



Marine Protected Areas The road to a new network

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The Wildlife Trusts and Living Seas

- Marine team since 1996
 - Living Seas programme since 2010
 - Working nationally...
 - ...and locally
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- Long-term focus on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

The Wildlife Trusts and Living Seas



- Latest strategy sets out our approach to:
 - Fisheries
 - MPAs
 - Offshore development
 - Pollution etc.
- Integrated through Regional Sea Plans



https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/2018-03/the_wildlife_trusts_marine_strategy.pdf

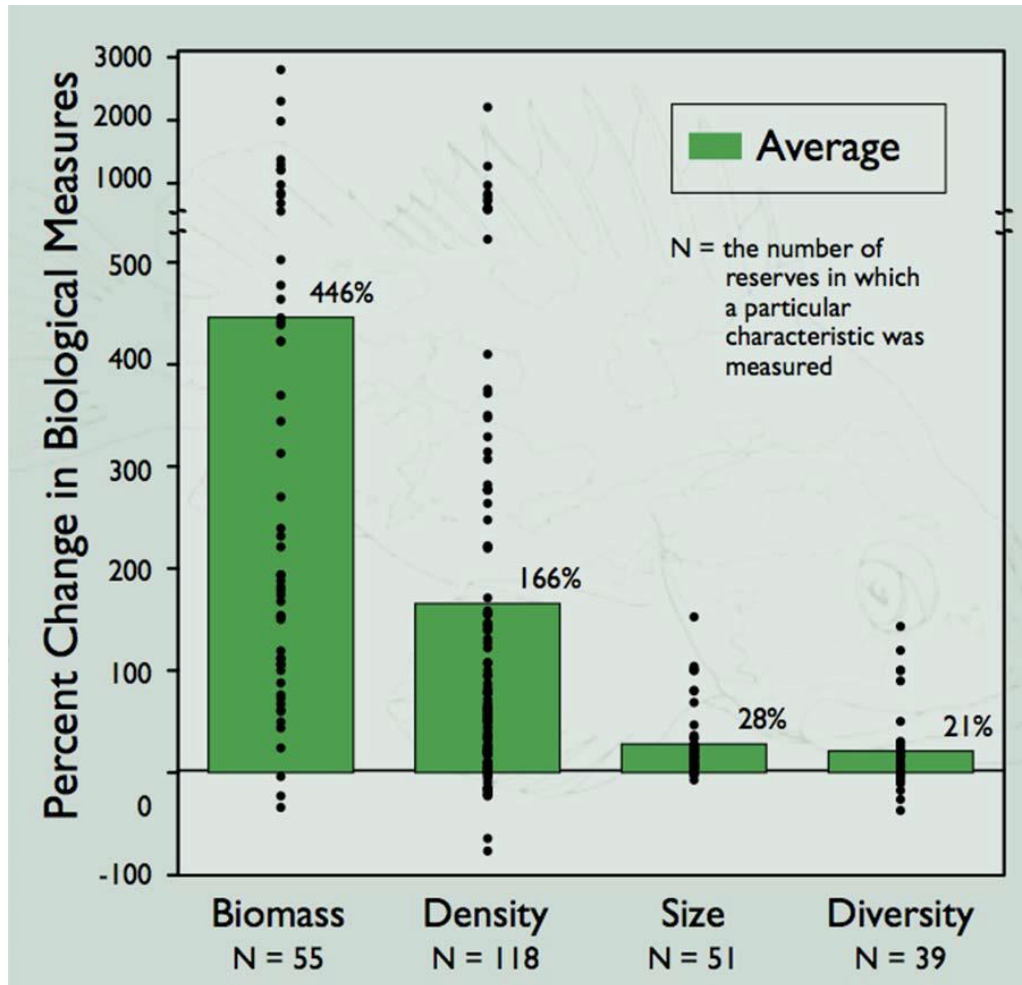
The road to a new network

- Marine Protected Areas work!
- Making them work better – building a network
- Marine Conservation Zones – past, present and future
- Managing fisheries in MPAs
- Brexit – challenges and opportunities in offshore waters

Some terminology

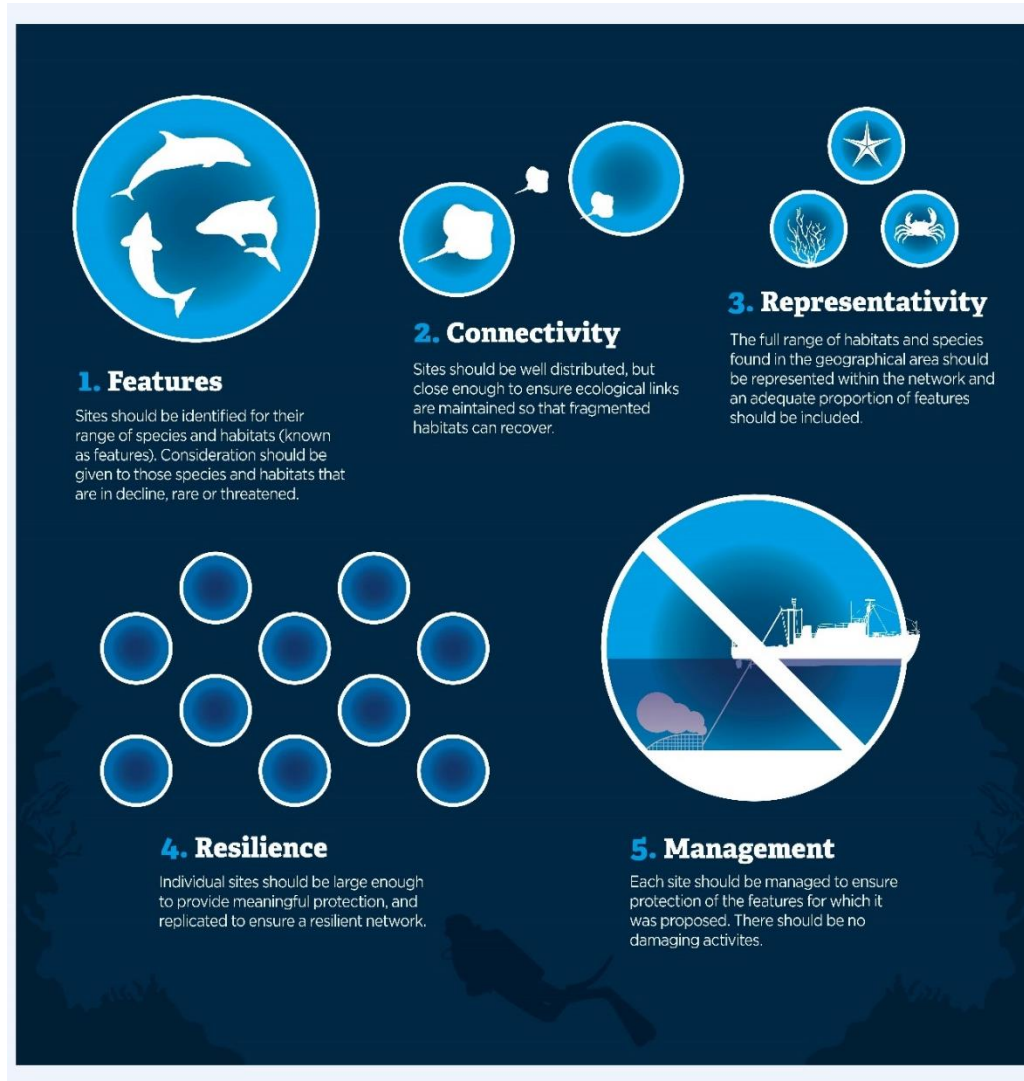
- Marine Reserves
 - areas where all damaging activities are excluded...
 - ...also known as No Take Zones
- Marine Protected Areas (MPA)
 - broader term...
 - ...includes Marine Reserves and multi-use areas
- All MPAs in the UK are multi-use

Marine Reserves work

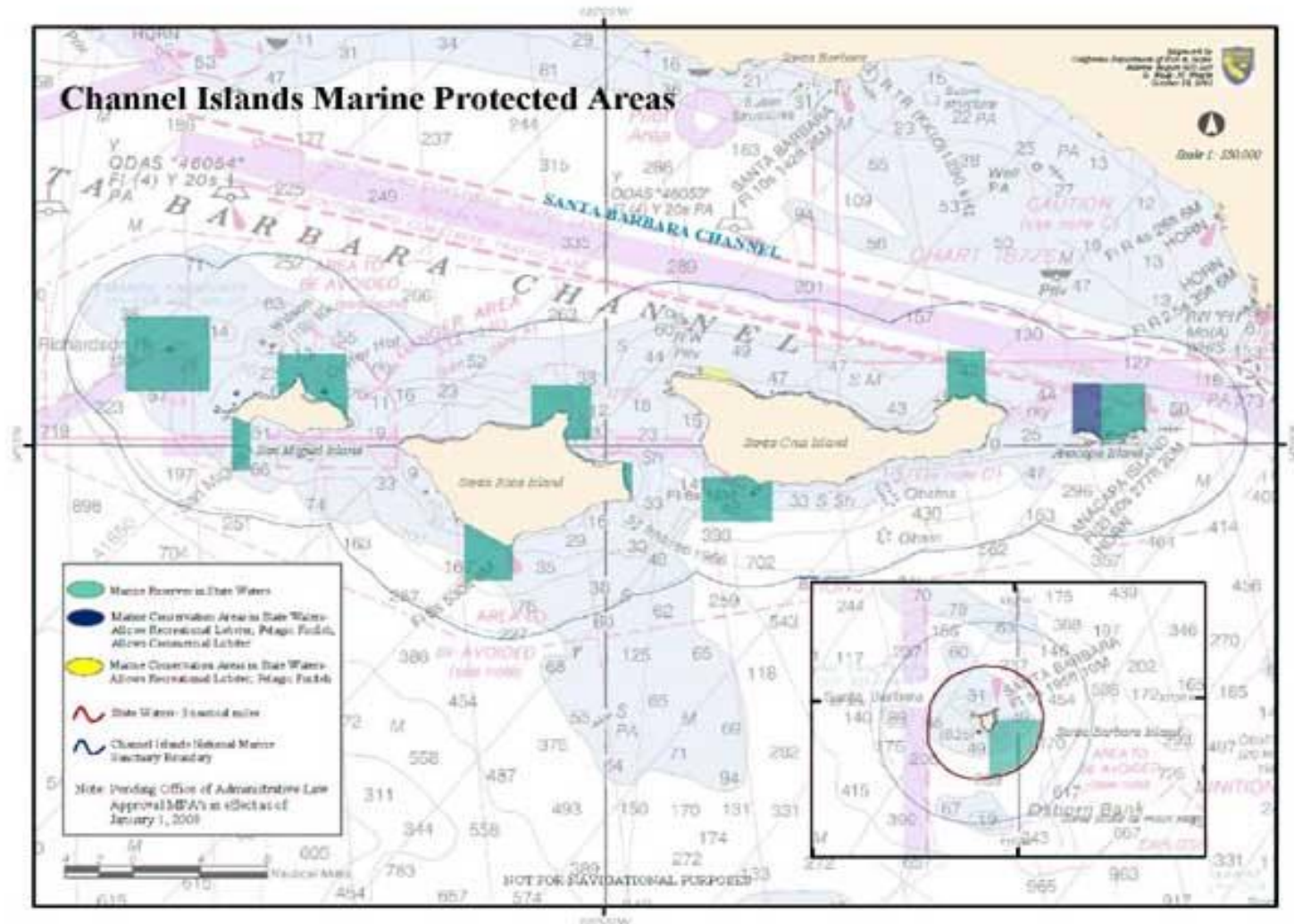


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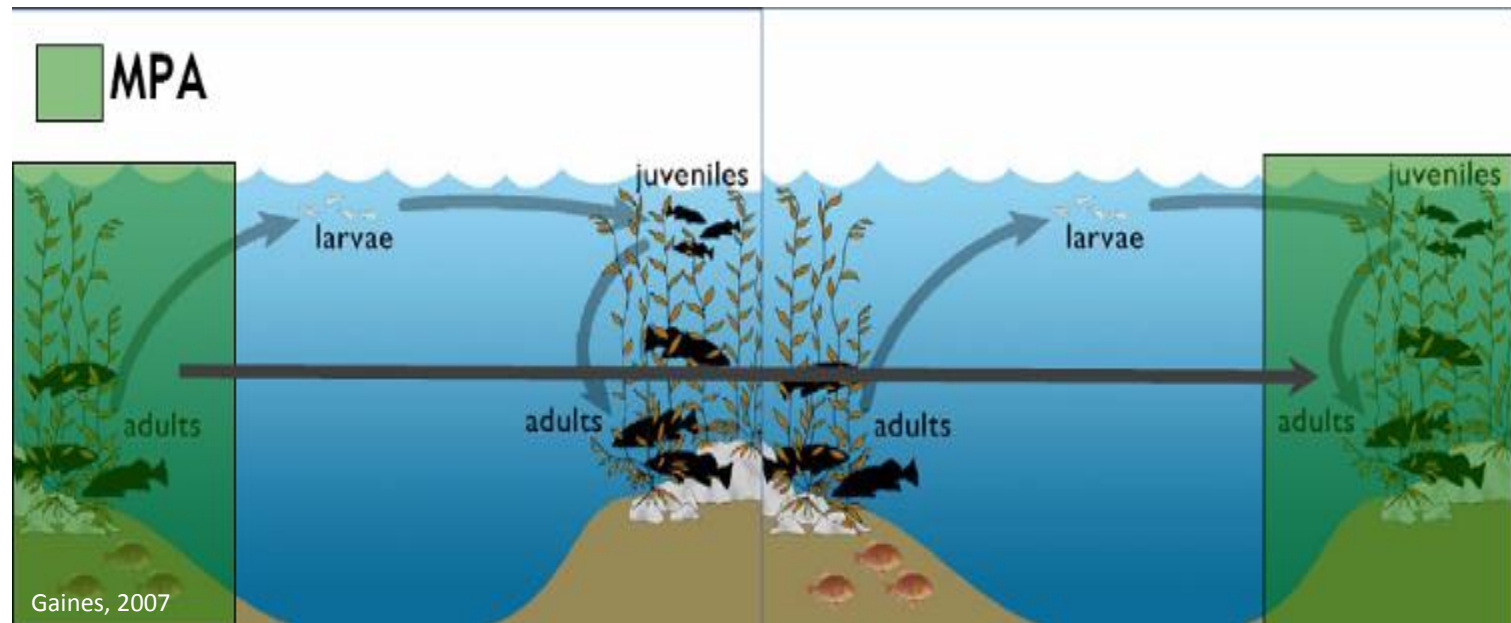
International criteria for network design



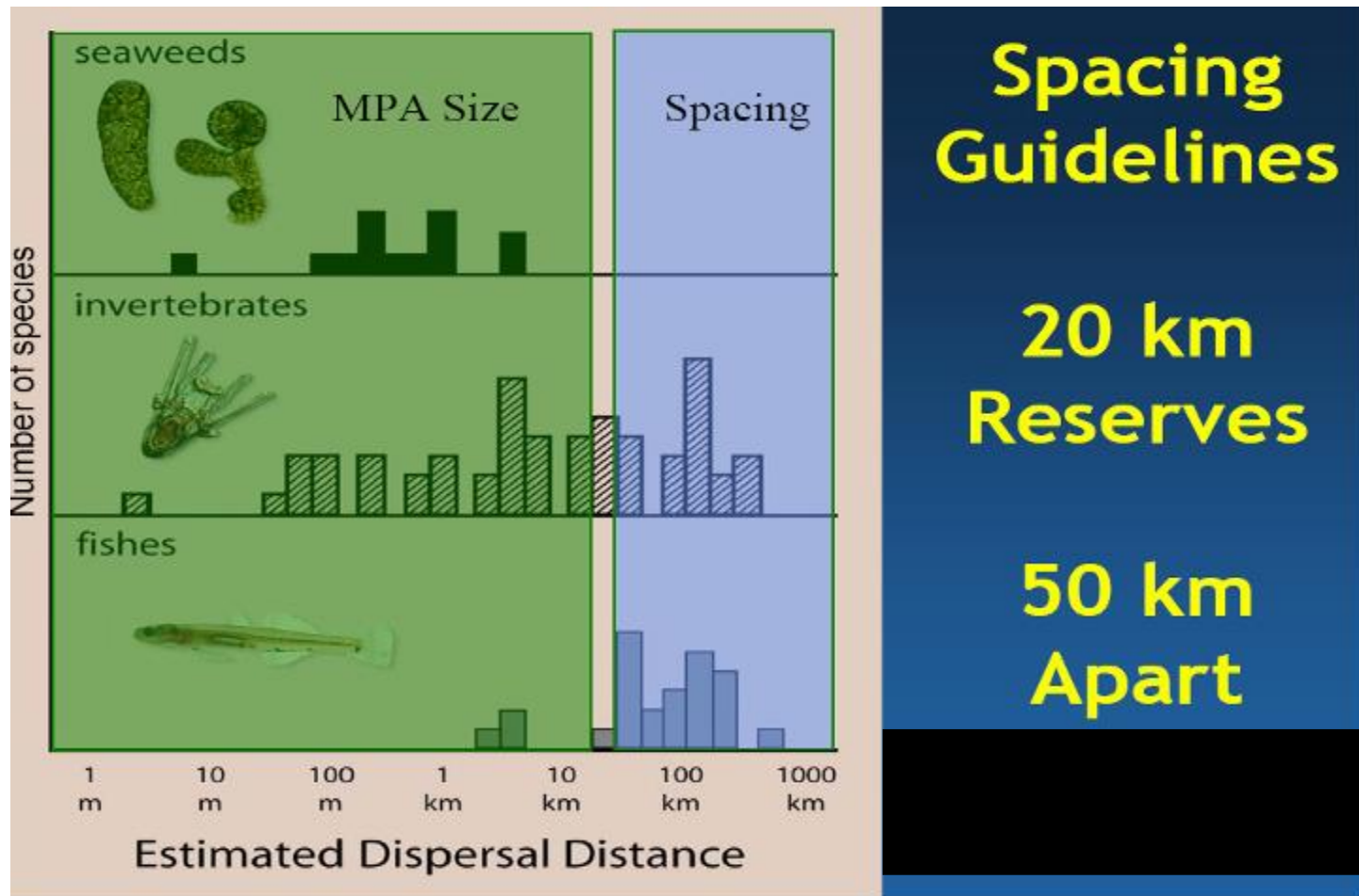
Ecological Networks



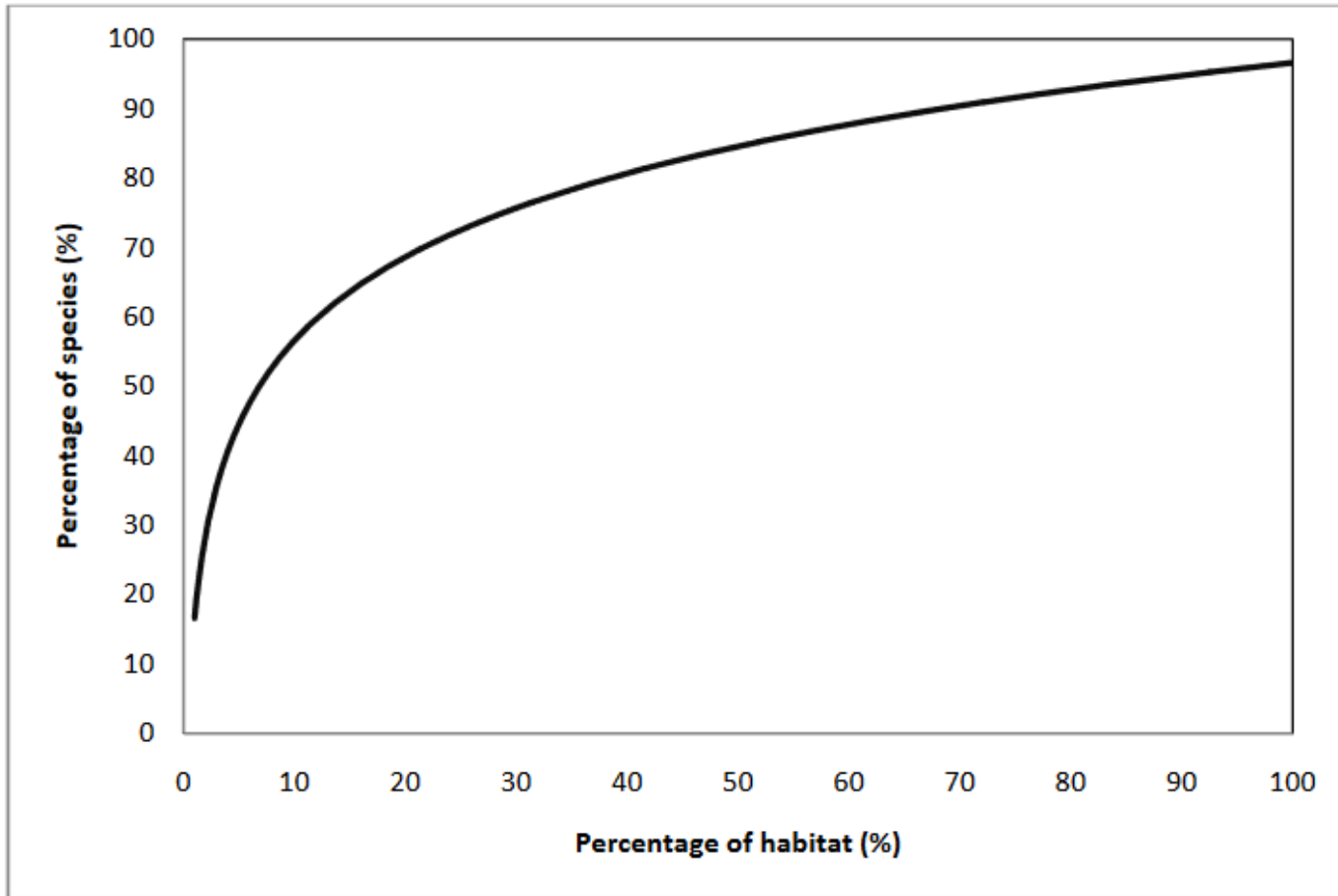
Species dispersal



Ecological networks - size and connectivity



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Broad-scale habitat types		Percentage of species (10% incremental steps)				
		50%	60%	70%	80%	90%
High energy intertidal rock (A1.1)	Percentage of total broad-scale habitat area	4.9	10.8	21.2	37.9	63.2
Moderate energy intertidal rock (A1.2)		4.9	10.9	21.3	38.0	63.3
Low energy intertidal rock (A1.3)		5.4	11.6	22.2	39.0	64.1
Intertidal coarse sediments (A2.1)		6.69	13.6	24.8	41.8	66.3
Intertidal sand and muddy sand (A2.2)		6.3	13.0	24.8	41.8	65.7
Intertidal mud (A2.3)		6.3	13.0	24.8	41.8	65.7
Intertidal mixed sediments (A2.4)		6.3	13.0	24.8	41.8	65.7
High energy infralittoral rock (A3.1)		2.5	6.6	15.0	30.5	57.1
Moderate energy infralittoral rock (A3.2)		3.0	7.5	16.5	32.4	58.7
Low energy infralittoral rock (A3.3)		2.8	7.1	15.9	31.6	58.0
High energy circalittoral rock (A4.1)		1.4	4.3	11.2	25.4	52.3
Moderate energy circalittoral rock (A4.2)		1.9	5.4	13.0	27.9	54.7
Low energy circalittoral rock (A4.3)		2.7	7.1	15.7	31.5	57.9
Subtidal coarse sediment (A5.1)		3.0	7.6	16.5	32.4	58.7
Subtidal sand (A5.2)		2.3	6.3	14.5	29.9	56.6
Subtidal mud (A5.3)		2.3	6.2	14.5	29.8	56.5
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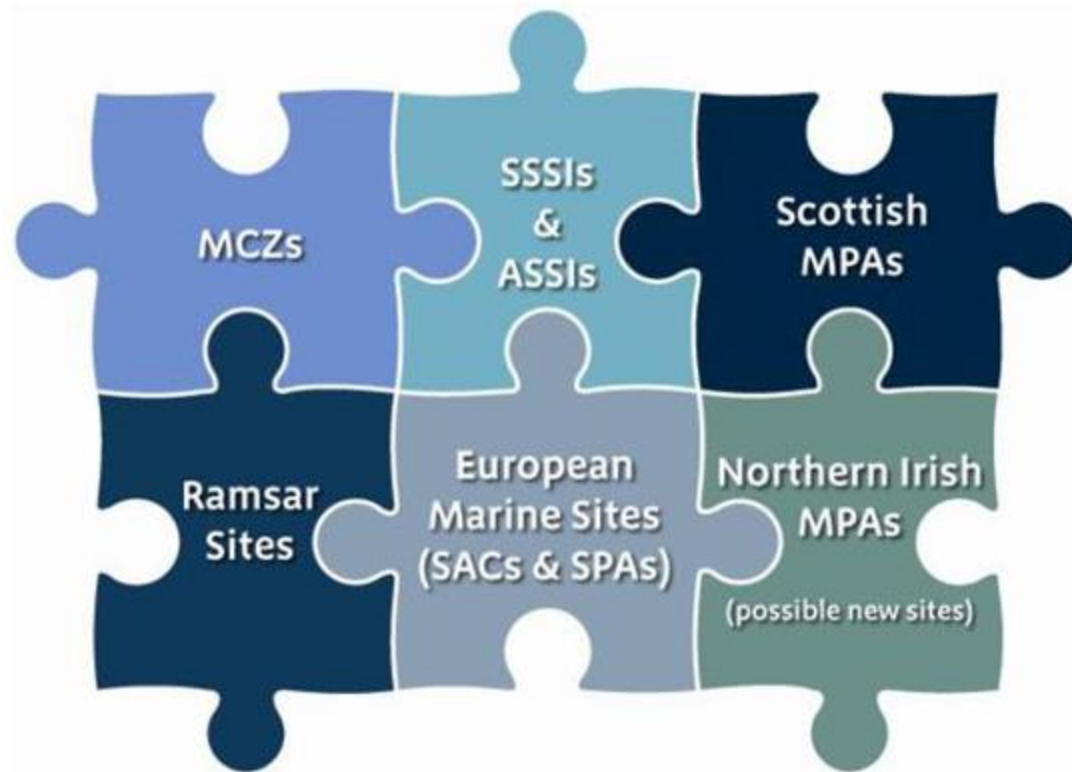


Image: Natural England

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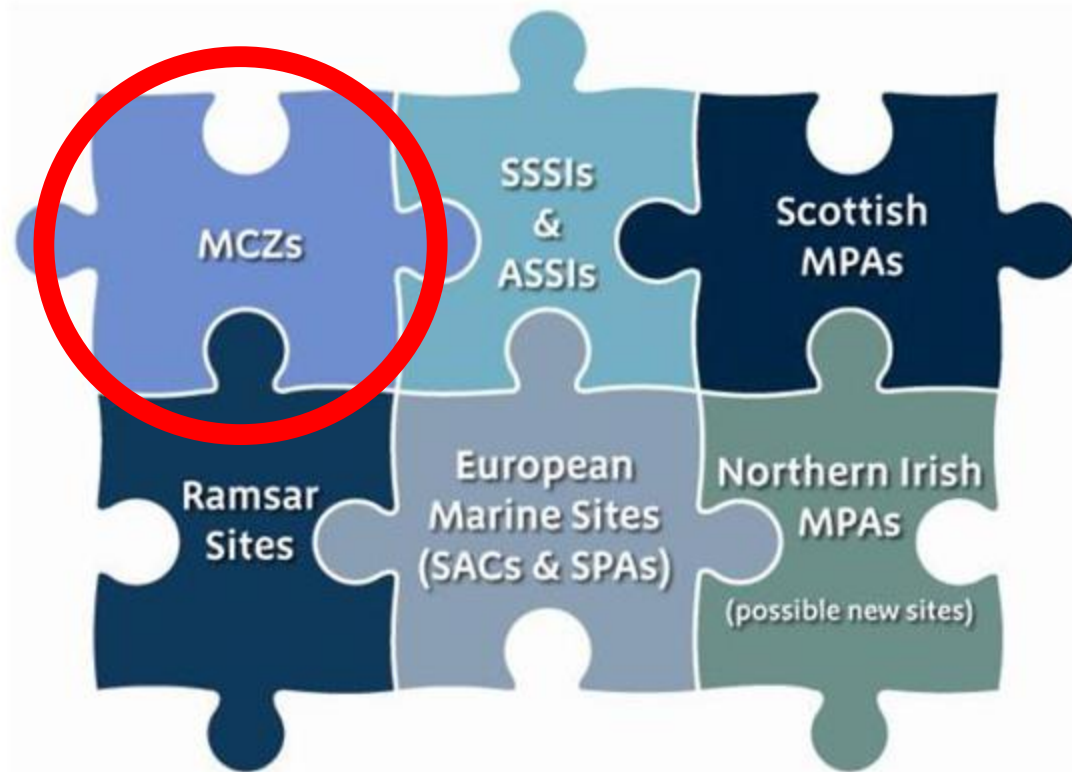
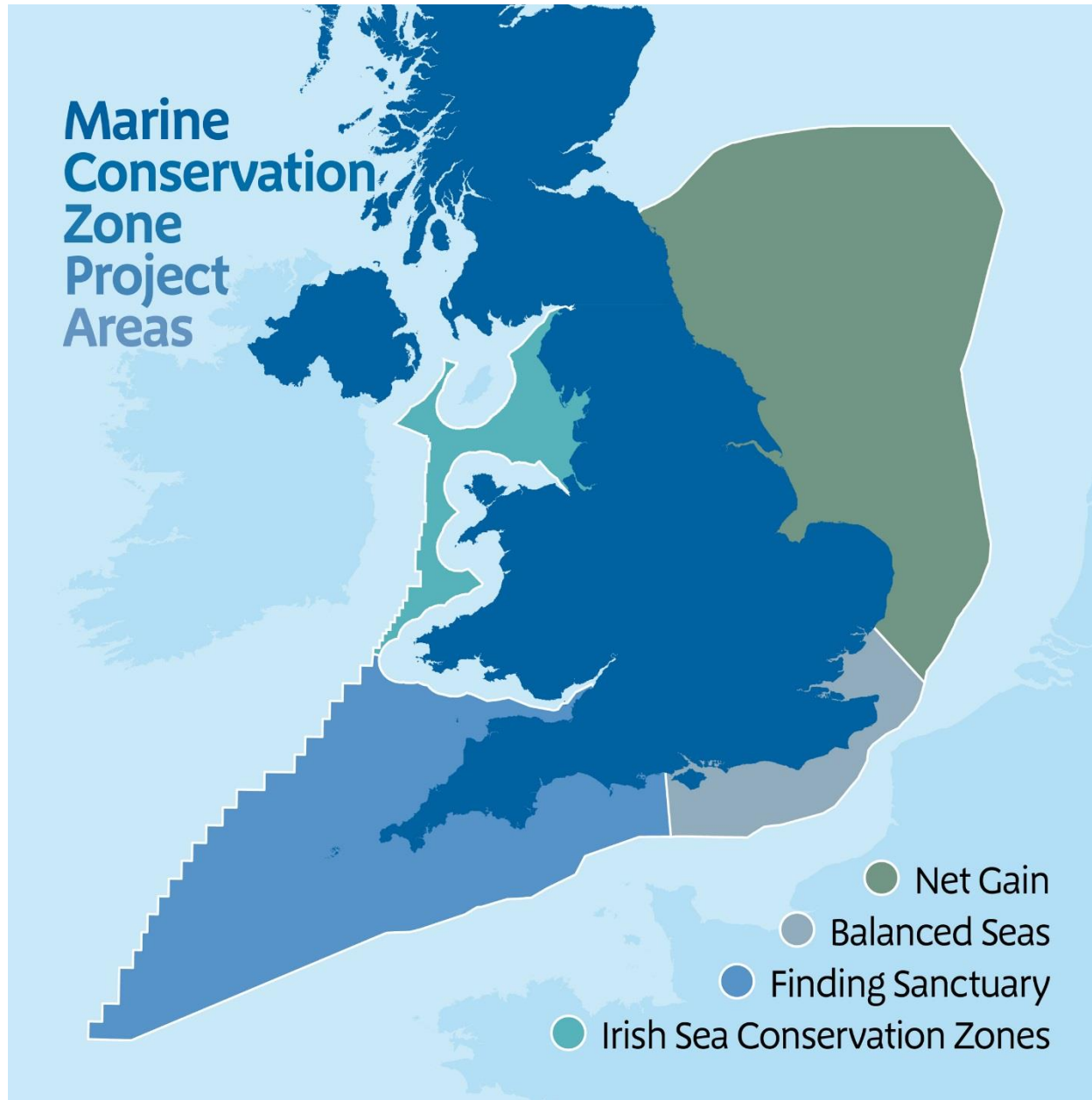


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- Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs)
- Marine and Coastal Access Act 2008

Marine Conservation Zone Project Areas



A bold experiment





Marine Conservation Zone Project

Ecological Network Guidance

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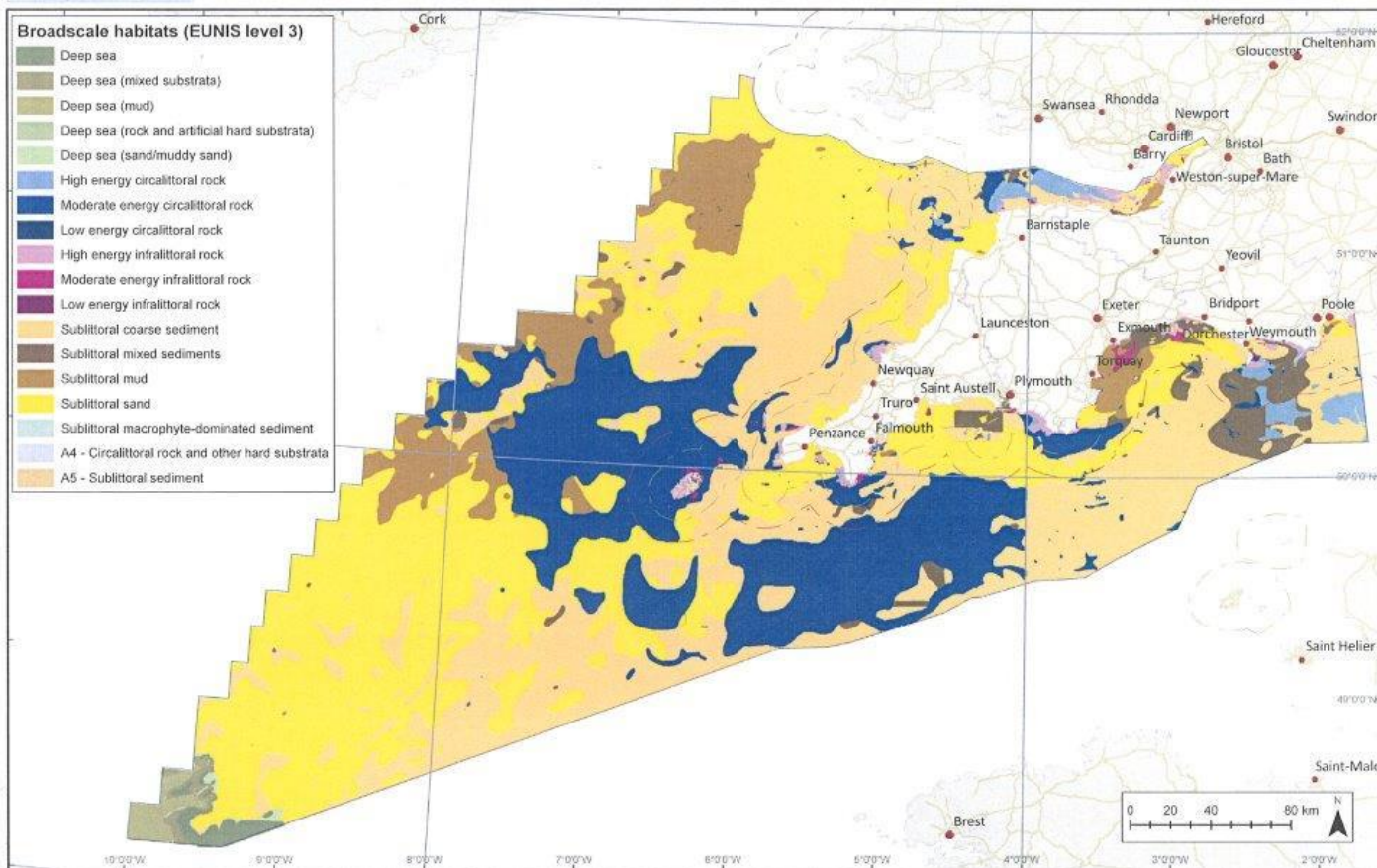
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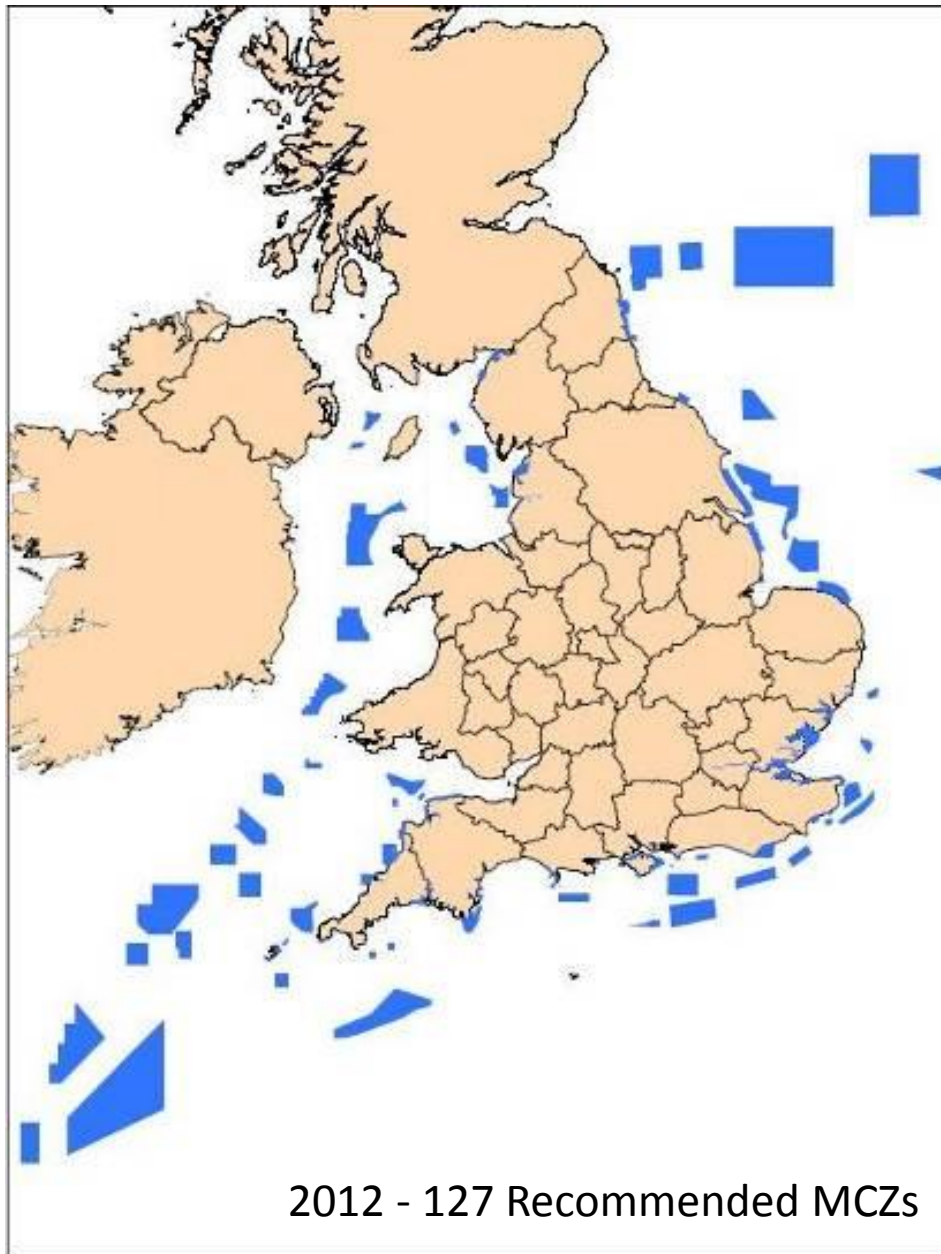
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Broadscale classification of seafloor habitats (EUNIS level 3)

Map shows modelled EUNIS level 3 habitats (broad-scale seafloor habitats). They are modelled based on depth, light penetration, waves and tidal currents, and sea floor substrate. UKSeaMap provided by the JNCC (2010).

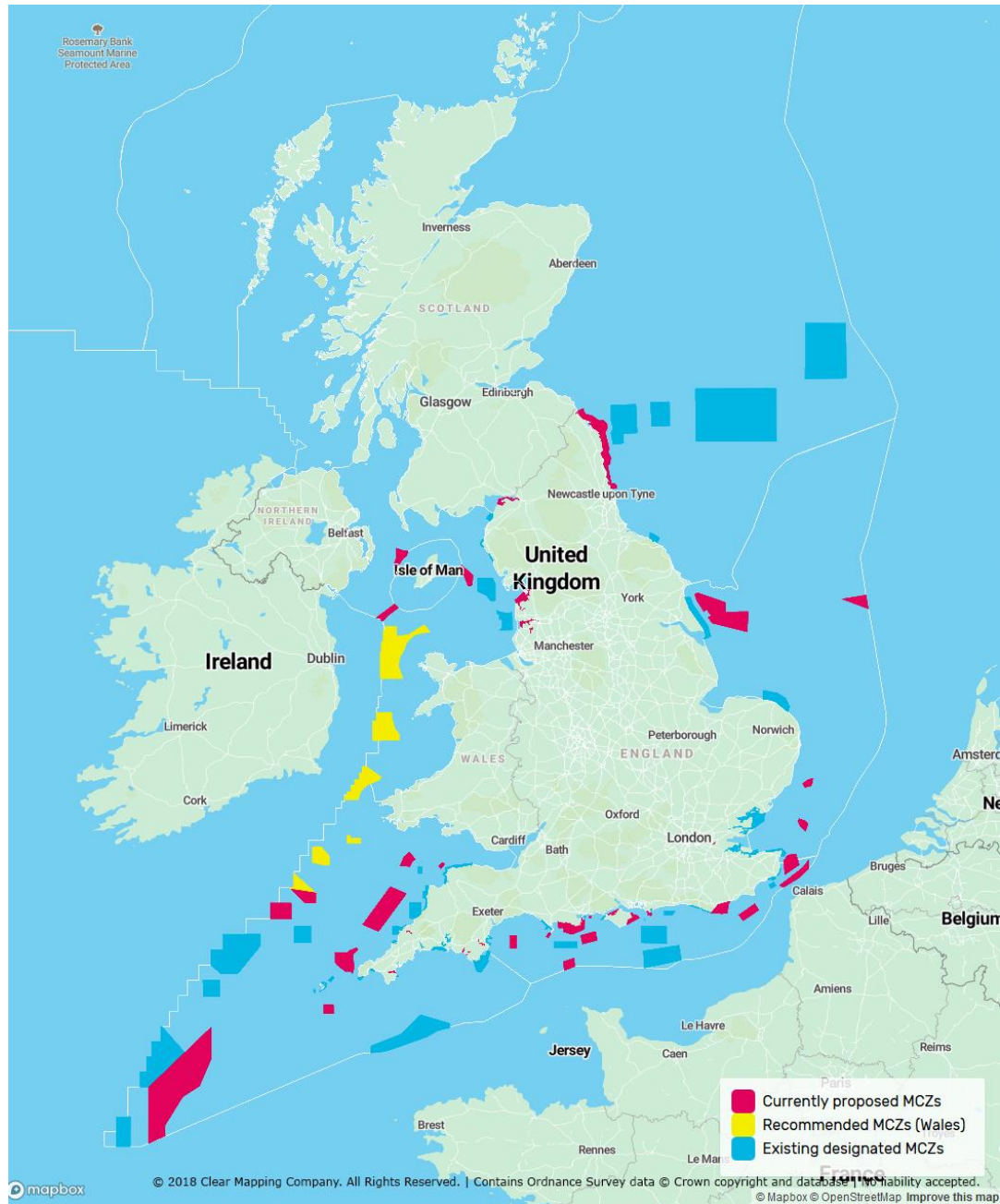


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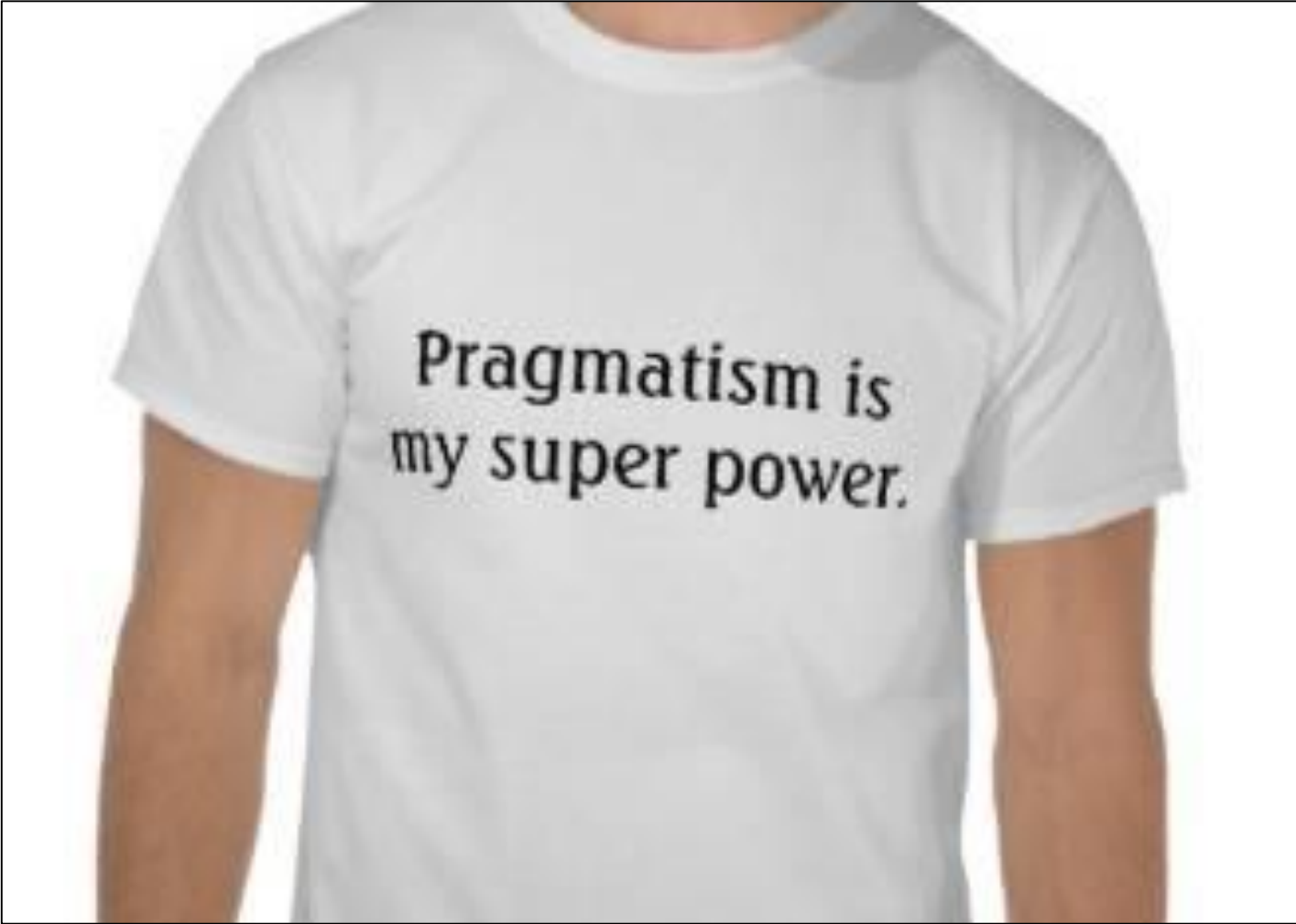


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- A complete network?
- Not a done deal!
 - six week consultation
 - closes 20 July
 - <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/marine-protected-areas/england>

Managing fishing in MPAs

- European Marine Sites (SAC and SPA)
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Pragmatism is
my super power.

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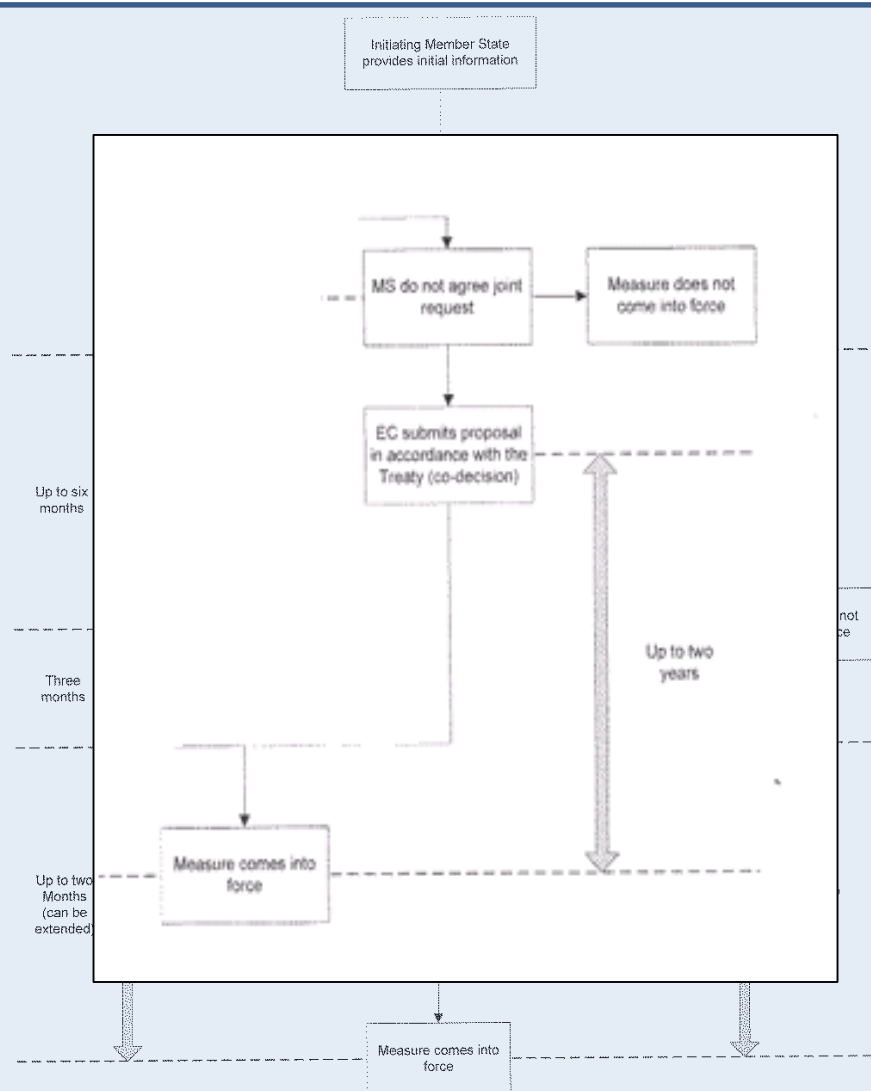
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- Pragmatic approach
- Risk-based assessment of impacts

Who is doing what?

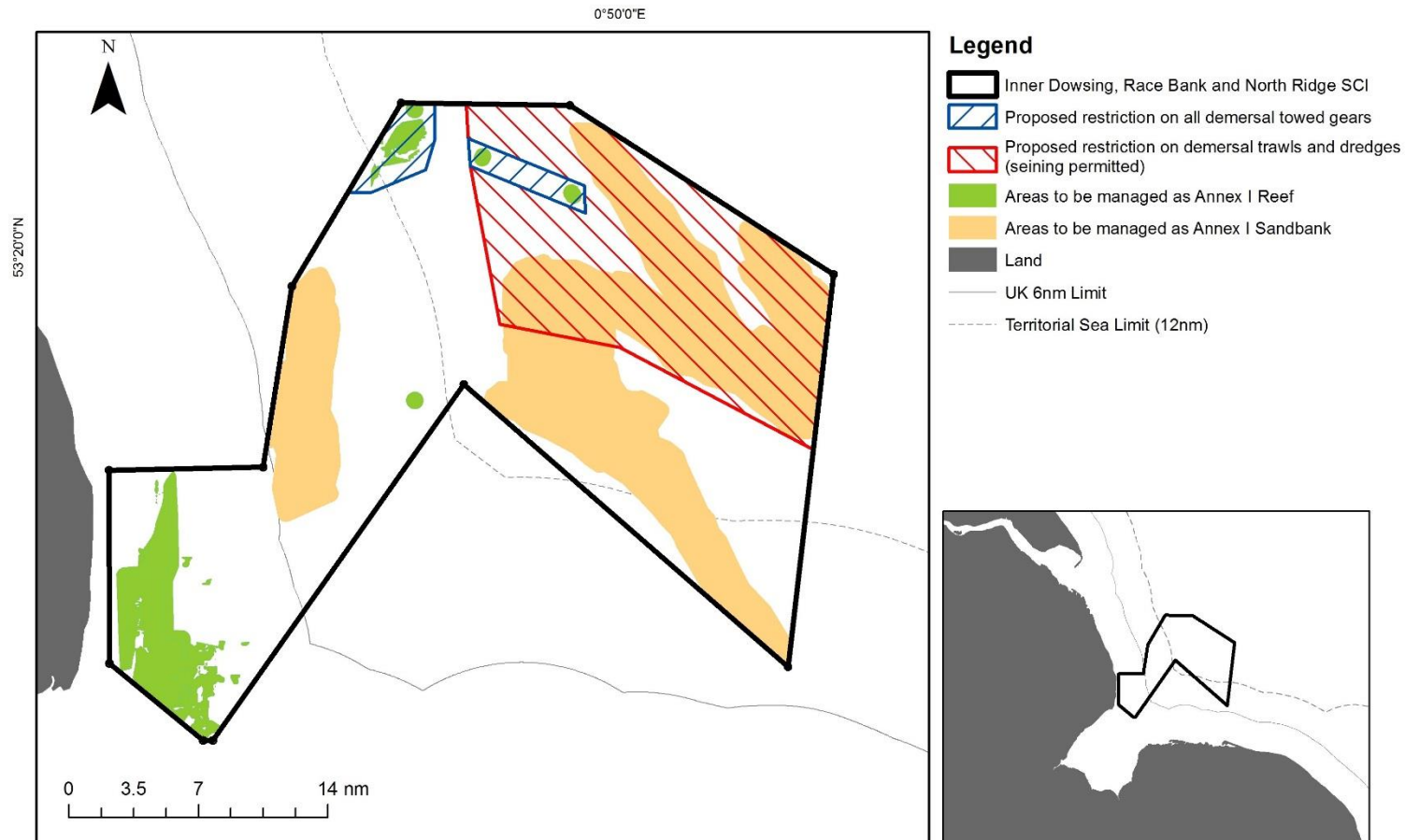
0-6nm	Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCA)
6-12nm	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
12-200nm	Defra

- Defra process subject to Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) rules

Annex 1: Flow chart showing process for implementation of fisheries measures for offshore MPAs as defined by articles 11 and 18 of the Common Fisheries Policy regulation (1380/2013).



Compromise, not conservation



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After Brexit...

New legislation must:

- enable MPAs in UK offshore waters to be managed after we leave the EU
- ensure that the UK and devolved administrations have a final say in management

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We're getting there.