

UK Marine Protected Areas

- The Marine Conservation Zone Project
- Haig Fras SCI Fisheries management measure workshop

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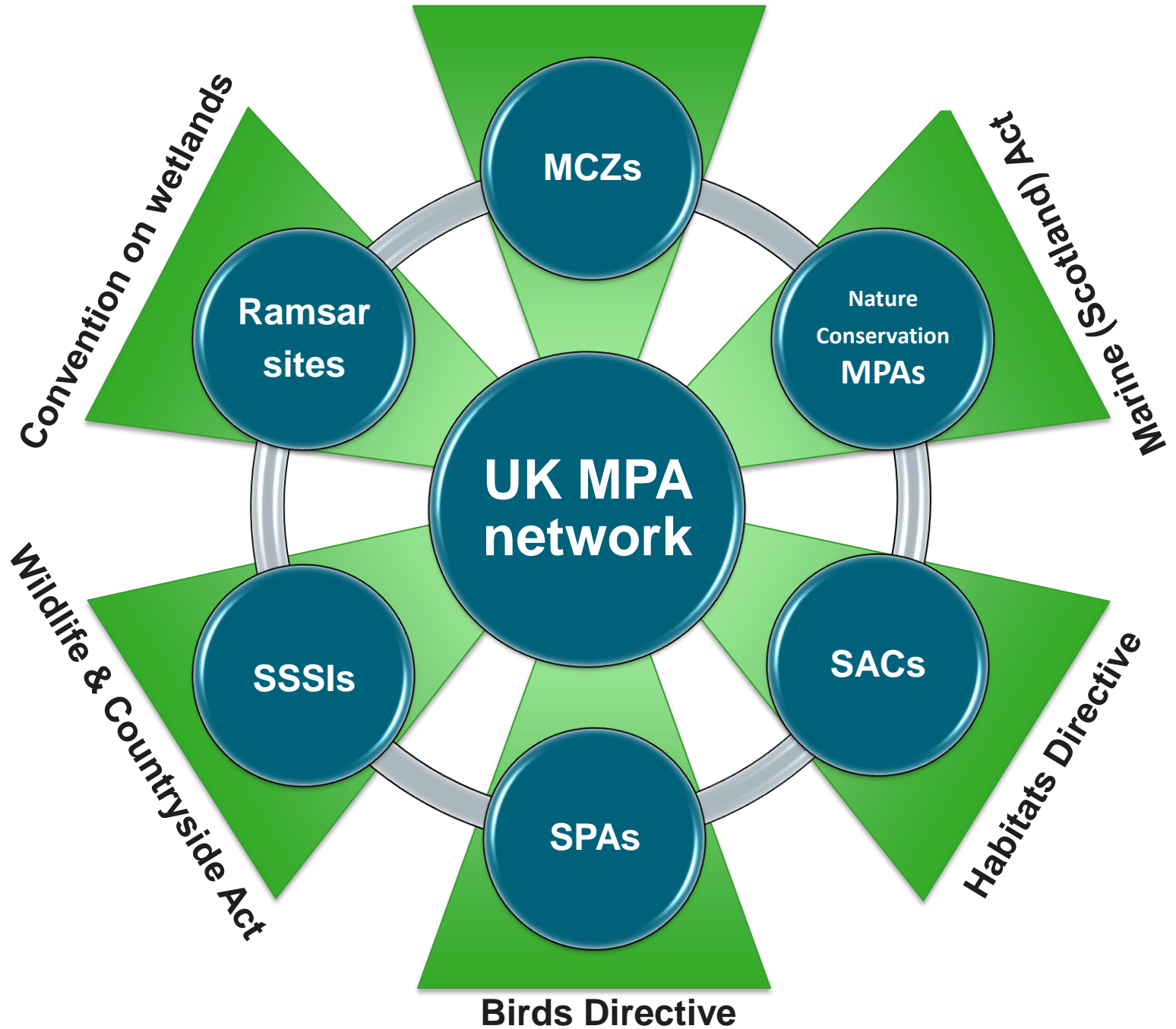


Marine Conservation Zone Project Background

- International commitment to establish networks of MPAs
- UK Government Aim – “Ecologically coherent network of Marine Protected Areas”
- UK Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 – Introduces MCZs to achieve the UK’s international commitments

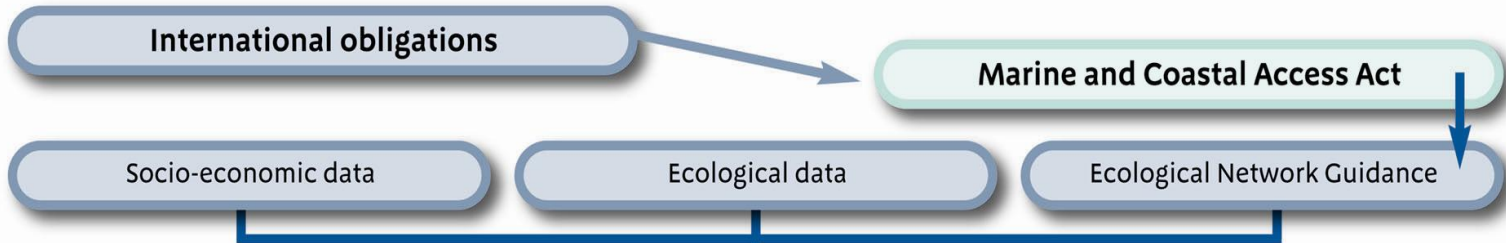


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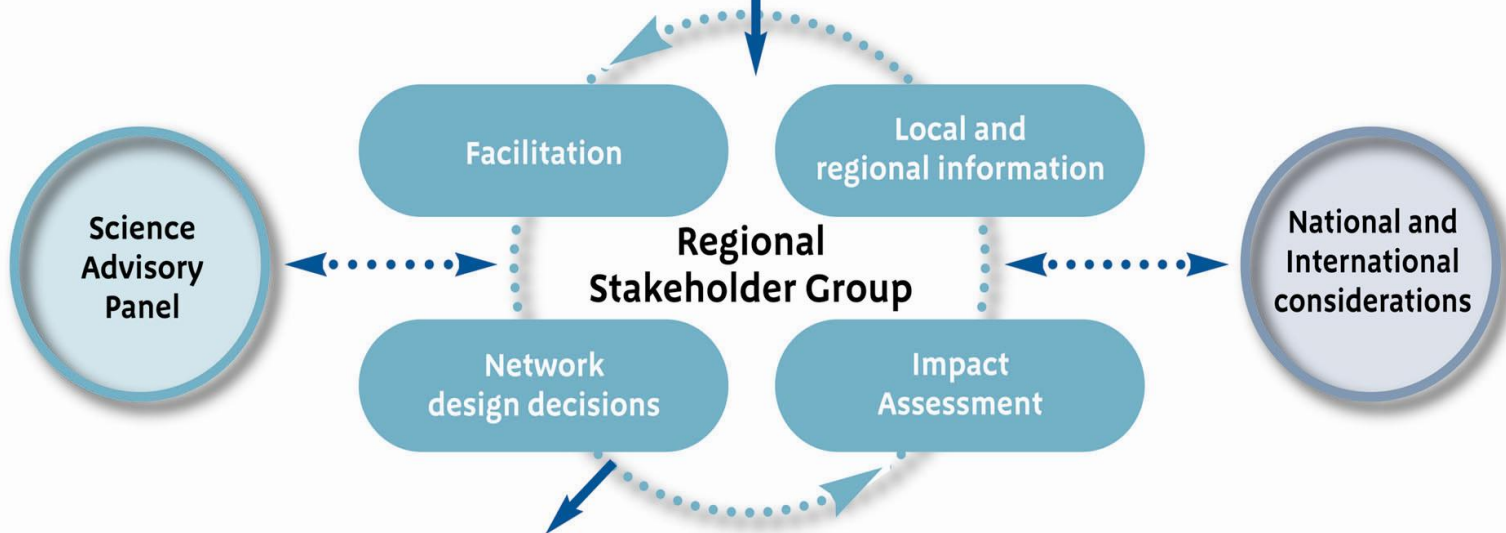


Marine Conservation Zone Designation Process

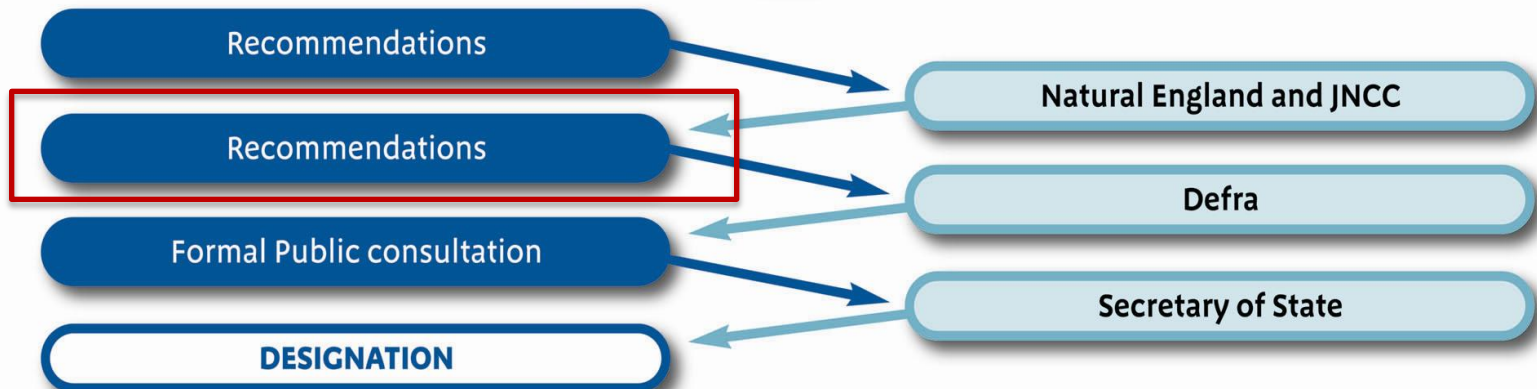
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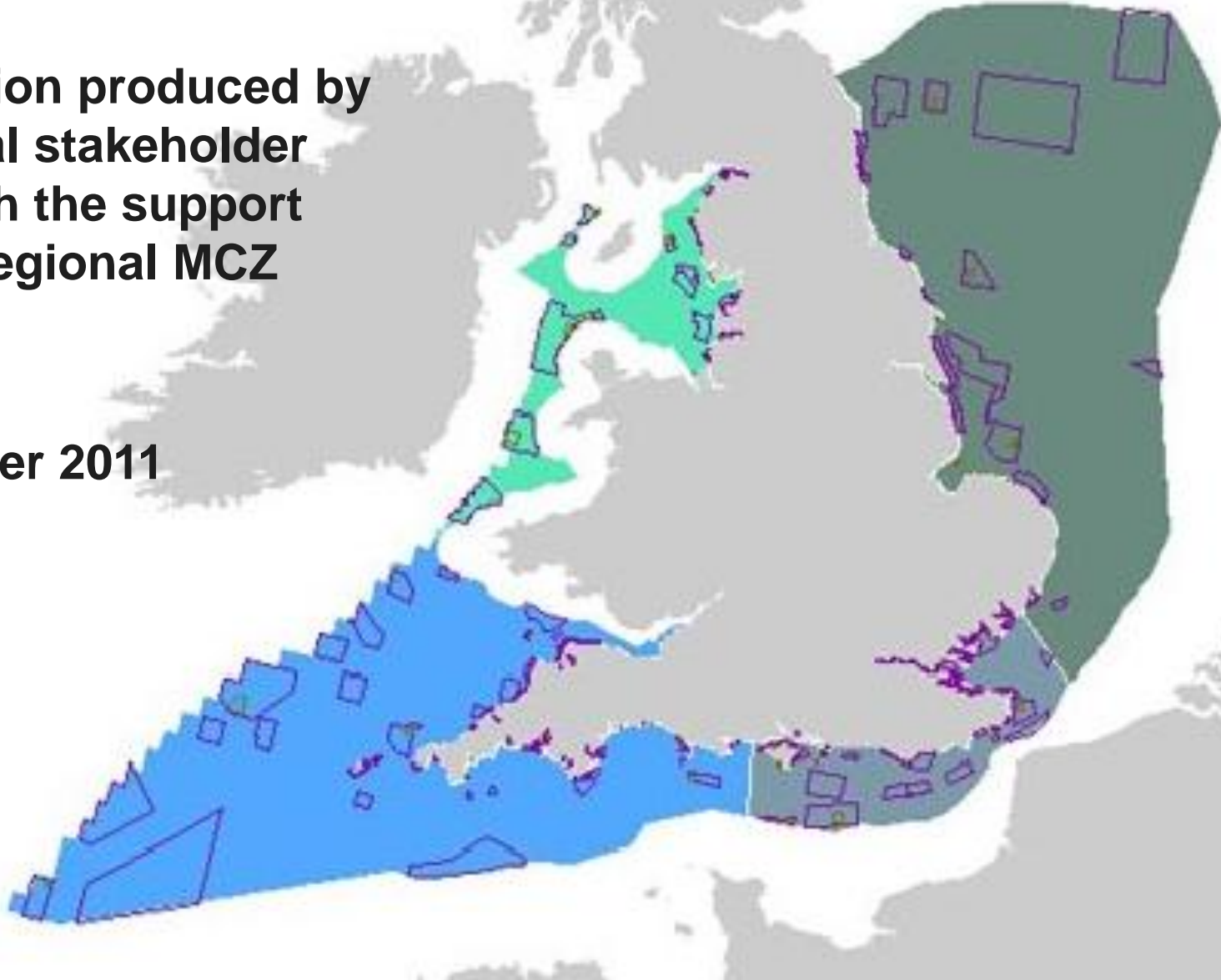
2012



The Marine Conservation Zone Project

- Final iteration produced by the regional stakeholder groups with the support from the Regional MCZ Projects

- September 2011



Management Options

- Within 6nm limit – Only applies to UK Vessels – IFCA
- Regulatory options include byelaws or fishing license conditions (MMO)
- Voluntary restrictions will be explored before regulatory measures
- Measures will apply to all EU Vessels beyond 6nm limit
- Fishing Regulation under the CFP
- Regulation will apply to all EU vessels at the same time (out with 6nm)

MCZ Impact Assessments

- Developed by the regional project economists with support from Natural England, JNCC and Defra.
- Provides:
 - A summary of the regional MCZ project recommendations
 - Information on the benefit of designating the recommended MCZs
 - Information on the activities that would need to be managed in order for the conservation objectives of the recommended sites to be achieved
 - An assessment of the impact of designating the recommended MCZs
- Undertaken in an iterative process enabling stakeholders to comment

Revised MCZ designation timetable

Action	By when
Regional MCZ projects submitted final site recommendations to the SAP, Natural England and JNCC.	31 August 2011
Impact Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tranche 1: Fisheries information and Renewables • Tranche 2: Other information • Tranche 3: Incorporation of comments from tranche 1 and 2 and all other information 	25th November 2011 – 6th January 2012 23rd January – 10th February 2012 6th February – 5th March 2012
Natural England and JNCC submit the regional MCZ project recommendations and IA with statutory advice to Defra.	17th July 2012
Public consultation.	End of 2012
Government designates 1 st tranche of MCZs	2013

MAIA Haig Fras Site of Community Importance Fisheries Management Measure Workshop

MAIA

www.maia-network.org

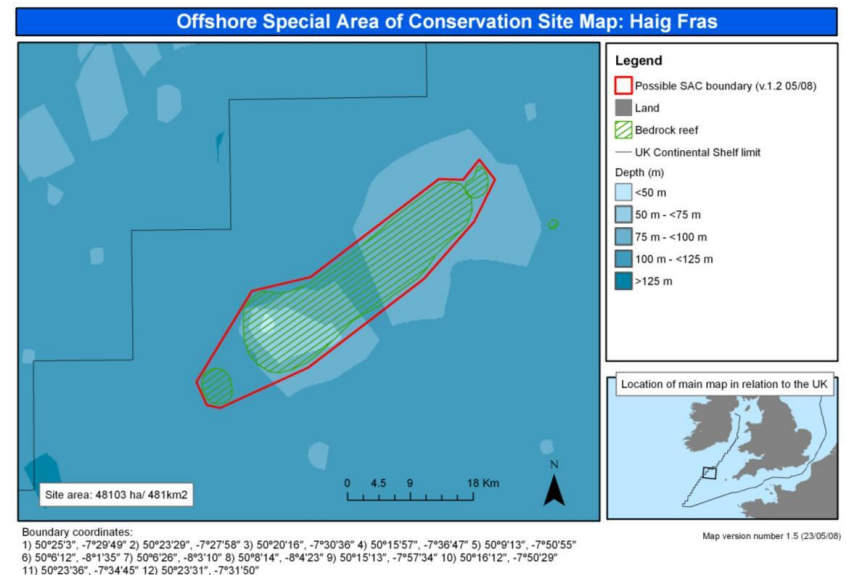
Marine protected areas
in the Atlantic arc

'Towards a network of Marine Protected Areas in the Atlantic arc'



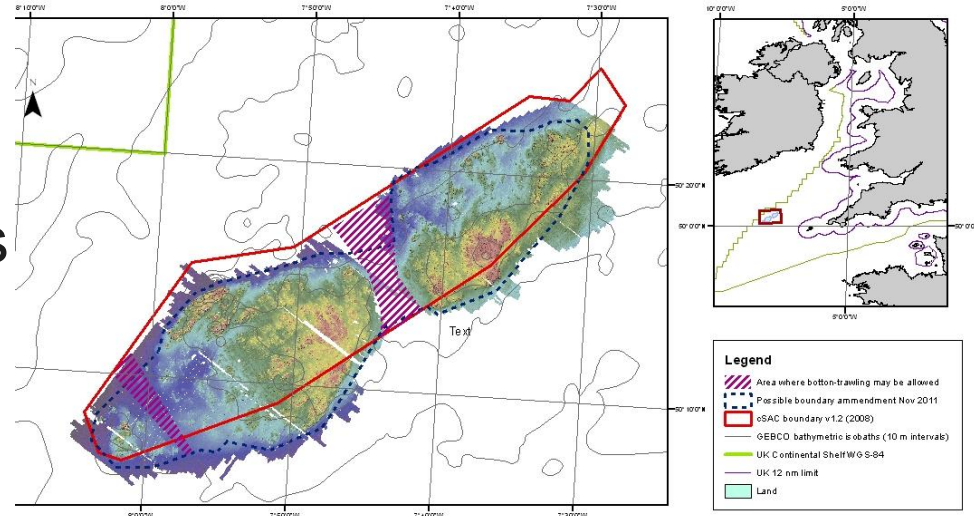
Haig Fras Site of Community Importance

- Haig Fras SCI
 - Adopted by the commission in 2009 as a SCI for its bedrock reef following consultation
 - Conservation Objective of restore to favourable condition, subject to natural change



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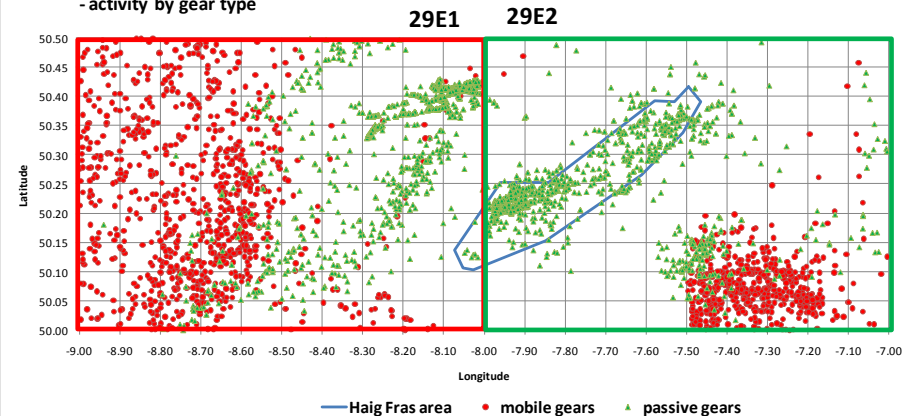
- Possible management options discussed
- Zoned management explored in more detail
- JNCC and MMO to re-examine detailed VMS data in relation to new survey data



Id Vector Shoreline GIS Defra/Marine Management Organisation. The exact limits of the UK Continental Shelf are set out in orders made under section 1(7) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964. Crown CC 15/12/11

2010 data

Details of Haig Fras area relative to ICES rectangle boundaries and sub-rectangle boundaries used for MCZ analysis (0.05 degree sub-squares - Fishing pings matched to logbook data - activity by gear type



Site next steps

- **Re-meeting stakeholders that attended the workshops if there are further developments which come to light**
- **The management authorities to write proposals for the SCIs possible management measures**
- **Meet with NWWRAC**
- **Wider consultation**
- **Submission of management measures to EC**

Thank you for listening



Further information regarding MPA developments across the UK can be found on the JNCC website: www.jncc.defra.gov.uk/marineprotectedareas

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