

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Q1. Do you agree with the recommended list of Priority Marine Features as the basis for targeting future marine conservation action in Scotland's seas?

If your response includes a suggestion to amend the list, please indicate the specific species and habitats that your comments apply to and, where possible, provide or reference any evidence or data sources which have influenced your comments.

Yes No

I suggest that the list should include marine seabirds such as Guillemots, Razorbills, Kittiwakes, Fulmars, Gannets, Puffins, etc. They are inextricably linked with the marine environment, depending on it for their food source and also spending most of the year (when not breeding and raising young) out at sea. Populations in Scotland of many of these birds are declining sharply and we need to do something. Many of these birds are iconic, e.g. Puffins, and widely "loved" by the general public. Safeguarding our native seabird populations is surely an important aspect of any future marine conservation action and hence they should be included as a priority feature.

General

Q2. Are there other issues that have not been highlighted in this consultation that you would like to mention?

Yes No

As above, marine seabirds should be included as a specific issue.