



The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 introduced a marine planning system for the UK. Development and application of marine plans will lead to more strategic and efficient management of our marine resources. The Secretary of State has delegated the production of marine plans to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO).

You can find out more about how marine plans are being developed [here](#).

The MMO has commissioned a project called 'External Decision Making and Implementation Mapping of Marine Plans' that is being conducted on behalf of the MMO by MarineSpace Ltd and Howell Marine Consulting.

The overarching aim is to develop the MMO's understanding of decision-making in the marine plan areas and how decision makers use the marine plans. Improved knowledge and understanding in this area will enable the MMO to develop better collaborative ways of working as the basis for implementation of marine plans.

As a decision maker we are seeking your valuable input to this project. We would like to capture your views and to do this we have designed a questionnaire. The questionnaire is accompanied by a draft decision-making map (provided with the email), which you may refer to when answering the questionnaire.

All responses will be treated in confidence and comments will not be attributed to particular individuals.

The closing date for responses is the 22 December 2017.

It should take approximately 30 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

1.

By ticking this box you agree to us sharing this information on this questionnaire with our external consultants MarineSpace Ltd and Howell Marine Consultants, and that they may contact you directly with any further questions with regards to this project.

☐ I agree



**2. Please provide a small amount of information about yourself**

First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Job Role	<input type="text"/>
Job Grade	<input type="text"/>
Duration Within Job Role (years/months)	<input type="text"/>



**3. Where does your organisation's decision-making authority apply?**

**Marine plan areas (note: a map of the marine plan areas can be found [here](#))**

☐ East

☐ South

☐ North-East

☐ South-East

☐ North-West

☐ South-West

**4. Where does your organisation's decision-making authority apply?**

**Geographic boundary**

☐ England

☐ England and Scotland

☐ England and Wales

☐ England, Scotland and Wales

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**5. Where does your organisation's decision-making authority apply?**

**Geographic scale**

- ☐ National
- ☐ Regional
- ☐ County
- ☐ District
- ☐ Parish/Local

Other (please specify)

**6. What distance from the coast does your organisation cover / is responsible for?**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <Mean High Water Springs | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-12 nautical miles   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0-3 nautical miles       | <input type="checkbox"/> 12-200 nautical miles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 nautical miles       | <input type="checkbox"/> >200 nautical miles   |

**7. Please detail any other specified extents of interest e.g. licence areas, licence blocks, designations**



**8. Do you work within specific marine sectors?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**9. If you answered no to Q8, how would you describe the sector which you work in?**

**10. If you answered yes to Q8, which sector(s) does this apply to?**

☐ Aggregates

☐ Energy

☐ Cables

☐ Environment

☐ Coastal Defence

☐ Fishing and Aquaculture

☐ Coastal Development

☐ Pipelines

☐ Defence

☐ Ports and Shipping

☐ Dredging and Disposal

☐ Social and Cultural (including Heritage)

☐ Economic

☐ Tourism and Recreation

Other (please specify)

**11. Do you make decisions jointly with other organisations?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

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12. If you answered yes to Q11, please give details of the organisation(s).

13. What is your organisation's role in decision-making?

*Please use the draft decision-making policy map as necessary to inform your responses to the following question*

- ☐ **Policy development**
- ☐ **Management** - this is the day-to-day decision-making part of the delivery process covering any management activity such as planning, permitting, or licensing of activities, any statutory advice regarding those processes or any direct management activity in pursuit of a policy outcome.
- ☐ **Enforcement** - this follows up decision made to ensure they are acted upon / complied with and covers any activity associated with ensuring compliance and enforcement in pursuit of policy outcomes.
- ☐ **Knowledge** - this includes evidence, statistics, monitoring of natural and human environment, data and economics to support decision making.

14. Based on your answer to Q13, please provide details as follows:

a) What decisions does your organisation make e.g. issuing a marine licence?

b) What legislation are you responding to in making this decision e.g. Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009), Part 4?



**15. With reference to the draft decision-making policy map, what policy outcomes does your organisation work towards? e.g. an ecologically coherent network of Marine Protected Areas**

*If you do not recognise your policy outcome on the map, please let us know what you believe are the relevant policy outcome(s).*

**16. Are you aware of the existing Marine Plans for the East and South?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**17. Are you aware of the existing plan policies for the East and South Marine Plans?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**18. At what point during decision-making do you think it is appropriate for your organisation to consider marine plans and marine plan policies?**

**19. If you are aware of the existing marine plans and associated policies, how do you use these in your decision making?**

*Additional supporting information can be provided to the MMO via e-mail.*

**20. How do you intend to adapt your decision-making to consider marine plans in the future?**

**21. Which of the following marine plan policy categories is most relevant to the decision-making processes of your organisation?**

- ☐ Aggregates
- ☐ Cables
- ☐ Climate Change
- ☐ Defence
- ☐ Dredging and Disposal
- ☐ Economic
- ☐ Energy
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Fishing and Aquaculture
- ☐ Governance
- ☐ Ports and Shipping
- ☐ Social and Cultural
- ☐ Tourism and Recreation





**22. Use of marine plans (existing and future) where decision-making involves multiple parties could be undertaken in a more streamlined way.**

☐ I strongly agree

☐ I disagree

☐ I agree

☐ I strongly disagree

☐ I neither agree nor disagree

Please provide an explanation for your answer:

**23. Marine plans could be applied through coordinated decision-making processes to effectively manage potential issues between several marine space users.**

☐ I strongly agree

☐ I disagree

☐ I agree

☐ I strongly disagree

☐ I neither agree nor disagree

Please provide an explanation for your answer:



*The main output of this project will be based on process maps for all non-MMO decision makers that use plans, clarifying who is using plans and how. This will enable sharing of good practice and direct the MMO's engagement work supporting use of the marine plans. The following questions seek your views on the type, format and functionality of the outputs.*

**24. What format of output(s) would be most useful for you to see the decision-making responsibilities and processes of those using marine plans?**

- ☐ Interactive process map using an interactive PDF
- ☐ Database
- ☐ PDF Report
- ☐ Data layer accessible within the Marine Information System
- ☐ Other

Please provide an explanation for your answer:

**25. To be useful to you, what function should the output(s) serve?**

**26. What method would you prefer to communicate the availability and function of the tool?**

☐ Briefings via existing network / group

☐ Notice boards

☐ Email

☐ Webpages (e.g. relevant section of the MMO's website)

☐ Leaflets

☐ Social media (e.g. Twitter)

Other (please specify):