

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

### Structure

**Q1. Do you agree with the timescales outlined?**

Yes  No

Comments We agree that the Marine Litter Strategy should be closely aligned with the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and therefore we believe that the timeframes should also be aligned.

### Vision

**Q2. Do you agree with this vision?**

Yes  No

**Q3. Does the draft vision have the right level of ambition? If not, please offer alternative text or suggestions.**

Comments As stated in the consultation document the "vision is ambitious", but we believe that the timeframe proposed is correct and therefore the 'vision' proposed represents the right level of ambition.

### Marine Strategy Framework Directive

**Q4. Do you think implementation to achieve Good Environmental Status under Descriptor 10 will be sufficient or do you think additional action in Scotland is also necessary?**

Yes  No

Comments We believe that the alignment with the Marine Strategy Framework Directive is correct and therefore is sufficient. As stated above the 'vision' is ambitious and therefore no additional actions to those stated should be considered at this time.

### Strategic Directions

**Q5. Do you agree that Strategic Directions are a suitable way of outlining action under the Strategy?**

Yes  No

**Q6. Do you agree with the list of Strategic Directions?**

Yes X No

**If not, how would you reword them or what would you add?**

Comments

**Actions**

Strategic Direction 1:

**Q7. What are your views on the possible actions?**

**Q8. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?**

**Q9. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?**

Comments We are in agreement with the proposed actions.

Strategic Direction 2:

**Q10. What are your views on the possible actions?**

**Q11. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?**

**Q12. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?**

**Q13. Do you think any of the existing actions need to be improved? If so, please provide details.**

Comments We are in agreement to supplementing the existing actions in place with the proposed 'Possible Actions'.

Strategic Direction 3:

**Q14. What are your views on the possible actions?**

**Q15. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?**

**Q16. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?**

**Q17. Do you think any of the existing actions need to be improved? If so, please provide details.**

Comments We are in agreement to supplementing the existing actions in place with the proposed 'Possible Actions'.

Strategic Direction 4:

**Q18. What are your views on the possible actions?**

**Q19. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?**

**Q20. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?**

**Q21. Do you think any of the existing actions need to be improved? If so, please provide details.**

Comments We agree with the proposed 'Possible Actions'. In particular the development of a baseline survey which can be used for informing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. We also believe that it would be very beneficial to develop / test a standardised monitoring approach to allow comparisons particularly at an European Level. Of the possible actions we would suggest that the above two be progressed as soon as possible.

Strategic Direction 5:

**Q22. What are your views on the possible actions?**

**Q23. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?**

**Q24. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?**

**Q25. Do you think any of the existing actions need to be improved? If so, please provide details.**

Comments  
Of the 'existing actions' given in Section 3.7 we believe that it would be very appropriate to participate fully in the development of UK proposals for

MSFD monitoring and implementation of measures. In general we are content with the proposed 'possible actions'.

**Option for delivery**

**Q26. Do you think that Option 4 is the most appropriate mechanism for developing and improving policies under the Marine Litter Strategy?**

Yes X No

**Any other views on the options outlined or other options not identified are also invited.**

Comments

**Equalities**

**Q27. Are there any equalities issues that should be factored into the Equalities Impact Assessment for the Marine Litter Strategy?**

Yes  No X

Comments

**Strategic Environmental Assessment**

**Q28. Do you have any feedback on the findings of the Strategic Environmental Assessment?**

Yes  No X

Comments

**Partial Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA)**

**Q29. Are there any particular issues that you wish to highlight with regard to the partial BRIA, and the potential impacts on the third sector, business and the economy?**

Yes  No X

Comments

**General**

**Q30. Are there other issues that have not been highlighted in this consultation that you would like to mention?**

Yes  No

Comments