



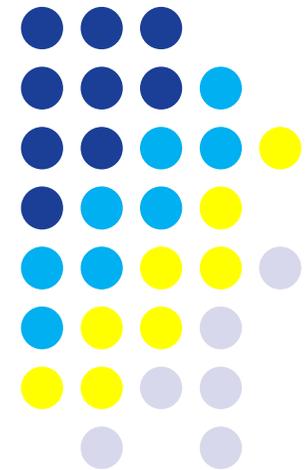
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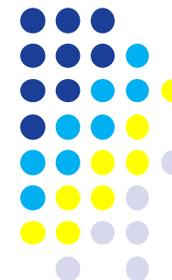
Workshop 1: Seascapes and Marine Spatial Planning

17 & 18 January 2013

Pines Calyx



Coordinator: Chris Drake, Coastal Officer at Kent County Council (KCC)
Chair: Liz Milne, Team Leader, Flood Risk and Natural Environment, KCC



Thursday 17 January Pines Calyx	
9.00	Arrival and coffee
9.15	Welcome and introduction from Kent County Council
Overview of Marine Planning and Seascape work from UK Experts	
9.20	<p>David Hutchinson, Marine Planner, Marine Management Organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 • Marine Policy Statement • Marine Planning and plan areas
9.50	<p>Christine Tudor, Landscape & Seascape Specialist, Natural England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept o Seascape Assessment • Seascape Character Assessment (SCA) for Marine Planning • Broad methodology (seascape wheel and flowchart)
10.10	<p>Dave Hooley, Senior Investigator, English Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Seascape Characterisation (HSC) • Application of this related work area
10.30	<p>Nick Johannsen, Director, Kent Downs AONB Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protected landscapes with coastal element – Europarc work • Role for Seascape Character Assessment (SCA) • Kent Downs AONB
10.40	Plenary – questions for the speakers and discussion



An Introduction to Marine Planning

David Hutchinson
Marine Planner

Outline

1. Who are we and what do we do?
2. Why marine planning?
3. Where are we planning and progress on the draft marine plans
4. Who is involved in marine planning?
5. The interaction between marine and terrestrial planning
6. Seascape around the English coast
7. Web Portal



The Marine Management Organisation:- Who are we and what do we do?

- MMO est. in 2009 (through MCAA) – previously the Marine and Fisheries Agency
- NDPB sitting primarily under Defra but with cross-departmental support including DCLG
- Main responsibilities:
 - implementing a new marine planning system
 - implementing a new marine licensing regime
 - managing UK fishing fleet capacity and UK fisheries quotas
 - manage a network of marine protected areas with NE and JNCC
 - responding to marine emergencies



Legislative basis for Marine Planning

Increasing use of marine space and resources, impacting on the sustainability of the marine environment

MCAA

- Marine and Coastal Access Act provides legislative basis for a marine planning system

MPS

- Marine Policy Statement is the framework for marine plans and taking decisions

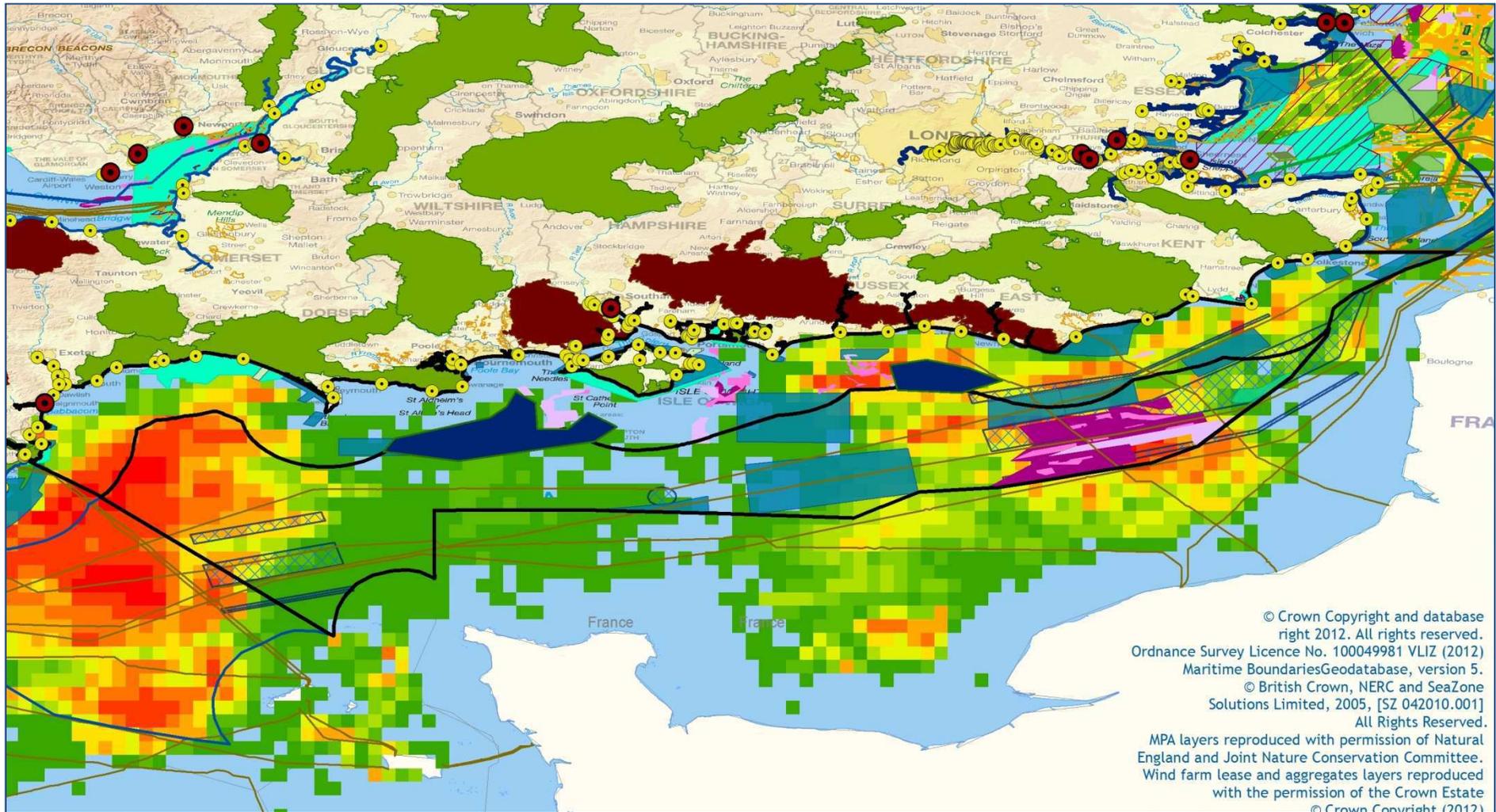
Marine Plans

- Marine Plans will translate the MPS into detailed policy and spatial guidance for each Marine Plan area

Why Marine Planning?



South Plan Areas

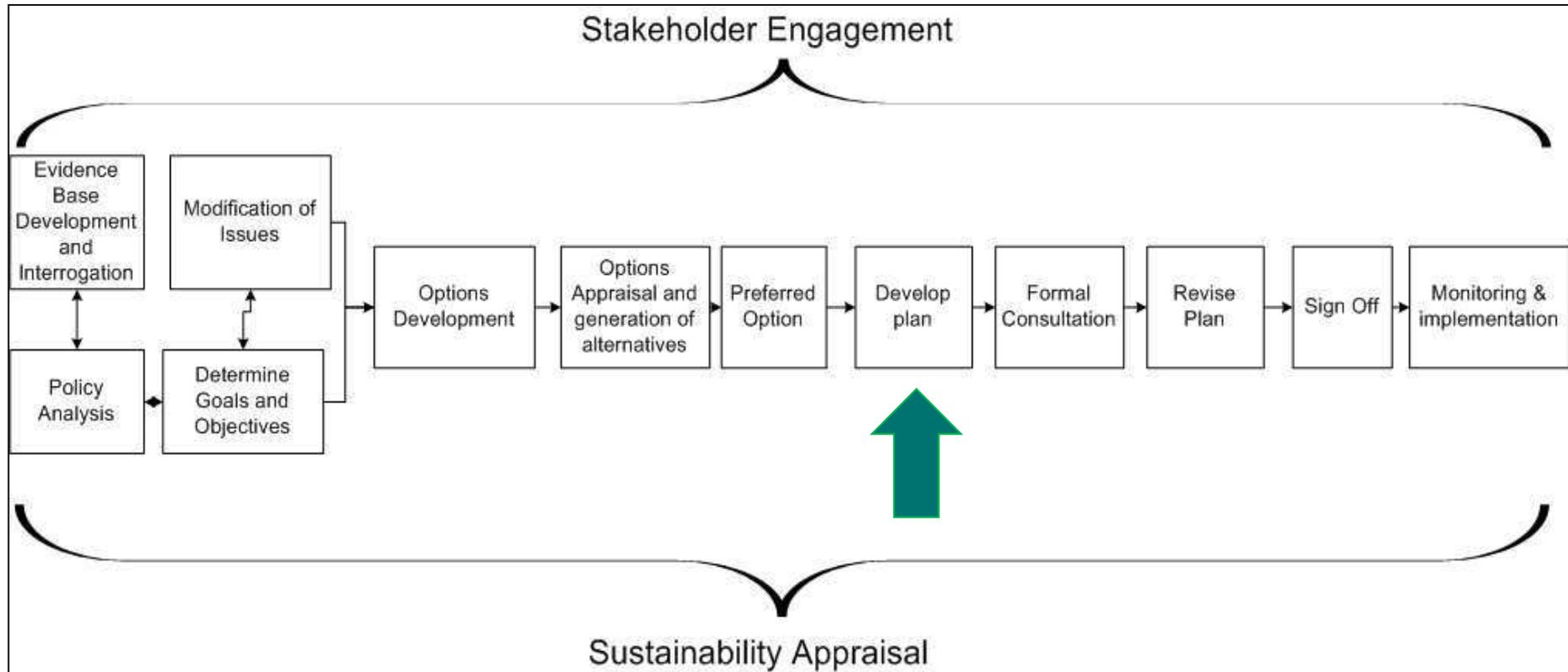


Benefits of Marine Planning

- Early and ongoing Stakeholder involvement
- Strategic approach to integrate economic, social and environmental objectives
- Consistency and transparency in decision-making
- Best available and commonly understood integrated evidence base
- More certainty to investors/developers
- More joined-up planning at the coast
- Plan for new activities and emerging technologies
- Improved basis for addressing cumulative effects



Marine Planning process



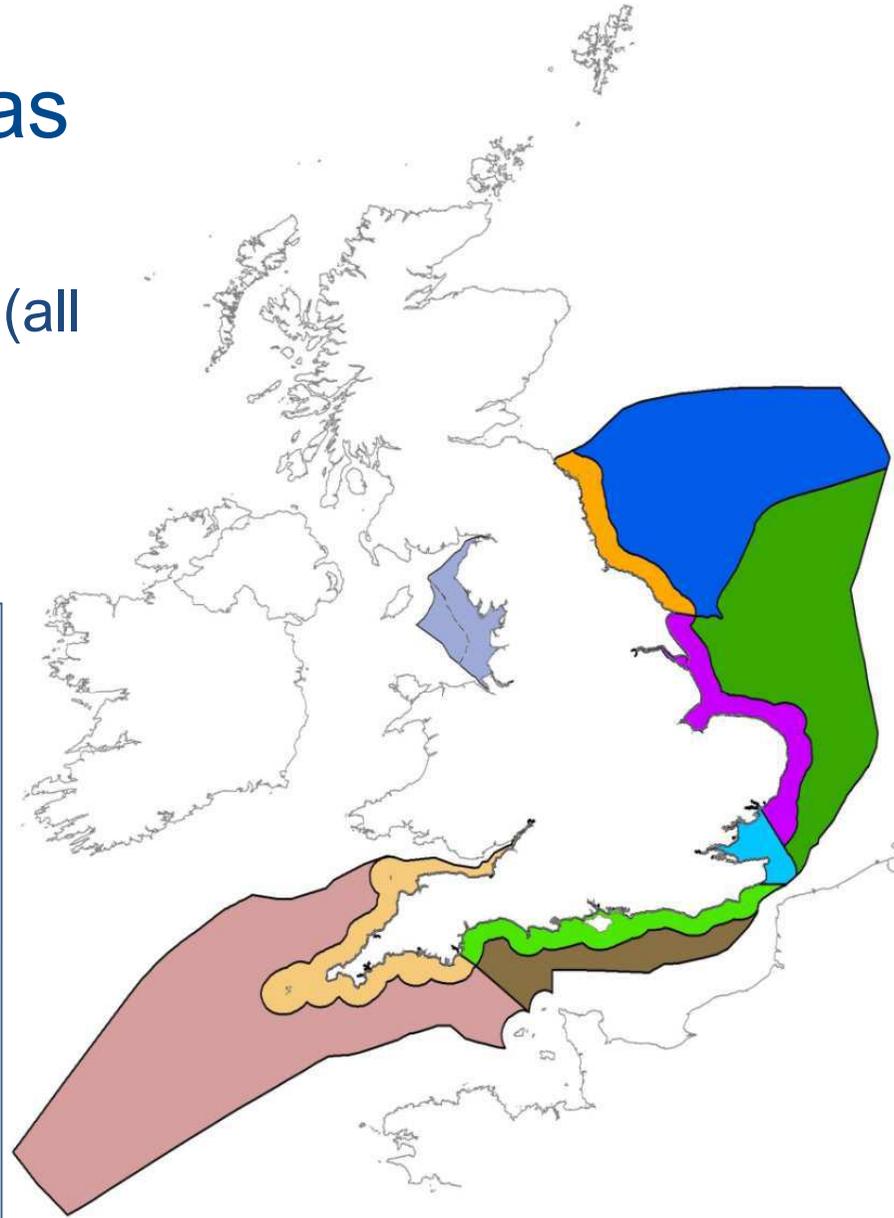
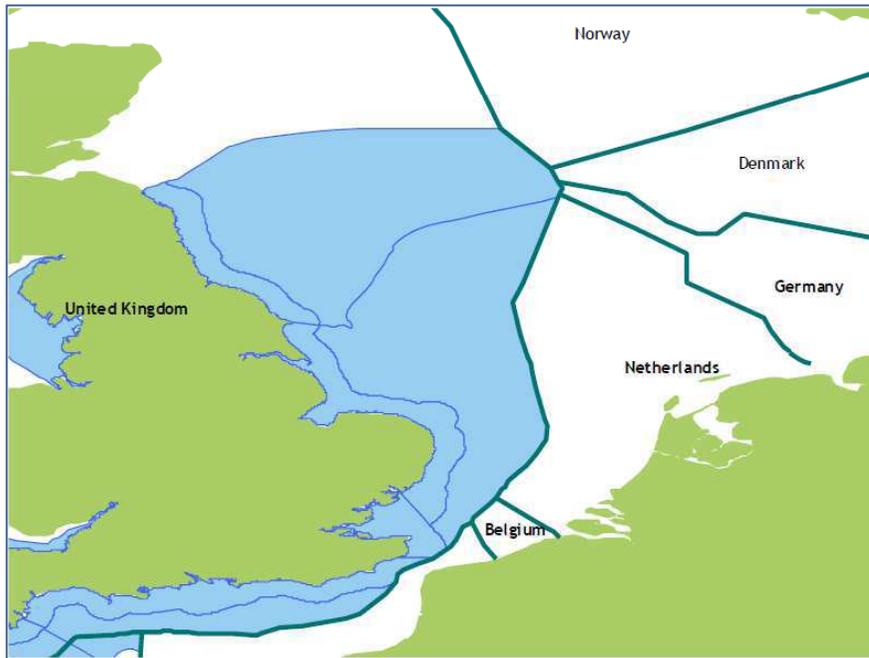
Where are we planning?



The Marine Plan Areas

- 11 Areas, 10 Marine Plans
- 2 (2.5) years for each plans (all plans by 2021)
- 20 year horizon

International Boundaries



East Plan Areas

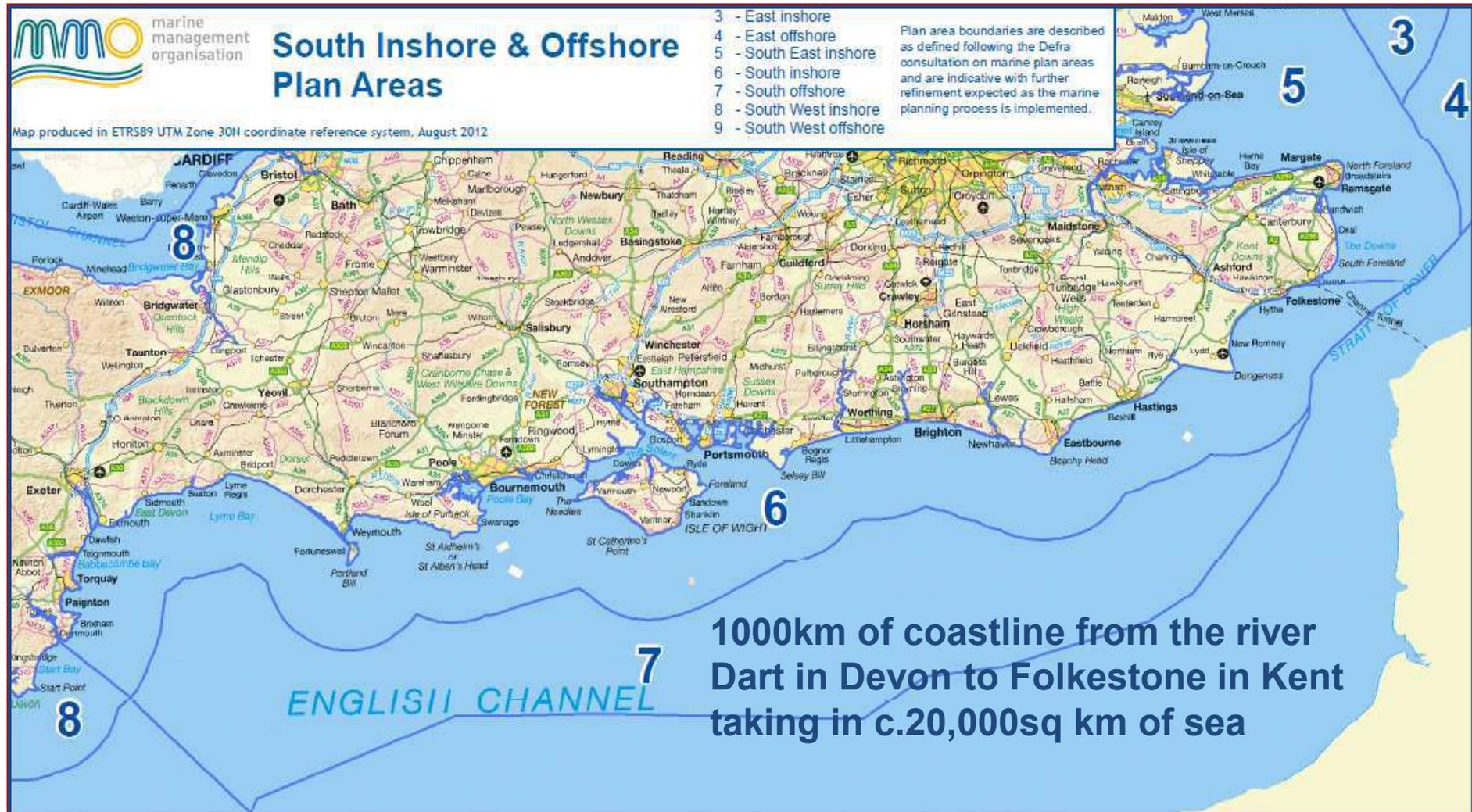
from April 2011 to end of 2013

- Developing draft plan for East Areas
- Main issues to be addressed in plan include- Offshore wind, conservation, aggregate extraction, tourism and recreation, ports and shipping, fishing etc.
- Due for formal public consultation in Spring 2013
- SoS approval needed before consultation can begin



**From Flamborough head
to Felixstowe**

South Plan Areas – from 2013 onwards



South Inshore and Offshore, Why?

The South of England is playing an important part in the marine planning process, and was selected due to:

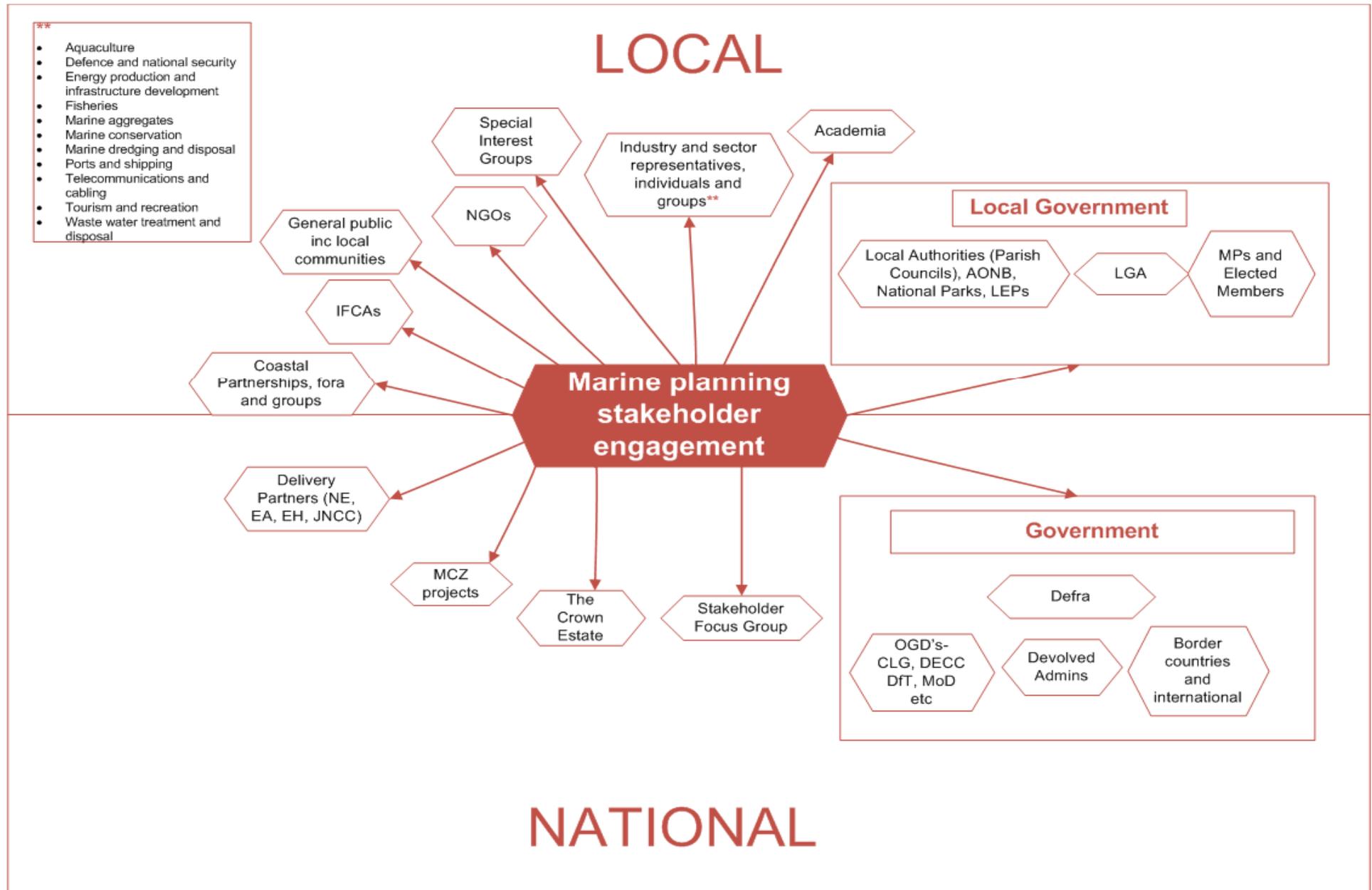
- fishing with significant shell fisheries (including dredge fishers for oysters, clams in the Solent and Poole harbour)
- ports and shipping, with a significant number of major ports in the area, and a high level of shipping density in the English channel
- high proportion of marine protected areas
- tourism and recreation, including a high level of marinas and boat-based activities



Who will we engage with during Marine Planning?



Stakeholder engagement in marine planning



Stakeholder engagement in the East - what have we done so far?

- Five rounds of **stakeholder workshops** attended by over 300 people
- **international workshops** with France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany and Denmark
- 350 **One-to-one meetings** with marine sector reps, such as, offshore wind, fishing, recreation, aggregates and cabling
- 12 public **drop-in sessions** across the East for over 900 people
- Informal **consultations** on plan stages- more than 2,000 comments from 70 different organisations in 2012
- Local **liaison officers** based in Lowestoft and Grimsby met with hundreds of local stakeholders, attended meetings and events



Integration of Marine Planning and Licensing

- Decisions made in accordance with MPS and adopted marine plans
- Prior to adoption decisions are made in accordance with the MPS and have regard to draft Marine Plans
- In the meantime decisions need to continue to be made



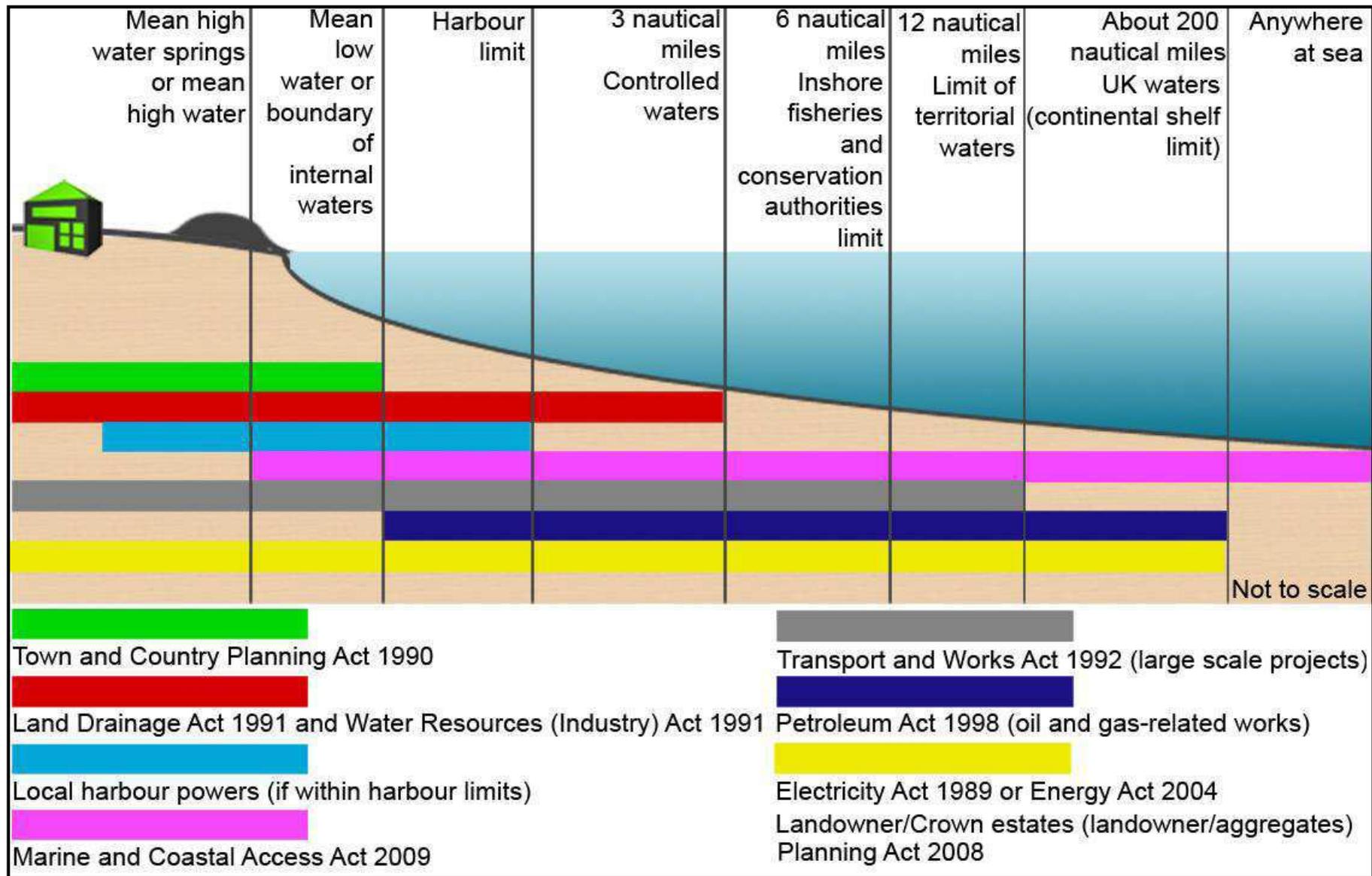
Marine relevance of terrestrial planning

- The MMO is aware that it is establishing marine plans alongside many existing statutory and non-statutory terrestrial plans.
- For the MMO to ensure these are taken in to account of, they must be assessed for 'marine relevance'.



- Each policy reviewed is assessed against the MPS:
“Does the policy relate to a topic appearing in the MPS; judged as being of marine relevance by the UK Government?”
- Duty to cooperate through the Localism Act!



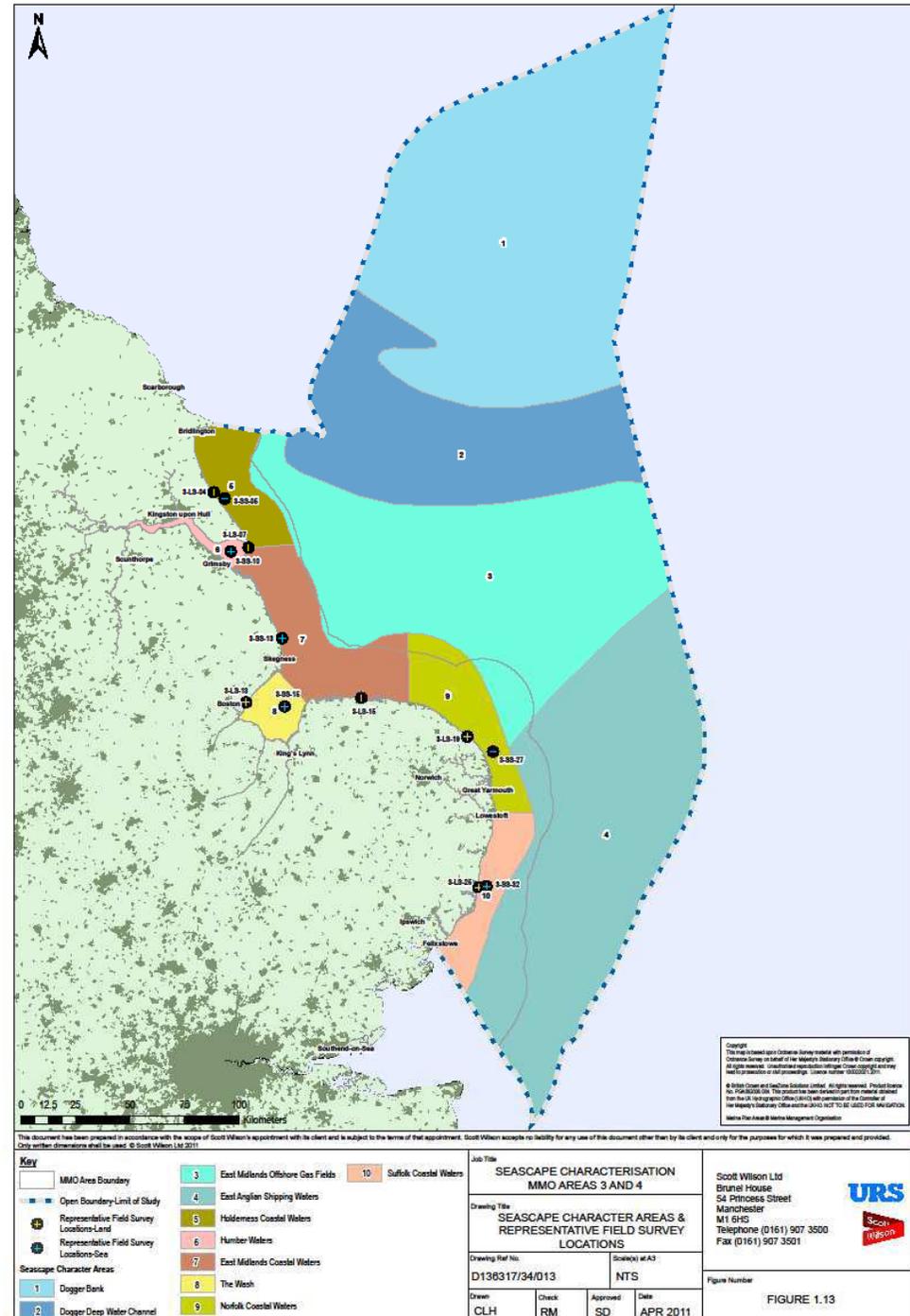


Seascape around the English coast



Seascape in the East

1. Dogger Bank
2. Dogger deep water channel
3. East Midland offshore gas fields
4. East Anglian shipping waters
5. Holderness coastal waters
6. Humber waters
7. East Midlands coastal waters
8. The Wash
9. Norfolk coastal waters
10. Suffolk coastal waters



Character assessment for the South

- We are in the process of developing a strategic scale Seascape Character Assessment for the South of England.
- We envisage the work carried out in the Dover Strait along with Dorset Coast assessment to inform the evidence gathering of this study
- Will go out to tender in February and aim to be complete to by spring 2013 – a specific timetable is still to be agreed.

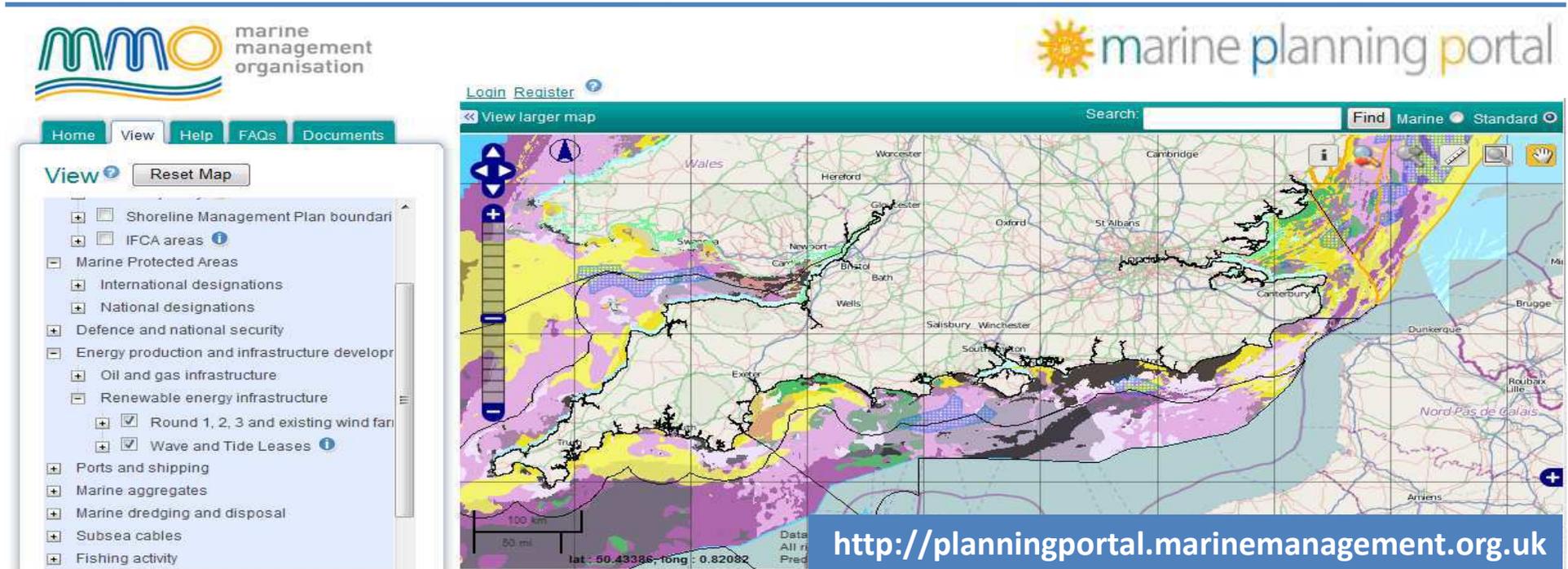


Marine Planning Portal

Online tool for stakeholders to interact with the planning process.

Through the portal stakeholders can...

- View existing data from the evidence base
- Comment on the data we are using
- Suggest a new dataset to the planning team



The screenshot displays the Marine Planning Portal interface. At the top left is the logo for the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). The main header features the text "marine planning portal" with a sun icon. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "Home", "View", "Help", "FAQs", and "Documents". A "View" panel on the left lists various data layers with checkboxes, including "Shoreline Management Plan boundaries", "IFCA areas", "Marine Protected Areas", "International designations", "National designations", "Defence and national security", "Energy production and infrastructure development", "Oil and gas infrastructure", "Renewable energy infrastructure", "Ports and shipping", "Marine aggregates", "Marine dredging and disposal", "Subsea cables", and "Fishing activity". The main map area shows a detailed view of the UK coastline with various colored overlays representing different planning zones. A search bar is located at the top right of the map area, and a "View larger map" link is visible. The URL <http://planningportal.marinemanagement.org.uk> is displayed at the bottom right.

Provisional Timeline and engagement

- January 2013 – SPP Workshops / Call for evidence
- Spring 2013 – Autumn 2013 – Engagement in plan area and data collection
- Autumn/Winter 2013 – Evidence and Issues identification
- Winter 2013/Spring 2014 – Evidence and Issues finalised
- Summer 2014 – Vision and Objectives development
- Autumn 2014 – Options and policies development
- Spring 2015 – Draft Plan development





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