

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

Comments

General

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

Yes No

To us non-experts the process for identification and selection of PMF seems logical, robust and objective. However this proposal obviously only protects features/species of fixed geographical location; as does the marine protected areas. We appreciate that the MPA should offer safe haven to many species including mobile species. However the marine ecology is very mobile. How will mobile species be protected? We presume Scotland is just relying on existing measures for the protection of mobile species e.g. basking shark, harbour seals etc.