

An underwater photograph showing a diverse marine environment. The seabed is covered with a dense carpet of pinkish-purple coral. In the center, a sea urchin is visible, its spines extending upwards. The water is clear, and the overall scene is vibrant and healthy.

**The Scottish Government vision is for clean, healthy, safe, productive and diverse marine and coastal environment that meets the long term needs of people and nature.**

# Legislative framework

## International Obligations

(SDG14, CBD, OSPAR, CMS, Bern, Ramsar)

## European Directives

(Birds, Habitats, Environmental Liability, MSFD)

Marine  
(Scotland) Act  
2010

Marine and  
Coastal Access  
Act - MPAs

UK Marine  
Strategy

Environmental  
and  
Conservation  
Strategies

New powers?

# Implementation framework

## Marine Strategy

Aiming to achieve Good Environmental Status

Which is the same as achieving clean, healthy, safe, productive and diverse marine and coastal environment that meets the long term needs of people and nature.

## Addressing climate change

Diversity –  
Birds, seals,  
cetaceans, fish,  
pelagic habitats,  
seabed habitats

Noise

Non indigenous  
species

Litter

Eutrophication

Contaminants,  
Seafood  
Contaminants

# Assessment of Good Environmental Status

15 Components:

4 achieving GES

5 uncertain results

2 not GES, but improving

3 not GES, no change

1 not GES, declining

Consultation closes 20 June 2019

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/marine/updated-uk-marine-strategy-part-one/>

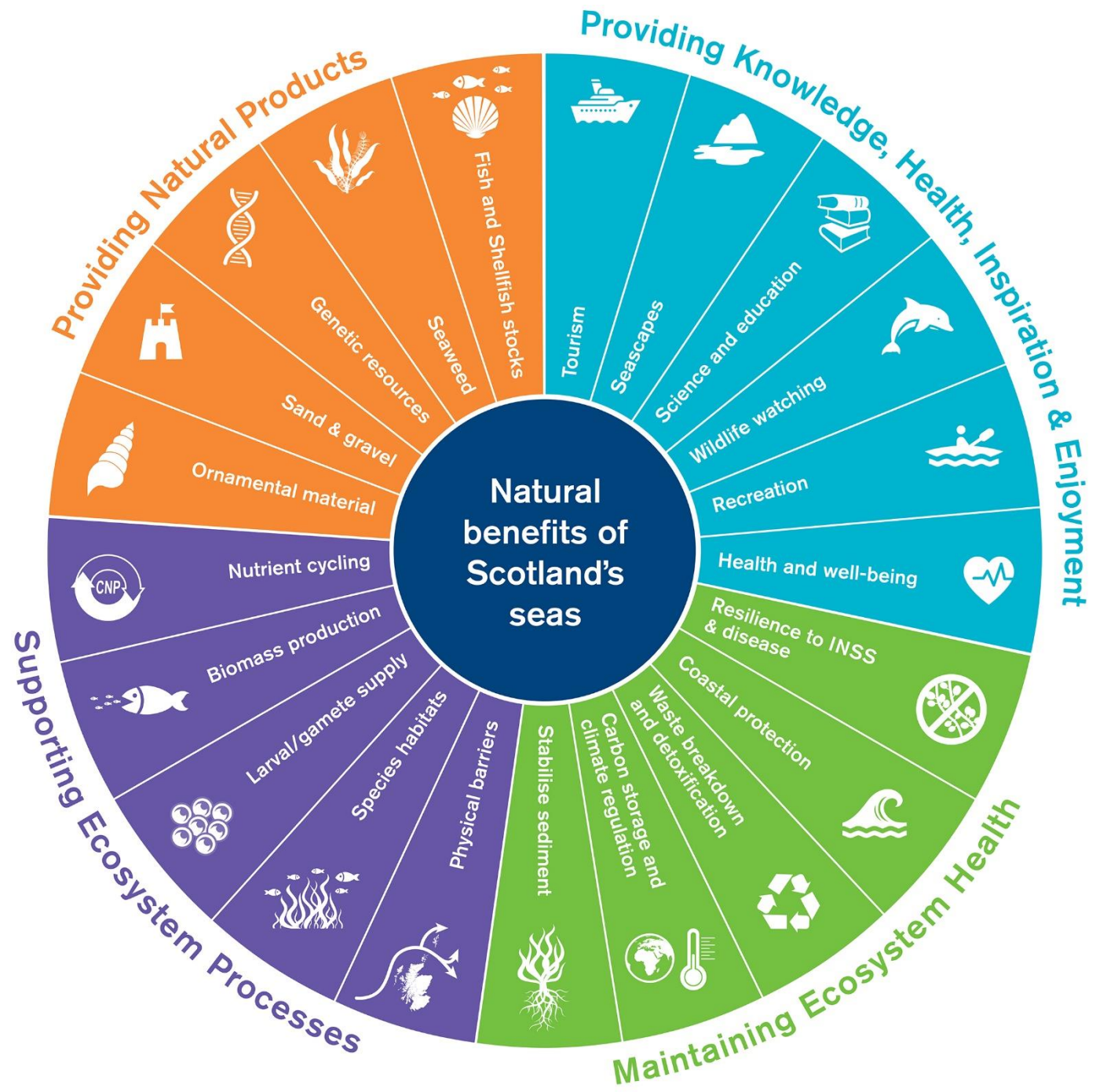
<https://moat.cefas.co.uk>

## **Marine Litter**

- **British Irish Council agreed to action on marine litter at the symposium in February 2019:**
  - **Recycling Routes for End of Life Fishing Nets**
  - **Reducing Pre-production Plastic Loss across the supply chain (nurdles)**
  - **Promoting marine litter education within schools and the fishing industry**
- **Aiming to take forward stocktake of end of life nets this year. This will need expert input from industry.**

**Conserving biodiversity safeguards the natural  
benefits our seas provide to us all**





# Programme for Government marine biodiversity commitments

2016-17

- Designate up to 18 new MPAs
- Deliver MPA management measures

2017-18

- Improve protection given to PMFs
- Develop dolphin and porpoise conservation strategy
- Establish blue carbon research programme
- Feasibility of deep sea marine reserve

2018-19

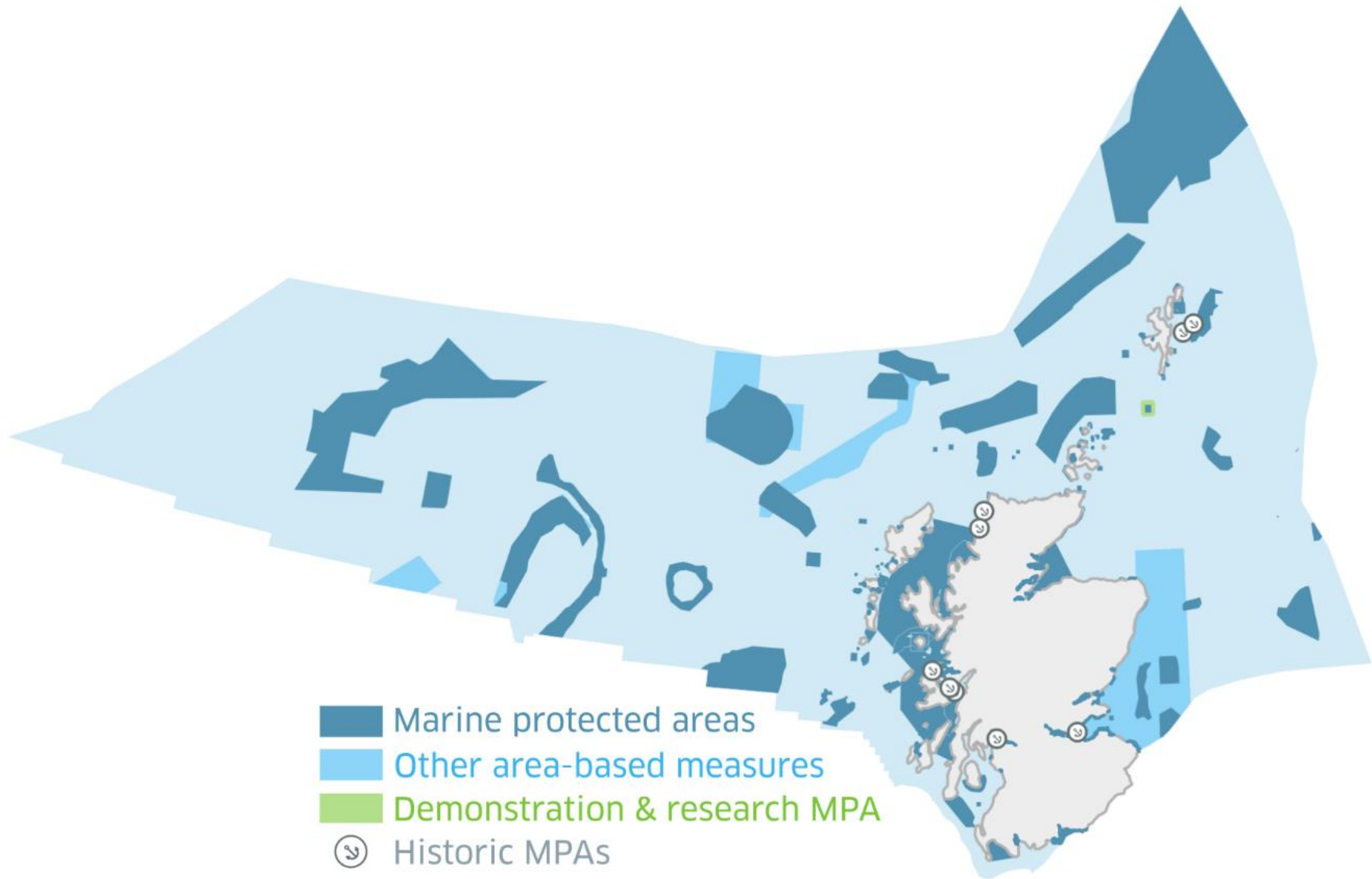
- Consult on deep sea marine reserve
- Consult on 4 MPA proposals
- Develop seabird conservation strategy



An underwater photograph showing a large school of fish swimming in the upper half of the frame. Below them, a coral reef is visible, featuring various types of coral, including large, rounded, yellowish-orange corals and smaller, pinkish-purple corals. The water is a deep teal color, and the overall scene is dimly lit, typical of an underwater environment.

**Marine Protected Areas are not fisheries  
management tools...**

**But to be successful they may require fisheries  
management measures**



- Marine protected areas
- Other area-based measures
- Demonstration & research MPA
- Ⓢ Historic MPAs

A word cloud of terms related to environmental assessment and management. The words are arranged in a roughly circular pattern, with varying sizes and colors (shades of green and blue). The most prominent words are 'possible', 'conservation', 'strategic', 'management', 'scenarios', 'assessment', and 'sustainability'. Other visible words include 'Impact', 'Regulatory', 'Business', 'management', 'Assessment', 'MPA', 'objectives', 'pMPA', 'environmental', 'advice', 'appraisal', and 'assessment'.

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2019

2020

2021

2022

Consultation and designation process

The 4 MPA proposals

Management measures process if required

designation process

SPAs for birds

Management measures process if required

Consultation then implementation process

Phase 2 inshore MPA measures

Consultation then implementation process

Improving protection of PMFs

Consultation and designation process

Deep sea reserve proposal

Offshore MPA management measures

Updating, consultation then implementation process

