



# Marine Spatial Planning

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# Outline

- Setting the scene
- Marine Spatial Planning
- Key drivers
- NWWRAC input

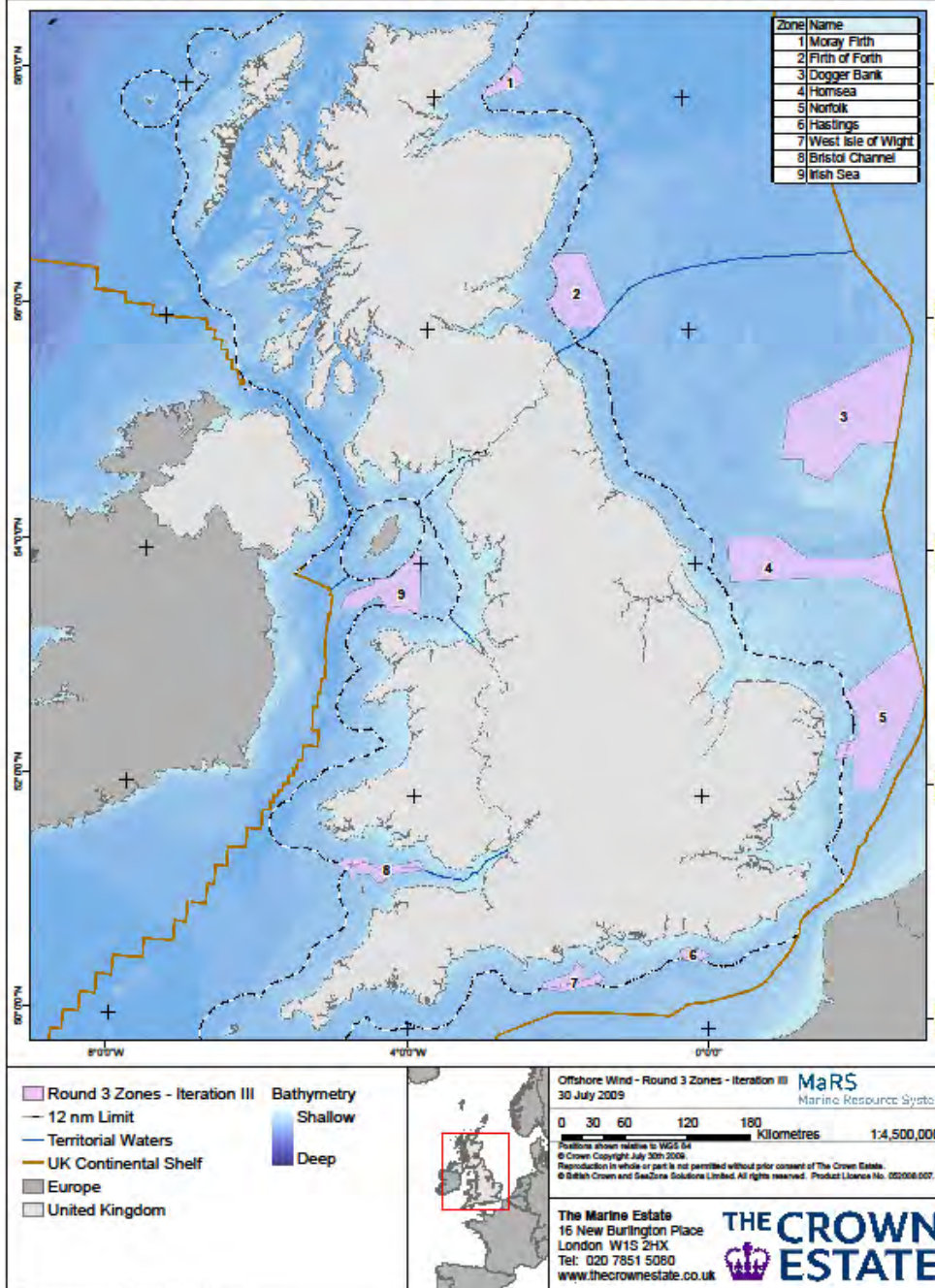








# Offshore Wind - Round 3 Zones - Iteration III

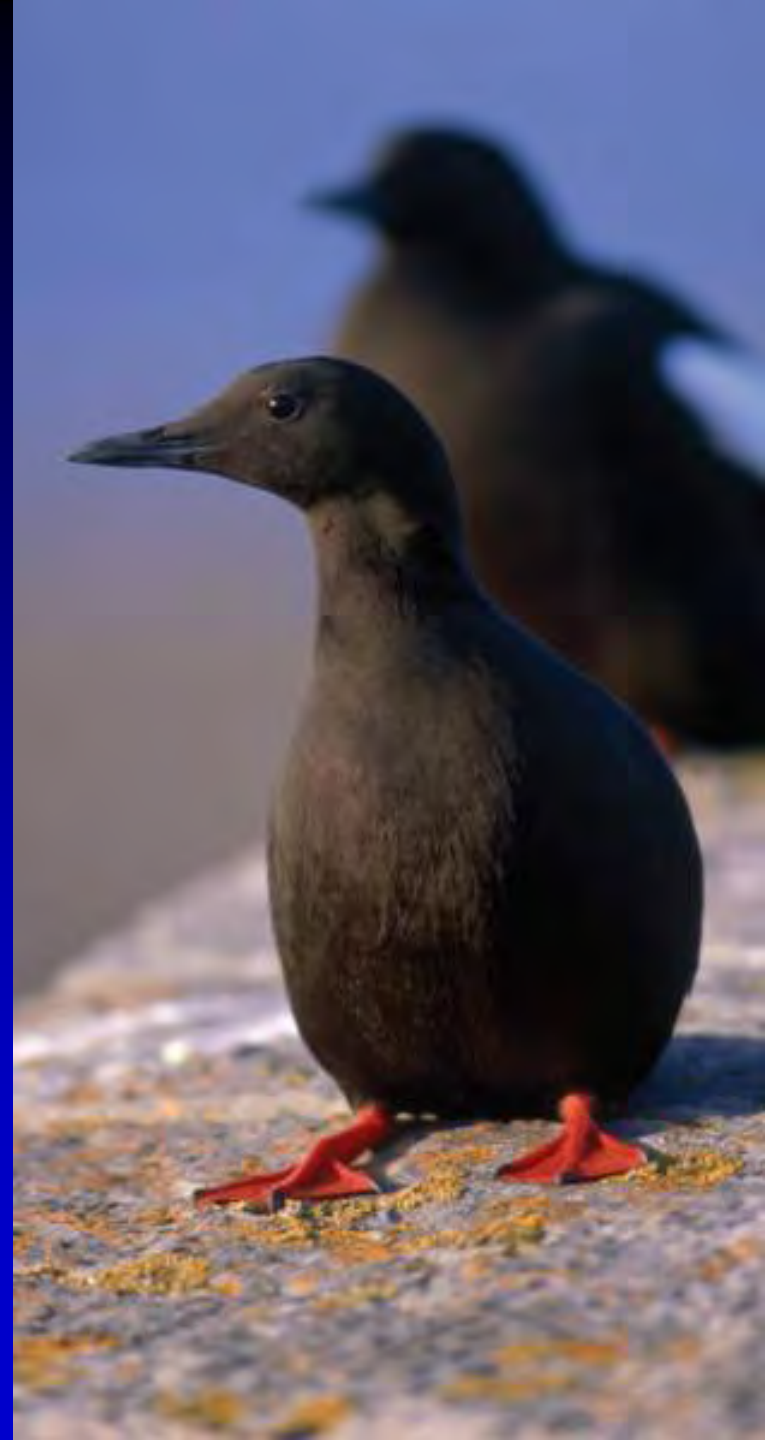




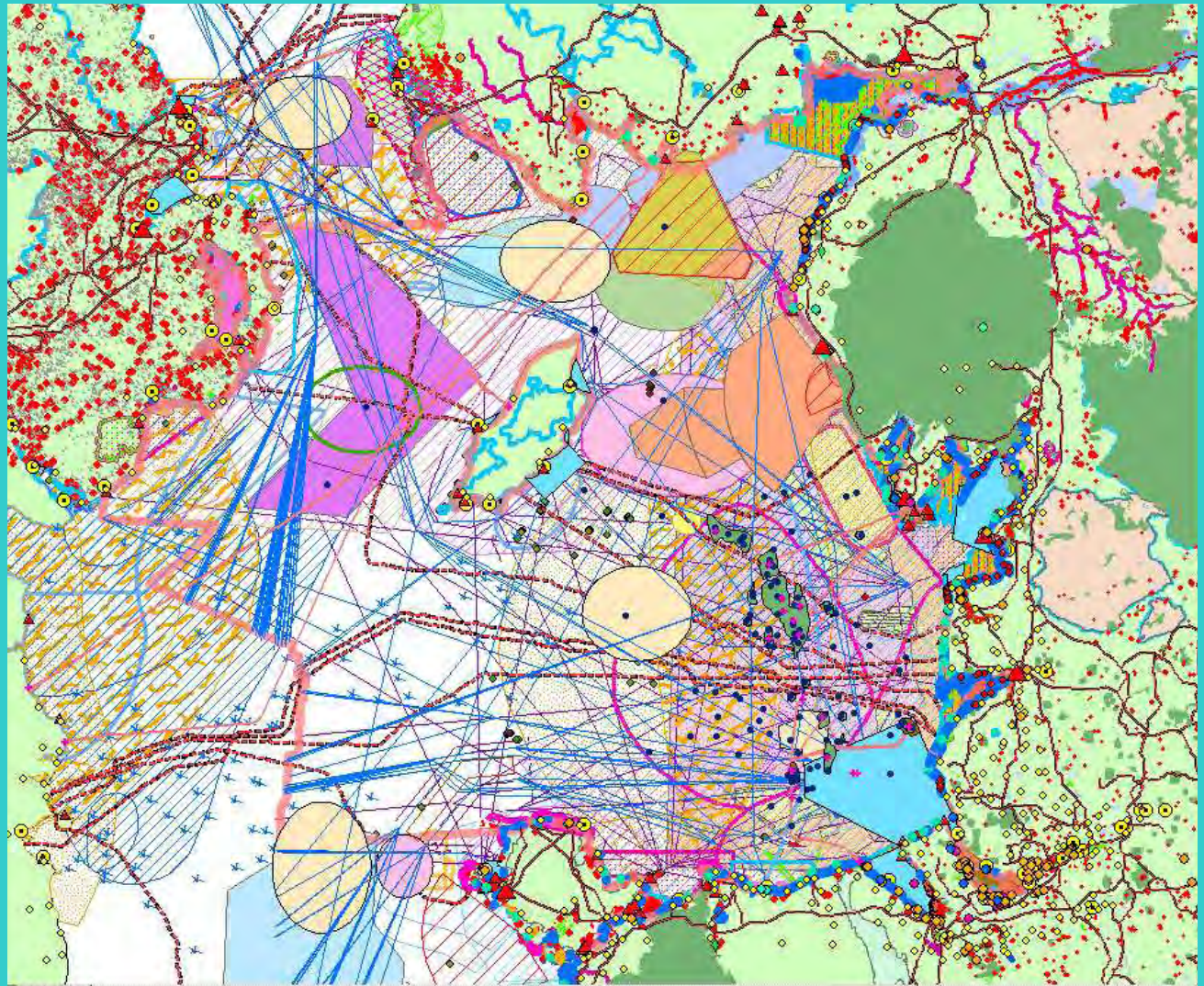


# .Marine Protected Areas

- Designations under the Habitats and Birds Directives (SACs and SPAs)
- National MPA designations (UK Marine and Coastal Access Act, Marine (Scotland) Act, French designations)
- (More on these later)...



- Landuse
- Tourism
- Oil & Gas
- Mariculture
- Coastal Defence
- Ports & Navigation
- Military Activities
- Culture
- Conservation
- Dredging & Disposal
- Submarine Cables



▪Fishing

▪Renewable  
Energy

▪Marine  
Recreation

▪Mineral  
Extraction



# Existing planning at sea

- Fragmented
- Sectoral
- Ad hoc - high potential for conflicts
- Top-down
- Tools necessary for good planning at sea are underdeveloped (data collection in particular)



# How is MSP defined?

**“Marine spatial planning (MSP)** is a tool that brings together multiple users of the ocean – including energy, industry, government, conservation and recreation – to make informed and coordinated decisions about how to use marine resources.

MSP uses maps to create a more comprehensive picture of a marine area – identifying where and how an ocean area is being used and what natural resources and habitat exist.





# .MSP – legal drivers

- Numerous obligations to take the ecosystem approach – MSFD, CFP, OSPAR, WSSD
- Drivers in national legislation



# What can MSP deliver?

## Drivers for industry *and* the environment

- Influential participation of stakeholders – at a level that delivers accountability – community of ‘ownership’ (regionalisation!)
- A shift from dominance of regulation to an approach for forward planning
- Replace reactive, sectoral, ad-hoc approach (recognisable from rapid development of windfarms, aquaculture)
- Improve data collection
- Greater steer and confidence in future investments
- Improve speed, quality, accountability and transparency of decision making.
- A forum for conflict resolution





# What can MSP deliver?

## *Cont...*

- Makes the ecosystem-based approach operational, puts sustainability at the heart of the process.
- **A strategic approach** to identifying cumulative effects of different sectoral uses in relation to carrying capacity
- Framework for integrating policies, objectives and targets across all sectors, which respect environmental limits



# Where does NWWRAC fit in?

- Fishing activity in relation to:
  - MPA designations (impact assessments)
  - Marine renewables developments
- Not unprecedented: LOT7, Shetland SSMEI

