

What is marine planning?



MARINE ACTIVITIES BASED
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Did you know?

The marine economy is currently worth more than £47 billion annually to the UK, and has the potential to increase significantly.

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is creating plans for the future development of our seas, similar to those developed on land.¹

Historically, the marine environment has not seen the scale of development experienced on land, but as the demand for space increases, so will the need for use of our seas as a key resource. This is an ideal time for marine planning to begin, to ensure there is a clear framework for sustainable development in our marine area.

Marine plans will inform and guide marine users and regulators across England, managing the sustainable development of marine industries, such as wind farms and fishing, alongside the need to conserve and protect marine species and habitats.

The East of England coastline has been selected as the first area to benefit from marine planning – a new system to help manage the huge demands on space in and around our seas.

A total of ten marine plans covering all the seas around England are expected to be in place by 2021.

Draft plans for the East Offshore and East Inshore marine areas – which stretch from Flamborough Head to Felixstowe – are expected to be ready for public consultation at the end of 2012.

Visit our website at www.marinemanagement.org.uk for more information.

Did you know?

We are one of the first countries in the world to plan across all marine activities, for all our territorial waters. This is the first time England's marine users and anyone with an interest in our seas will be guided by a single set of plans for the marine area.

¹ Local authorities produce local development frameworks to guide future development on land.