



Offshore Petroleum Regulator  
for Environment & Decommissioning

**DEFRA CONSULTATION ON BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE FOR DEVELOPING  
COMPENSATORY MEASURES IN RELATION TO MARINE PROTECTED AREAS**

We are contacting you to advise that on 22 July, Defra launched a consultation on Best Practice guidance for developing compensatory measures in relation to Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). The consultation and associated information is accessible at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/offshore-wind-and-noise/mpa-compensation-guidance-consultation/> with a closing date for responses of 30 September 2021. A press release on the launch of the consultation is also available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-seeks-views-on-compensatory-measures-for-development-impacts-on-marine-protected-areas>.

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