



Marine
Management
Organisation

Marine Planning

The marine planning team are responsible for preparing, implementing and monitoring marine plans in England. Marine plans inform and guide marine users and regulators across England, managing and facilitating sustainable development.

What we do:

- We engage with diverse sets of stakeholders to develop marine plans that respond effectively to issues within each plan area;
- We produce plans that integrate social, economic and environment objectives to achieve sustainable development;
- Support the implementation of marine plans with stakeholders;
- Monitor the effectiveness and impact of marine plans.

Why we do it:

We want to achieve the UK's vision for the marine environment for 'clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas' by responding to issues within each marine plan area.

Key achievements:

- We developed the marine planning system in England from scratch.
- We produced and had adopted the first marine plans in the UK. The East Marine Plans were adopted in 2014.
- We developed and submitted to government for adoption the draft South Marine Plan in 2016.
- We are supporting the integration between terrestrial and marine planning systems.
- Offered members of the public the opportunity to shape what occurs within their marine area in a way that had never existed before.
- We have pioneered a stakeholder approach which brings together marine stakeholders in an inclusive way to develop marine plans.
- Delivered a multi-platform, free to access, information system for marine plan policies and their supporting data in 2015 called the Marine Information System.

Facts:

- Marine planning makes sure that the right activities happen in the right place, at the right time and in the right way.
- We are delivering marine plans for 230,304km² of English waters.
- Marine planning helps the UK economy, protects the environment and looks after the best interests of local communities.
- Marine planning doesn't just cover the sea, it includes the coast, estuaries and tidal waters.
- We engage with a wide range of stakeholders from diverse backgrounds, including the general public, industry, fisheries, developers, non-governmental organisations, government departments, academics, local authorities, delivery partners, and coastal partnerships.

