

## Consultation on a proposed Marine Reserve in Lamalash Bay

Question 1. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to establish a Marine Reserve in Lamalash Bay?

Answer 1.

I agree with the proposal

Question 2. Do you think there would be any (a) positive or (b) negative implications should a Marine Reserve be established in Lamalash Bay?

Answer 2 .

I think there would be many positive implications :-

a) Opportunity for the full range of indigenous species to regenerate after prolonged and continuous exploitation.

b) Increased biodiversity.

c) Opportunity to monitor and measure the extent and rate of regeneration.

d) Possibility of restocking of areas outside the marine reserve from regeneration within.

I cannot think of any negative implications.

Question 3. Are there any other points which you would like to make in relation to the proposed Lamalash Bay Marine Reserve?

Answer 3.

a) The no take zone is very small. I believe any attempts to reduce its size still further should be rejected.

b) The proposals appear to me to be highly appropriate and proportionate. They deserve the fullest support from all those who care about our marine environment and protecting its well being.