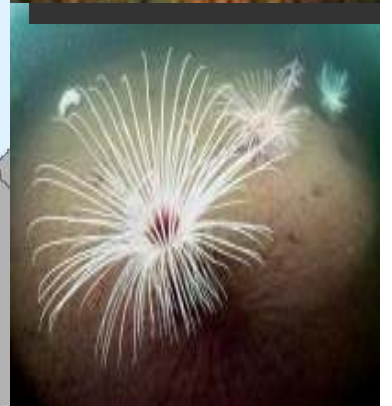




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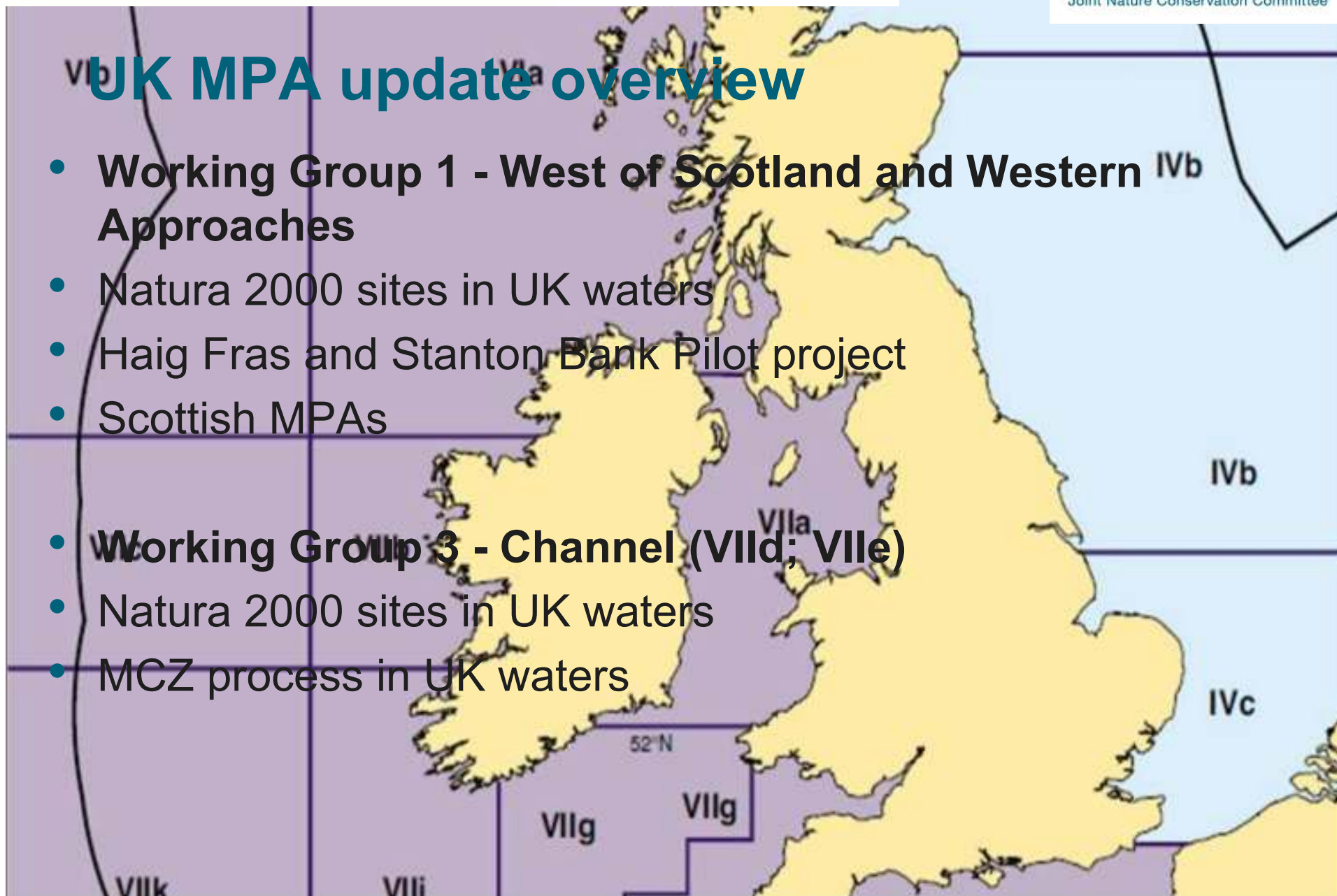
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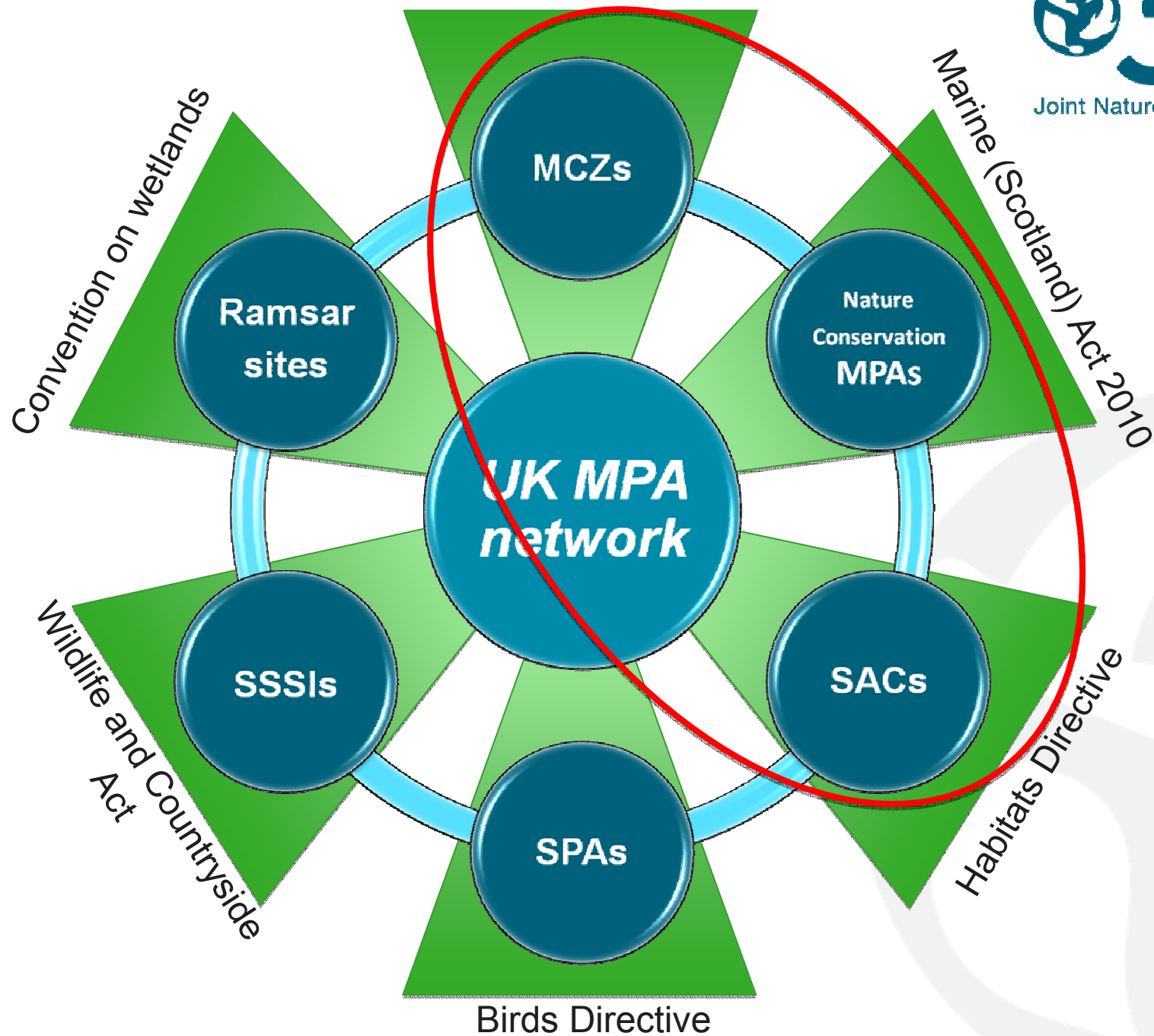




UK MPA update overview

- **Working Group 1 - West of Scotland and Western Approaches**
- Natura 2000 sites in UK waters
- Haig Fras and Stanton Bank Pilot project
- Scottish MPAs
- **Working Group 3 - Channel (VIId; VIle)**
- Natura 2000 sites in UK waters
- MCZ process in UK waters





UK SACs

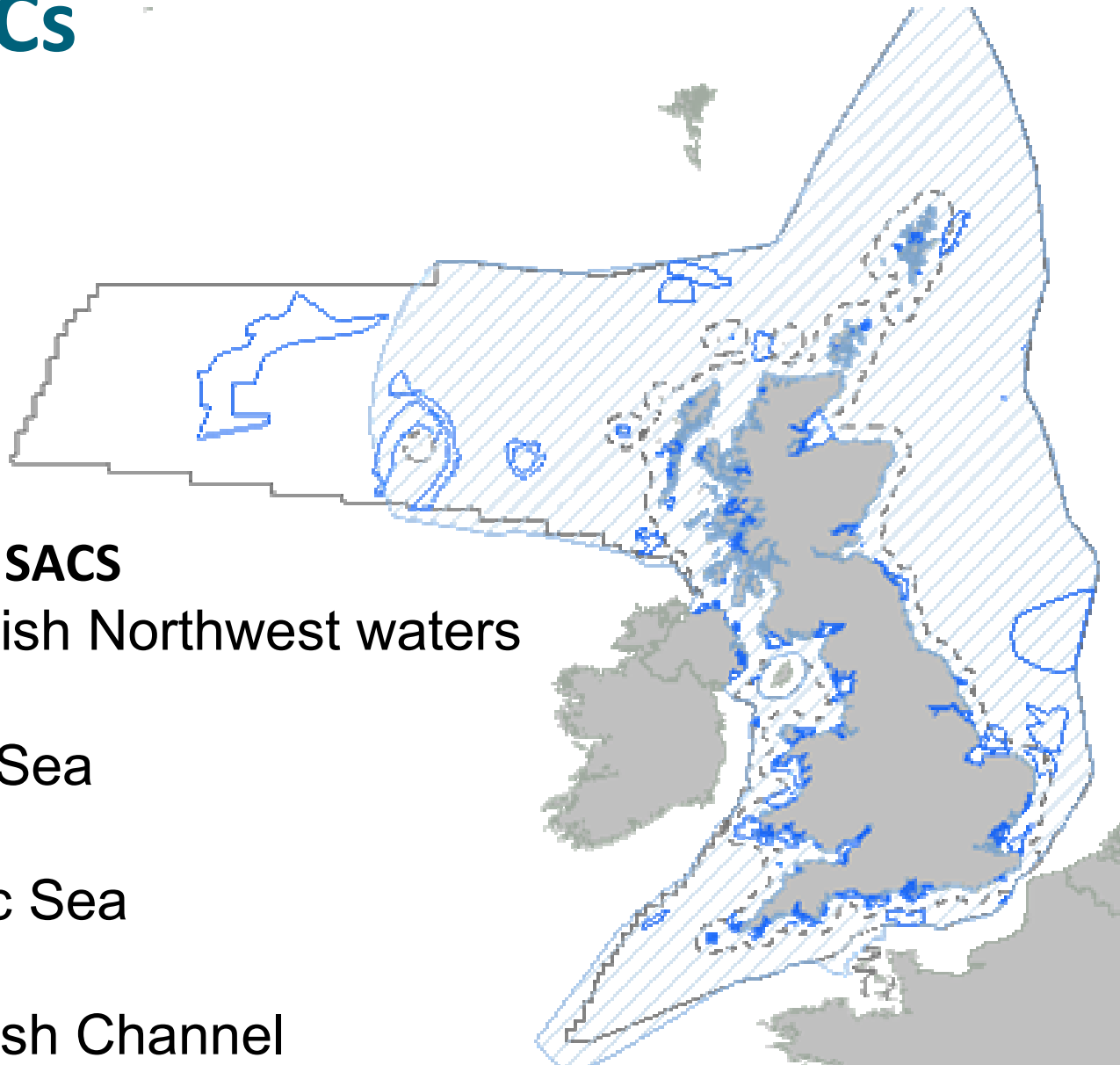


- UK SAC network substantially complete
- **107** Marine SACs (i.e. cSACs and SCIs)
- **20** in offshore waters (**13** in NWW RAC region)
- 8.4% of the UK sea area

UK SACs

OFFSHORE SACS

- **8** in Scottish Northwest waters
- **2** in Irish Sea
- **1** in Celtic Sea
- **2** in English Channel



UK SACs



Management

- Defra – Marine Management Organisation
- Scottish Government - Marine Scotland

Defra approach

- Risk based and prioritised approach to ensure compliance with EC Habitats and Birds Directives in relation to commercial fishing
- Risk Matrix completed by NE/JNCC – categorising fishing gears v habitat features and assessing as high, medium, low, no risk
- Target to introduce management to protect **inshore** features highly vulnerable to certain fishing gears, the **REDS**, by end 2013
- Target to introduce appropriate management to protect the **inshore** **AMBERS** and **GREENS** by end 2016



Preferred statutory management measures

- 0-6 miles –IFCA byelaws, MMO byelaws
- 6-12 miles – MMO byelaws (must be non-discriminatory)
- >12miles to 200miles/median line–CFP regulation

Timeline: Dec - May 2013

Inshore sites

- Populated Matrix agreed for the **reds** – 13th November 2012
- Advice on feature location ongoing and as needed – e.g. NE
- Inshore byelaw template(s) agreed – end January 2012
- Fishing effort mapping and statistics analysis - **end March 2013**
- Draft impact assessment(s) – **end of May 2013**

Timeline: continued

Inshore sites

- Consultation – by **September 2013**
- Review & byelaw implementation
- Enforcement/Monitoring protocol
- Target to introduce appropriate management to protect the **AMBERS** and **GREENS** by end 2016
- Emergency byelaw(s) if appropriate at any time

Timeline

Offshore sites

- Populated Matrix agreed for the **reds** – 13th November 2012
- Advice on feature location ongoing and as needed
- Timetables for management plans currently being finalised

Scottish Government approach

- Plan being finalised
- Possibly similar timescales to Defra
- Maybe slightly different approach (same end point)

Haig Fras and Stanton Banks Pilots

- Stanton Banks and Haig Fras Site of Community Importance (SCI);
- The pilot site fisheries management workshops were undertaken through the MAIA project;
- Steps taken to identify fisheries management measures for the sites
 - Stakeholder input through workshop
 - CFP guidance on management in Natura sites;

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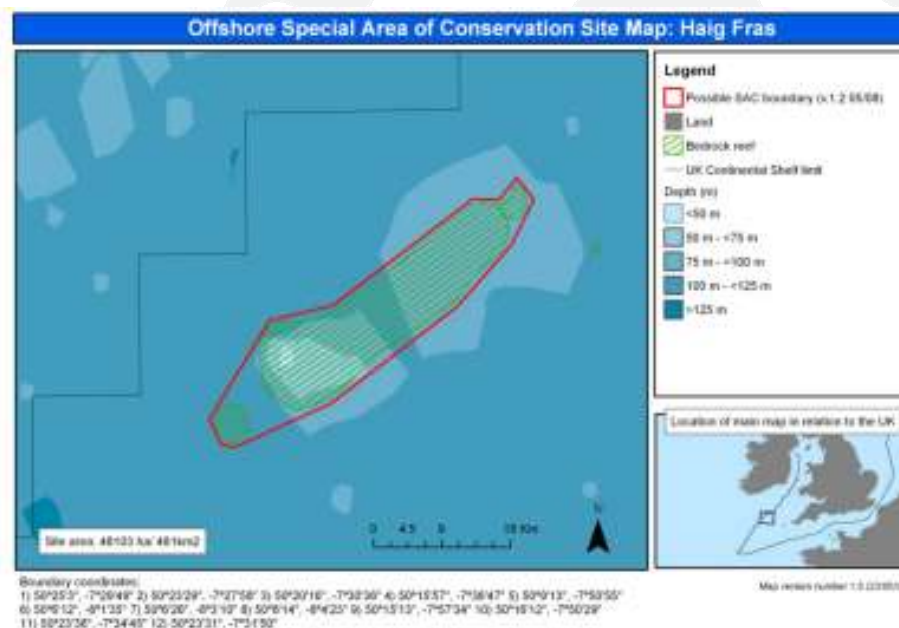
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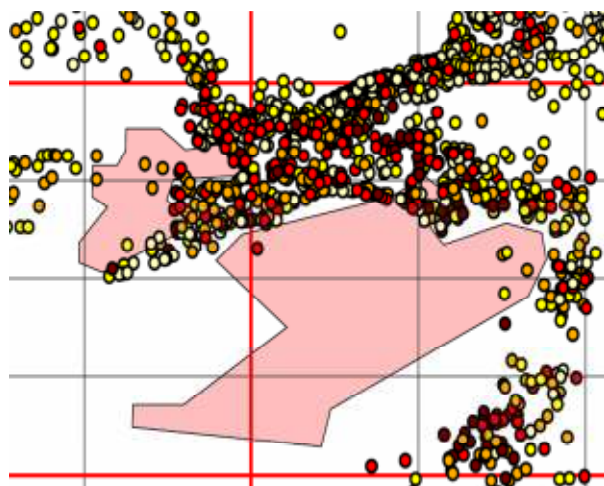
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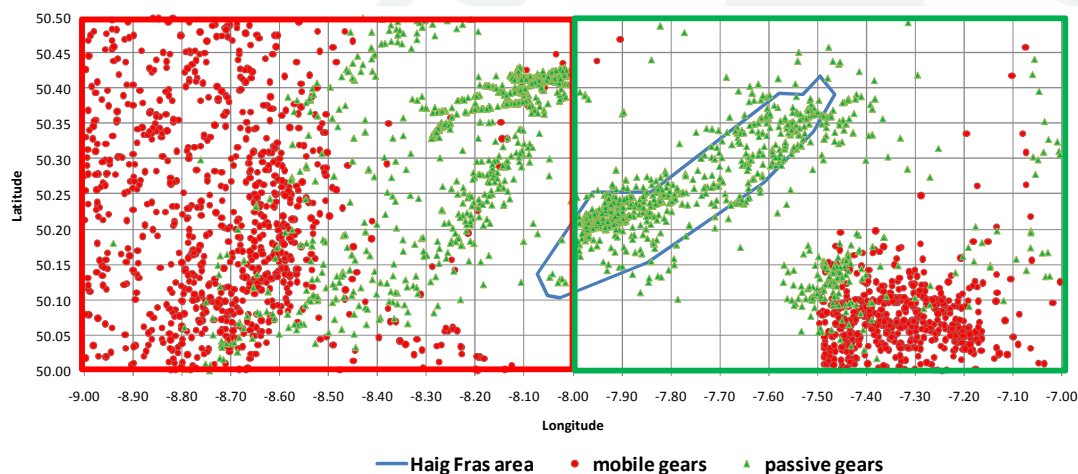


Management Measures Workshops

- Discussed various management options
- Looked at Zoned proposals in detail
- Develop management proposal using Natura 2000 CFP fisheries management guidance



Stanton Banks



Haig Fras

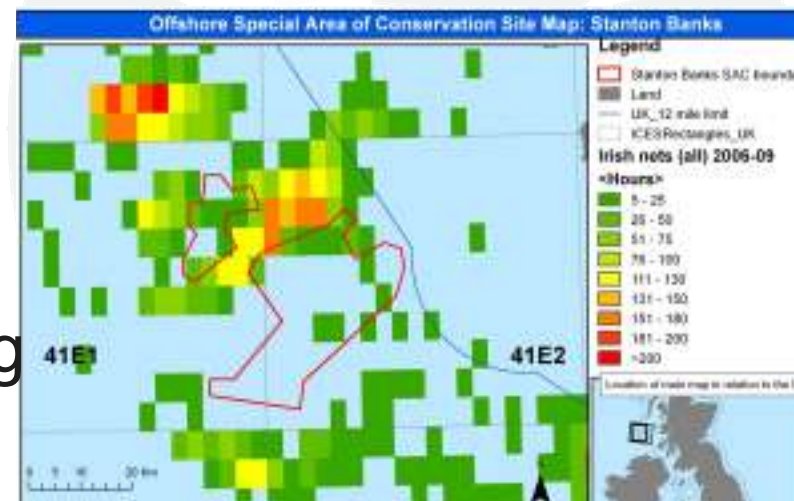
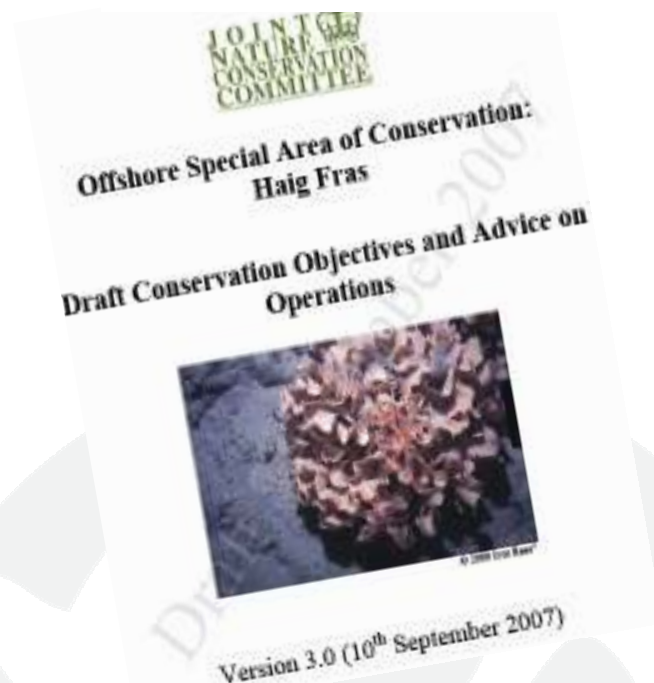
CFP fisheries management guidance for Natura 2000 sites

- http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/natura2000/marine/docs/fish_measures.pdf - **11 Questions**

- A scientific rationale of the site and detailed description;

- Threat to habitats and species from human pressures;

- Details of fishing activity occurring in & around the site.



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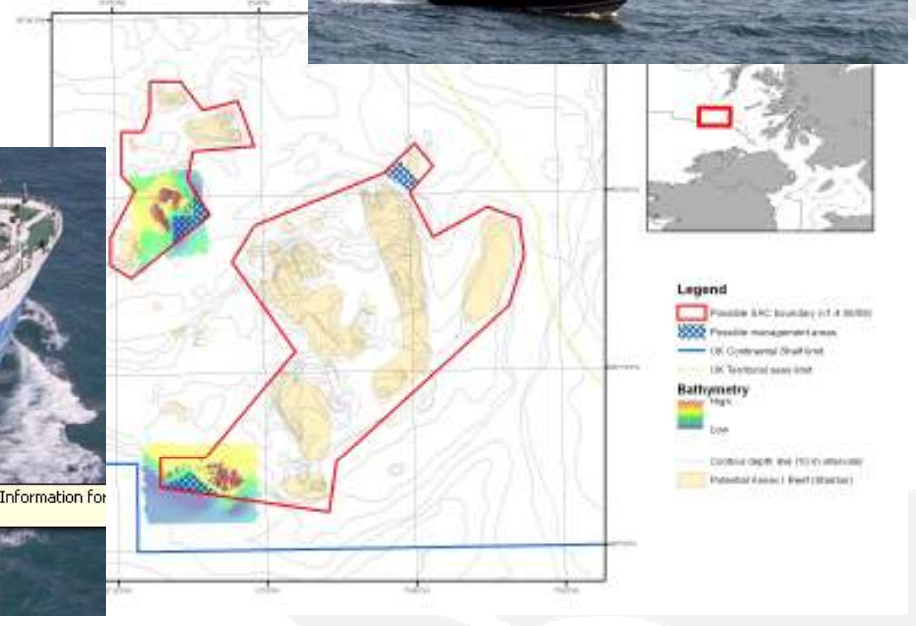


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- Proposed fisheries management measures to maintain the habitats features in favourable condition;
- Control measures required for the site;
- Measures to monitor and assess the site;
- Evaluation of possible displacement.



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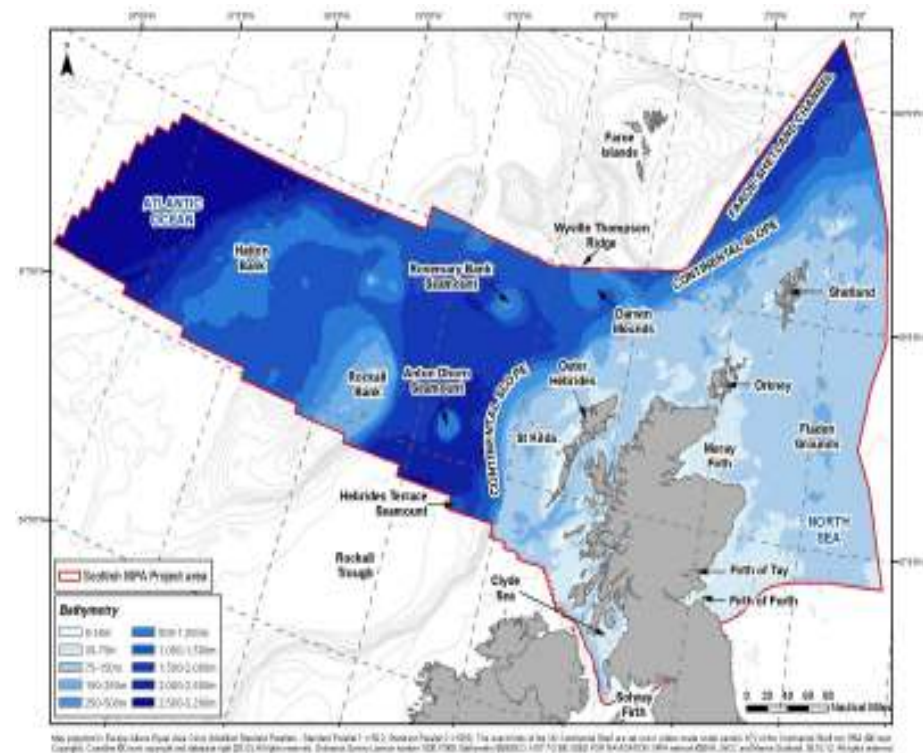


Where are we?

- 11-question work mostly completed
- Haig Fras survey completed – Cefas report due shortly
- Re-examine possible management boundaries with new Haig Fras survey and fishing data
- MMO and Marine Scotland to write management measure proposals
- Formal public consultation
- Submission of request for management measures to EC

Scottish MPA Project Update

- Identification of Nature Conservation MPAs to contribute to wider network of MPAs
- Project lead by Marine Scotland
 - SNH statutory advisor Scottish inshore (0-12nm)
 - JNCC statutory advisor Scottish offshore (12-200nm)
- MPA proposals identified through application of MPA Selection Guidelines



Proposed Timetable

Nov 2012 – JNCC and SNH submitted Network Advice

Dec 2012 – Report to Parliament

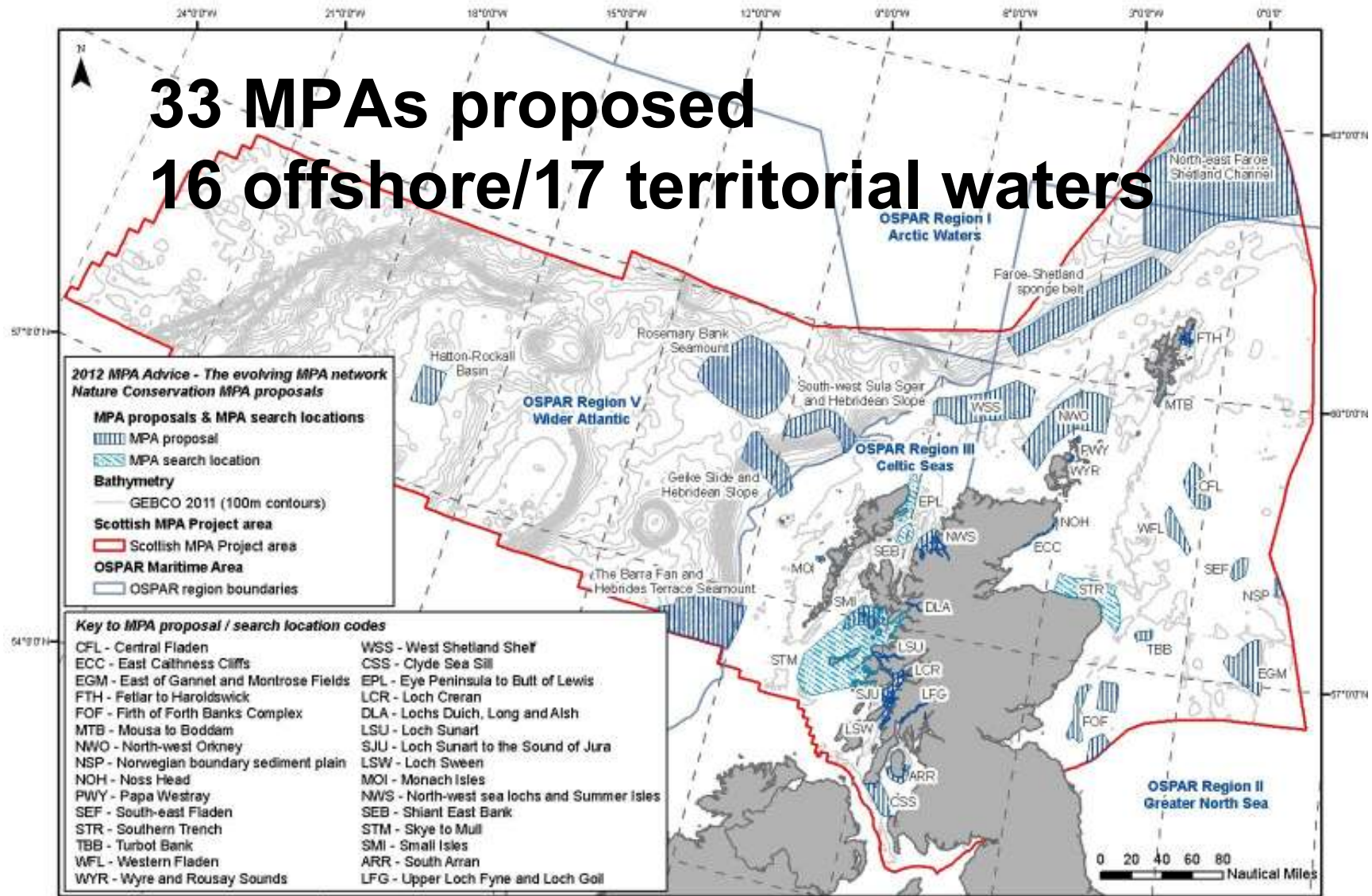
Spring 2013 – Ministers will announce which Nature Conservation MPAs to go forward to public consultation

Summer 2013 – Public consultation



Nature Conservation MPA proposals / search locations

33 MPAs proposed
16 offshore/17 territorial waters



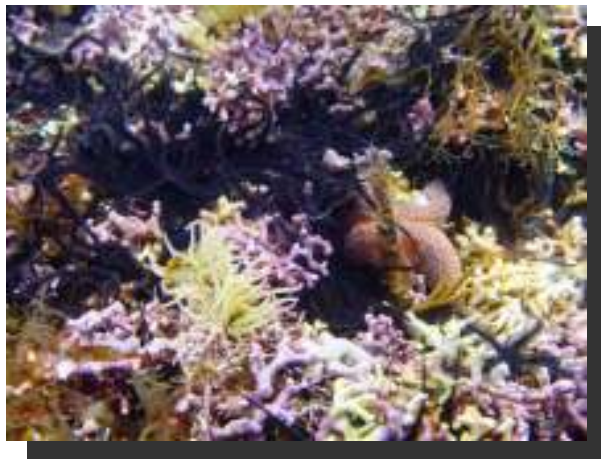
Stakeholder engagement

- Five national level workshops since March 2011
- Bi-lateral meetings with key interest groups
- Ongoing discussions relating to MPA management



Proposed next steps

- Management guidance
- Consultation documentation
- Continuing stakeholder engagement
- Management advice for proposals
- **Public consultation Summer 2013**



Scottish MPA management

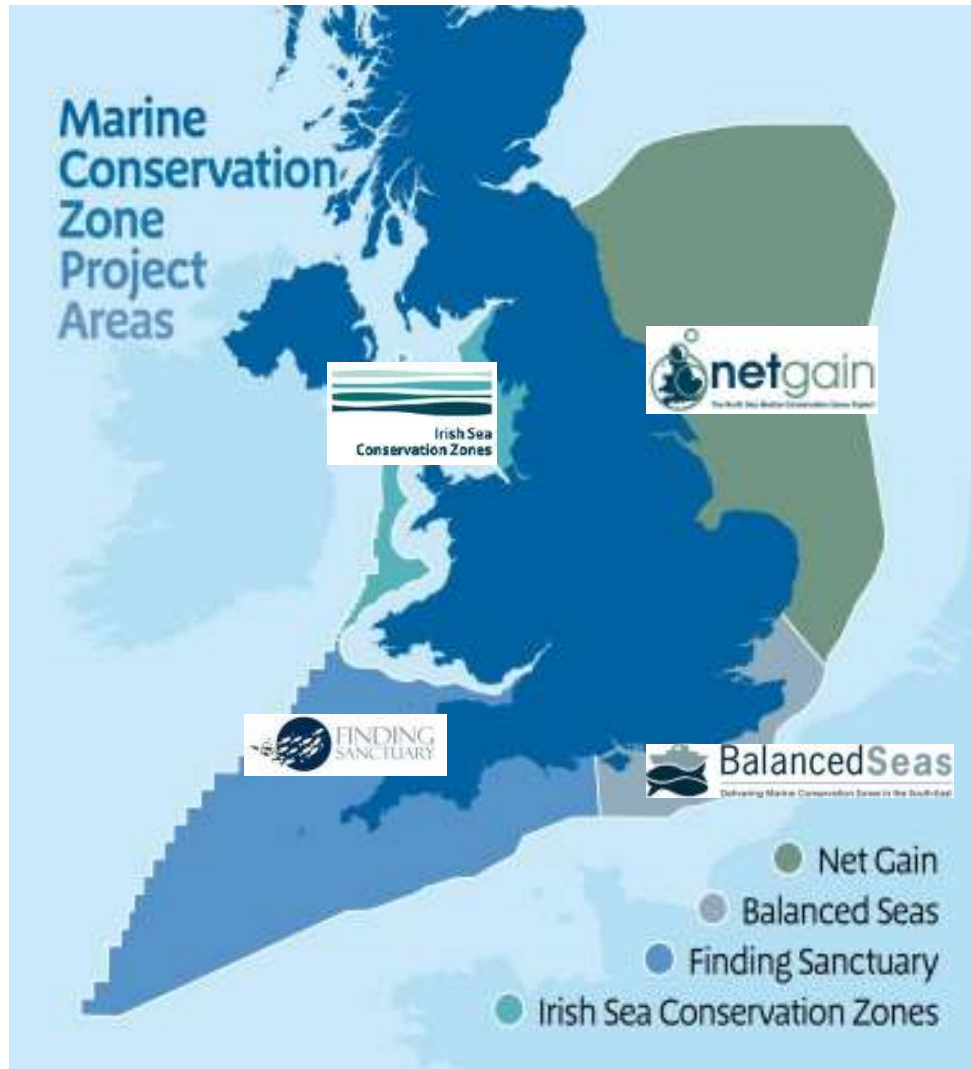
- Provision to take account of socioeconomic consequences
- Managed to protect features and promote sustainable use
- Site specific approach to management following **discussion with stakeholders**
- 0-6 nautical miles – Inshore Fisheries Act
- Outside 6 nautical miles – CFP measures
- Site specific management based on science and sensitivity of individual features
- Each sector will be treated equally
- Not the aim of MPAs to restrict fishing, except where managing activity will help achieve conservation objectives

Further information

- Marine Scotland website
www.scotland.gov.uk/marinescotland/mpanetwork
- Scientific queries relating to offshore
<http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/marineprotectedareas>
- Scientific queries relating to inshore
www.snh.gov.uk/marine-protected-areas



Marine Conservation Zones: Update



- ☐ Delivered through **four regional projects**
- ☐ Stakeholder-led process
- ☐ Decision-making forums:
 - ☐ Location of MCZs
 - ☐ Conservation objectives
- ☐ Recommendations by **June 2011**
- ☐ Natural England and JNCC advice **July 2012**



Conservation body Advice

MCZ advice package was delivered to Defra on **18 July 2012** and comprised of:

- The regional MCZ projects' (RP) recommendations
- JNCC and Natural England's statutory advice on the stakeholders' recommendations
- The RP's Impact Assessment

Defra consultation



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Marine Conservation Zones: Consultation on proposals for designation in 2013

Consultation starts: 13 December 2012

Consultation ends: 31 March 2013





Summary

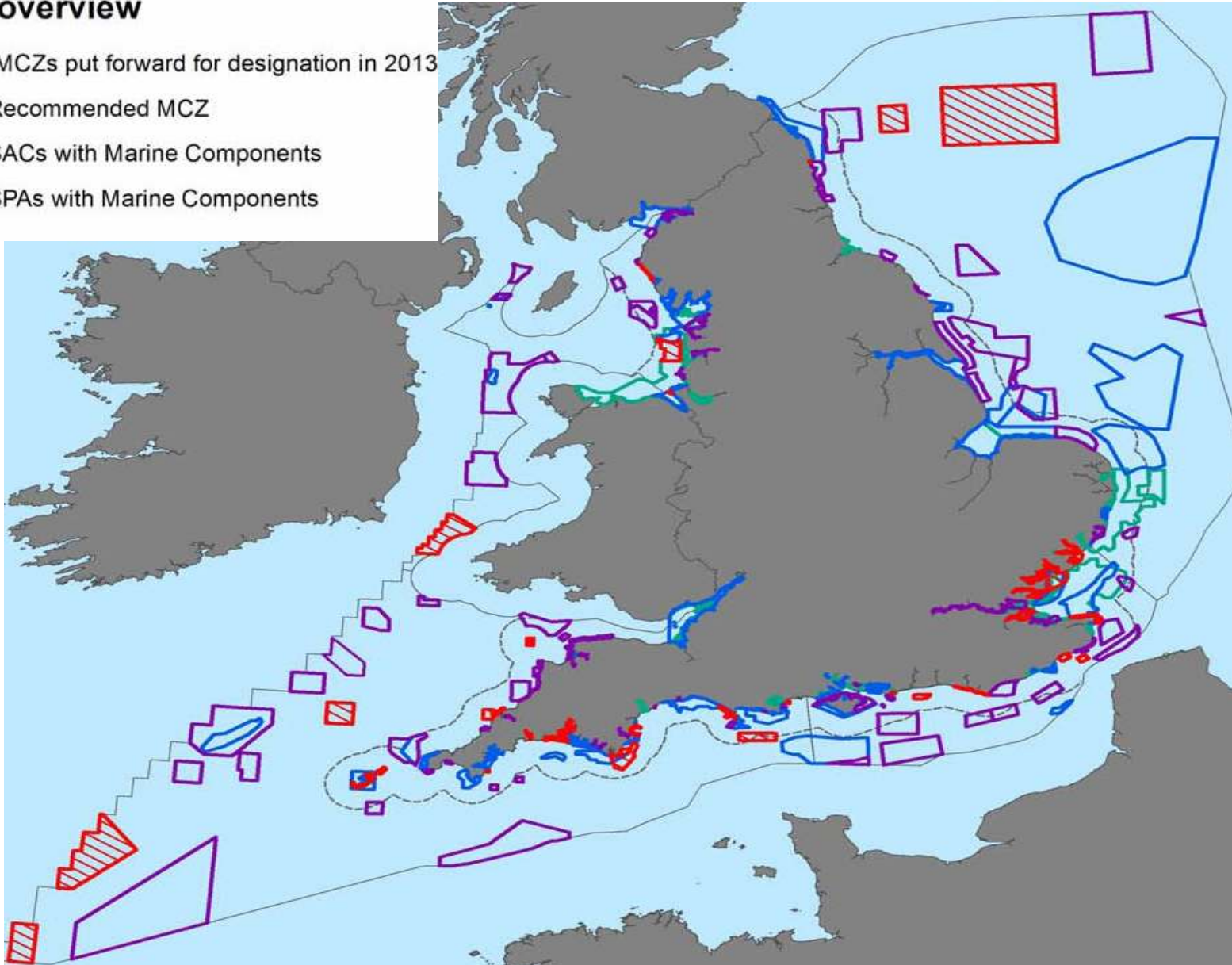
This consultation seeks views on proposals for the designation of Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) in English inshore and English and Welsh offshore waters.

This consultation seeks to engage with everyone who has an interest in the marine environment and coastal communities. It's the primary opportunity for people to have their say and influence the decisions on how many MCZs are

MCZs – 1st tranche

Sites overview

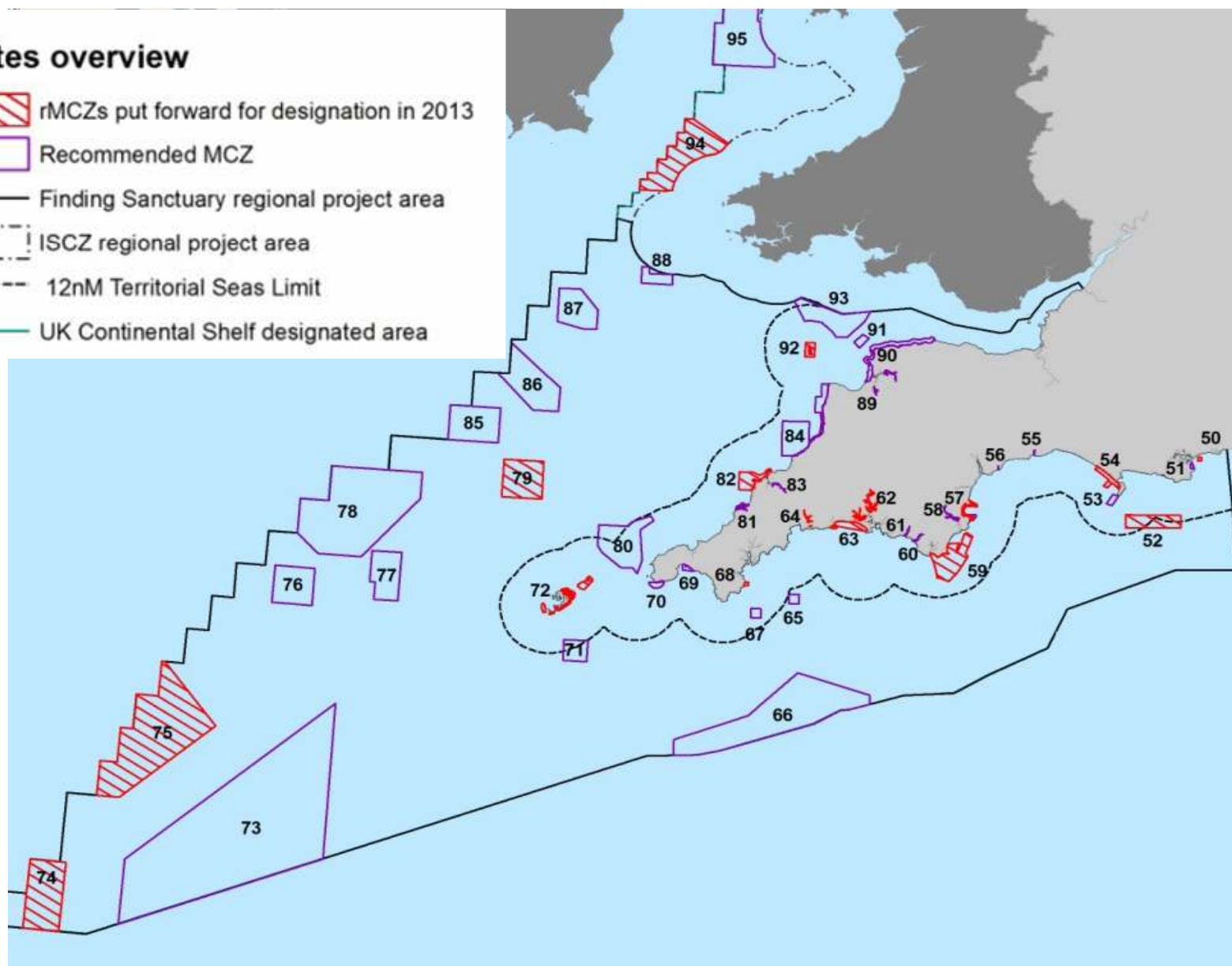
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-  Recommended MCZ
-  SACs with Marine Components
-  SPAs with Marine Components



MCZs Northwest waters

Sites overview

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-  Recommended MCZ
-  Finding Sanctuary regional project area
-  ISCZ regional project area
-  12nM Territorial Seas Limit
-  UK Continental Shelf designated area



MCZ - Next steps

- 31 MCZs (6 offshore) in first tranche for potential designation in **2013**.
- Public consultation: **December 2012 – March 2013**
 - Opportunity for stakeholder influence
 - Minister will decide
- Evidence gathering – site surveys (ongoing)
- Site-specific management plans **post designation**

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

Useful email addresses:

- Natura SCI information - <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-4534>
- MCZ consultation - <http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2012/12/13/marine-conservation-zones-1212/>
- Marine Scotland webpage – www.scotland.gov.uk/marinescotland

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