, socio-economic and climate change objectives**
- **General policies for sustainable development and use**
- **High level and sector specific objectives**
- **Sector specific policies**
- **Spatial aspects**
- **Conflict resolution**
- **Coherent with terrestrial plans**

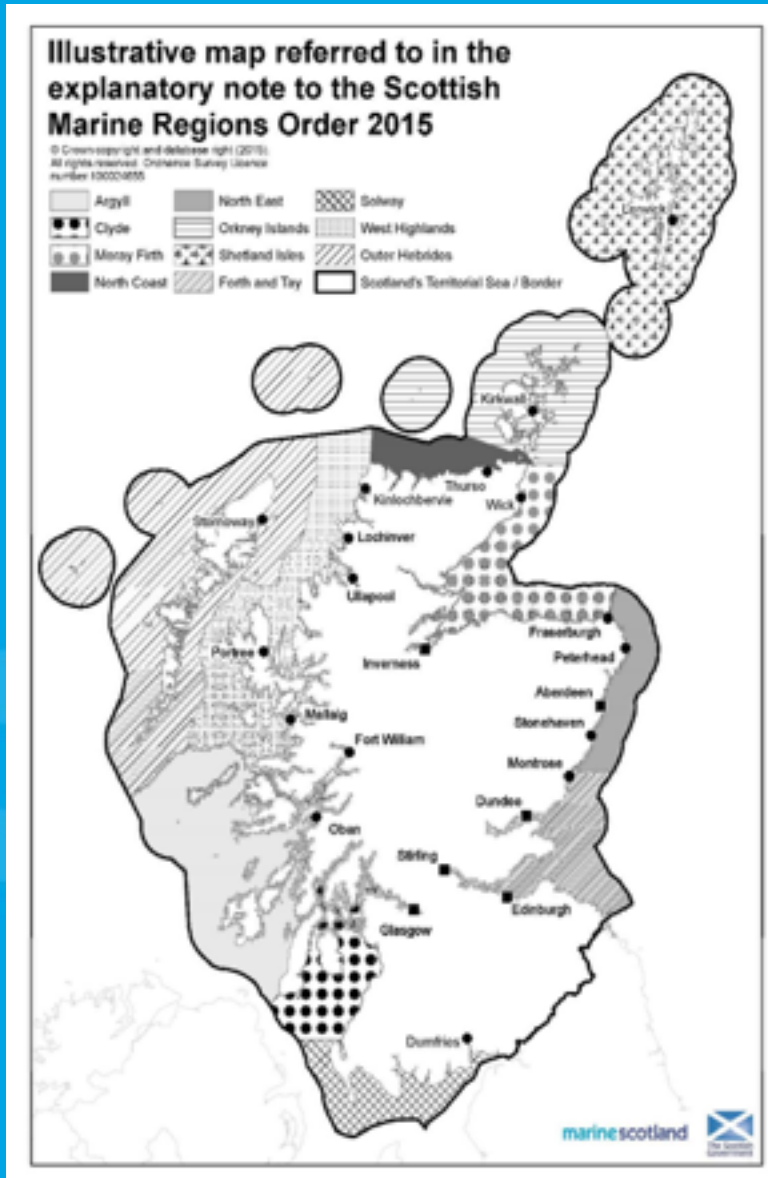
Supporting material and guidance



- **Scotland's Marine Atlas (e-book)**
- **National Marine Plan Interactive (NMPI) – GIS portal for marine data**
- **National Marine Plan Online (NMPo) – web based library of linked information**
- **Topic sheet**
- **Planning circular on the relationship between terrestrial and marine planning systems (and link to licensing)**

Regional Marine Planning in Scotland

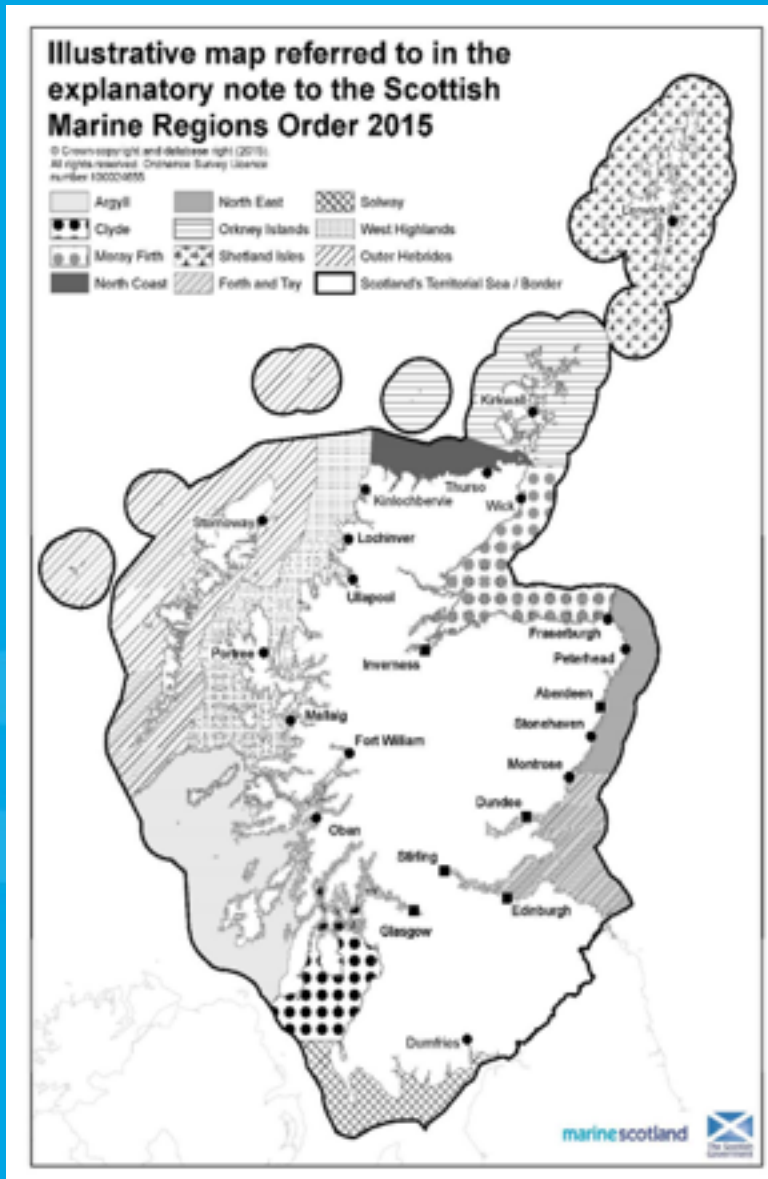
Scottish Marine Regions



- 11 Scottish Marine Regions
- The Scottish Marine Regions Order came in to force May 2015
- Extent of Regions is from MHWS to 12 nautical miles
- Delegation of Regional Planning to Marine Planning Partnerships
- Working to develop Marine Planning Partnerships (MPPs) in a step-wise manner.

Regional Marine Planning

Scottish Marine Regions



- Similar process to NMP but locally owned
- Must adhere to UK MPS and NMP
- Must demonstrate consistency across borders
- Directions from Ministers
- Shetland and Clyde early adopters
- Key issues – governance, representation, resources



- **MPP will be made up of marine stakeholders that reflect marine interests in the region**
- **Scottish Ministers have a choice as to the form of the delegate – as a minimum there can be a person nominated by the Scottish Ministers and a public authority.**
- **Could delegate to a group of persons - representing environmental, recreational and commercial interests**
- **MPP may vary in size and composition depending on the area, issues and existing groups**
- **Local Authorities, Inshore Fisheries Groups, Local Coastal Partnerships will play a role in development of regional plans**

Regional Marine Planning - Delegation



- Regional Marine Planning powers will be delegated by Scottish Ministers – Ministerial Direction
- Delegable functions in relation to a regional marine plan - Sections 5,8,11, 16 of the Marine Scotland Act
- Directions from Scottish Ministers must be published.
- Directions may make different provisions for different cases, areas or delegates
- MPPs will prepare and a Regional Marine Plan in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Act

Regional Marine Plans



- Scottish Ministers decide to publish and adopt the regional marine plan
- Where there is no Regional Marine Plan, the NMP and MPS will apply in that area of sea
- Regional marine plans will need to be consistent with the NMP and the UK MPS
- The NMP sets out guidance for regional planners
- Marine Scotland will provide support to the MPPs e.g. access to research and science, the provision of hosting data through NMPi, and guidance on policy development

- Marine Scotland will provide support to the Partnerships, for example by giving access to research and science, the provision and hosting of data through [NMPi](#), and guidance on policy development.

Regional Marine Plans – what's required



Legislative requirements include:

- **Assessing the condition of the region**
- **Summarising the significant pressures and consequences of human activity**
- **Keeping under review the characteristics of the region**
- **Setting economic, social, marine ecosystem and climate change objectives**
- **Stating the contribution of MPAs and other designated areas**
- **Stating policies for sustainable development of the region**
- **Developing a Statement of Public Participation and carrying out consultation**

Marine Planning Activity



- **Delegation to Clyde and Shetland Isles as the first MPPs.**
- **Lessons learned from Clyde and Shetland will inform the next MPPs**
- **Other experience, lessons learnt that can be drawn upon:**
 - SSMEI projects – Clyde, Shetland, Sound of Mull
 - Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters pilot spatial plan
- **A number of groups are also involved in marine planning:**
 - Scottish Coastal Forum and Local Coastal Partnerships
 - Marine Spatial Planning Forum
 - Scotland's Seas Data and Assessment Group
 - Marine Spatial Planning Forum (MASTS)

More information



- wendy.geary@gov.scot
- www.gov.scot/MarinePlanOnline
- Regional marine planning web pages <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/seamanagement/regional>
- NMP Guidance for regional planners
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